

Solano County Funeral Homes

Alta Vista Cremation & Funeral	Suisun City	(707) 421-0100
Bryan Braker Funeral Home	Fairfield	(707) 425-4697
C.E. Stewart Funeral Chapel	Rio Vista.....	(707) 374-2352
Colonial Chapels	Vallejo	(707) 643-0391
Fairfield Funeral Home.....	Fairfield	(707) 425-1041
Fairmont Cremation Services.....	Fairfield	(707) 425-0208
McCune Garden Chapel	Vacaville.....	(707) 448-6546
Milton Carpenter.....	Dixon	(707) 678-2189
Neptune Society.....	Fairfield	(707) 422-4900
Oakmont Funeral & Cremation	Vacaville.....	(707) 455-7700
Passalacqua Funeral Chapel.....	Benicia	(707) 745-3130
Sir Winston Funeral Services.....	Vallejo	(707) 654-8197
Skyview Memorial Lawn.....	Vallejo	(707) 644-7474
Smith Funeral Home	Winters.....	(530) 795-5600
Twin Chapels Mortuary	Vallejo	(707) 552-6696
Vaca Hills Chapel.....	Vacaville.....	(707) 446-3233
Wiggins Knipp Funeral Home	Vallejo	(707) 642-4459

Helpful Phone Numbers

Benicia Police Department.....	(707) 745 3412
California Highway Patrol.....	(707) 428 2100
Dixon Police Department	(707) 678 7070
Donor Network West	(925) 480-3100
Fairfield Police Department.....	(707) 428 7300
Mental Health Access.....	(800) 547 0495
Rio Vista Police Department	(707) 374 6366
Solano County District Attorney's Office	(707) 784-6800
Solano County Public Administrator.....	(707) 784-6140
Solano County Sheriff's Office	(707) 784 7090
Solano County Sheriff-Coroner's Office	(707) 784-7500
Solano County Veterans Services.....	(707) 784-6590
Solano County Vital Statistics	(707) 784-6294
Suicide Prevention Hotline	(800) 273 8255
Suisun City Police Department	(707) 421 7373
US Dept. of Veterans Affairs	(800) 698-2411
Vacaville Police Department	(707) 449 5200
Vallejo Police Department	(707) 648 4321

SOLANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CORONER BUREAU
520 Clay Street
Fairfield, CA 94533
Phone: (707) 784-7500

For more information, please go to www.solanocounty.com

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WHAT COMES NEXT?

We understand that the selection of a funeral home is a personal decision. Feel free to contact a funeral home of your choice. See the back of this brochure for a list of Funeral Homes in Solano County. The funeral home professionals are prepared to assist you to make arrangements. They will work closely with the Coroner's Office to arrange for the release of your loved one from our facility. They may assist you in obtaining certified copies of the death certificate once they are filed with the County.

Why is the Coroner involved?

Coroner's Offices throughout the state fall under the jurisdiction of California Government Code 27491 and Health & Safety Code 102850, which direct the Coroner's Office to inquire into and determine the circumstances, cause, and manner of the following types of deaths:

- Known or suspected homicide, suicide or accident
- Involving known or suspected criminal action
- Unidentified persons (John or Jane Does)
- When a physician is unable to reasonably state a cause of death
- Suspected to be from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- Related to occupational diseases or hazards

Other cases that are reportable to the Coroner's Office but may not require an investigation in to the manner and cause of death include:

- Involving suspected contagious diseases constituting a public hazard
- When decedent had not been seen by a physician in the 20 days before death
- Natural deaths from a hospital Emergency Room
- Natural Deaths from a state prison

How soon can I schedule the funeral?

The Coroner will complete the examination portion of the investigation as soon as possible. For further information on your relative/friend's specific details, please contact The Coroner's Office. Our goal is to work with families so as not delay funeral plans.

What if I can't afford to pay for services?

If the deceased or the legal next of kin do not have sufficient funds for burial, an alternative may be the Indigent Program. Please contact the Coroner's Office for more information.

When will I know the cause of death?

The Pathologist can sometimes determine the cause of death right after examination. Other times, the Pathologist needs to have more tests done. In that case, the County will issue a deferred or pending death certificate. Due to the thoroughness and quality of our lab testing, and the recent significant increase in drug deaths, toxicology testing can be a lengthy process. Currently, toxicology results can take between six and ten weeks.

AUTOPSIES

Autopsies are performed on those cases where it is required by law or where it is necessary to investigate the cause of death.

The Coroner's concern is to determine cause and manner of death. Determining the cause of death may help identify family histories, contagious disease, and help prevent further premature or preventable deaths within the community. In criminal cases, autopsies help courts to reach a just verdict. Finally, autopsies help families understand how the death occurred and provide closure. This can be an important step in the grieving process.

What if I want an autopsy?

Not all deaths require an autopsy. If the decedent does not meet any of the previously listed criteria, or has been under a doctor's care and that doctor will sign off on the death certificate, then an autopsy is not necessary.

You may request that an autopsy be performed, but it is the Medical Examiner-Coroner's decision if one is clinically or legally necessary. Unfortunately, the Solano County Coroner's Office does not perform private autopsies.

Can I see my loved one/friend at the Coroner's Office?

Unfortunately, the Coroner's Office does not have the facilities for public viewing. You will be able to see your loved one or friend once they are moved to funeral home.

CORONER REPORTS

The Coroner's Report is comprised of the Coroner, Autopsy and Toxicology Reports. They are available once the case is closed. A case may take several months to close, so please be patient. The first copy to the next-of-kin is provided at no charge. Reports are considered Public Records, and anyone may request them.

Please request reports through these methods:

- www.solanocounty.com/depts/sheriff/coroner/default.asp
- Contact us directly at (707) 784-7500.

DEATH CERTIFICATES

In order to facilitate burial or cremation, a temporary death certificate is issued. This copy may say "Pending" under Cause of Death. If necessary, your funeral home can provide you with copies. Once the Coroner's Office finalizes its investigations, the Death Certificate will become Amended, and the Final Cause will be listed. Depending on many circumstances, it can take as long as six (6) months for the Final Death Certificate to become available.

- Death Certificates are available from Vital Statistics at (707) 784-6294
- www.solanocounty.com, then choose Birth/Death/Marriage Certificates

