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Is it the responsibility of a funeral home to notify Social Security of a death?

Question

When a Social Security beneficiary dies, does the funeral home notify Social Security or is notification up to the family?

Answer

Many funeral directors voluntarily provide death information directly to Social Security. But, family members of a deceased individual still have the legal responsibility to notify Social Security. For information on what action to take when a beneficiary dies, see [What To Do When A Beneficiary Dies](#).