

“When Your Loved One Dies”,
the Surviving Spouse and Family Members
are faced with some startling discoveries
which, if not dealt with properly, can cause
some frightening and frustrating moments long
before,
and after, the Final Farewells to their Loved One
shall have been expressed.

“When Your Loved One Dies”
offers some Practical and Important Information
and Suggestions
to Bereaving Family Members
who have the Challenging Responsibilities
of making the Funeral Arrangements for a
Loved One;
of Settling that Loved Ones' Affairs;
and also of assisting other Family Members
as they confront and adjust to their Loved Ones'
Death.

“When Your Loved One Dies”
also provides information to help You gather
Information on Yourself and other Family
Members
to help make Planning for Your Funeral
least cumbersome and problematic.



“...the time of my departure is at hand...”
2 Timothy 4:6 (KJV)

“When Your Loved One Dies” is written to help
Family Members address the sobering, yet
necessary, responsibilities of carrying out the
many, and often unrealized, tasks involved in
Funeralizing a Loved One. Helpful insights,
cautions, instructions, and Biblical Resources
are given to minimize the problems and to better
enable the Family to adjust to the varied
experiences that Preparing for a Funeral can
bring.

“When Your Loved One Dies” will also help
You begin to collect and organized your own
personal information so that Your Family
Members will be better able to plan and prepare
for celebrating your Home Going with dignity
and orderliness.

Pastors can also use ***“When Your Loved One
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Members while addressing the many concerns
that ministering to them may present in these
moments.

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A Practical Funeral Preparation
Guide for Family Members

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"Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the scriptures."

This Guide Will Help You With

Dealing With The Place of Death

Informing Family Members

Contacting a Funeral Home

Understanding the Pastor's Role

Gathering Information

Preparing for the Funeral

Taking Care of Business

Facing the Future

Putting Your Own Affairs In Order

Keeping Your Will Updated

Strengthening Your Spiritual Affairs

“My Prayer”

Other Scriptures For These Moments

The Biblical View of Death

God's Assurance for Your Strength

Obituary Format

Personal Information Inventory

Family Seating Order

Funeral Procession Order

Funeral Home Service Charges

Funeral Planning Check List

Suggested Orders of Service

But...

"It just happened so suddenly!"

"I never thought she would die so young."

"But, he just went to the Doctor's last week..."

"Who's going to take care of the Children."

"But she said she was going to give **Me** that set of China!"

"Will? What Will?"

"Junior, when are **You** going to finish paying for **Your** Part of the Funeral Expenses?"

Reality...

Perhaps YOU have heard some of these Statements being made in reference to the Death of some Friend or Loved One. Be it expected, sudden, or tragic, Death can be a most Frightening and Frustrating Experience for the Family Members. Inevitably, these and many other concerns confront every Family at the Death of a Loved One. Many of them can be resolved before that Moment of Death Comes!

This Practical Guide is intended to help You and Your Family through the process of Dealing with the many Elements and Issues that the Death of a Loved One may present.

As You read this Guide, may You be Enlightened, Comforted, Helped, Directed, Strengthened, and Challenged to help Your Family meaningfully deal with, prepare for, and carry out the Funeral Arrangements of Your Loved One. May You also be challenged to properly and effectively help Your Family Members be better able to accept and adjust to that Moment when You become the Loved One to be Funeralized.