

# Helping families organize their village after a sudden loss.



If you've never experienced the sudden loss of a loved one, you can't really imagine how many practical details there are to manage. Making burial arrangements, hosting family and friends, planning and coordinating funeral services and tracking gifts from meals to flowers to donations are just a few of the tasks you'll need to focus on in the days following your loss.

Carson's Village provides a wide range of free support services to help your family navigate this difficult time.

## Did You Know

- Funeral home meetings can last up to three hours, so eat before you go.
- Once you leave the hospital, you may not see your loved one again until the visitation.
- Many families choose to donate vital organs. Time is critical in deciding to donate. You have only 24 hours in most cases to make a possible life saving decision. You must be prepared to answer medical related questions from the medical examiner's office.
- You have options on where you can purchase a casket, urn and grave markers. Check our resource library for helpful links.

## How We Can Help

- A compassionate advocate to walk you through the process
- Resource Library with helpful articles and tips
- Timeline of to-dos
- Create a family webpage to organize and communicate family needs and news
- Set up a donation process
- Coordinate food, guests and visitors
- Navigate the funeral home experience
- Write an obituary
- Offer ways to decrease family stressors
- Avoid typical pitfalls and possibly save money

## Carson's Village Can Help You

[www.carsonsvillage.org](http://www.carsonsvillage.org)

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*"This process is hard to navigate. The Advocate was there to provide guidance; all the steps were there to make it easier"* -Robert P.

