

## **WHO CAN REQUEST A COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE?**

Death certificate within the past 25 years, only the immediate family members to the person whose name is on the death certificate are eligible to request a copy. All others must provide legal documentation, such as a court order establishing guardianship. If you are the legal representative of a qualified applicant, you must furnish a release which document a direct interest in the record you are requesting.

## **WHO IS CONSIDERED AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER?**

Anyone related by blood or marriage: self, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent and spouse. NOT GRANDCHILD!

## **HOW DO I GET A COPY OF THE RECORD IF I AM NOT AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER?**

You must furnish a written, notarized statement signed by an immediate family member. The statement must give permission to release a certified copy of the certificate to you. The statement must also identify you by your full name, and you must present your picture ID with the notarized statement.

## **DEATH CERTIFICATES ARE NOT OPEN RECORDS!!!**

Access to death certificates is restricted for 25 years from the date of death. An ID is required to prove your identity and to prove that you are a qualified applicant.

## **WHAT IS ACCEPTED AS A VALID ID?**

[Click here.](#)

[Death App-In Person.](#)

[Death App-By Mail.](#)