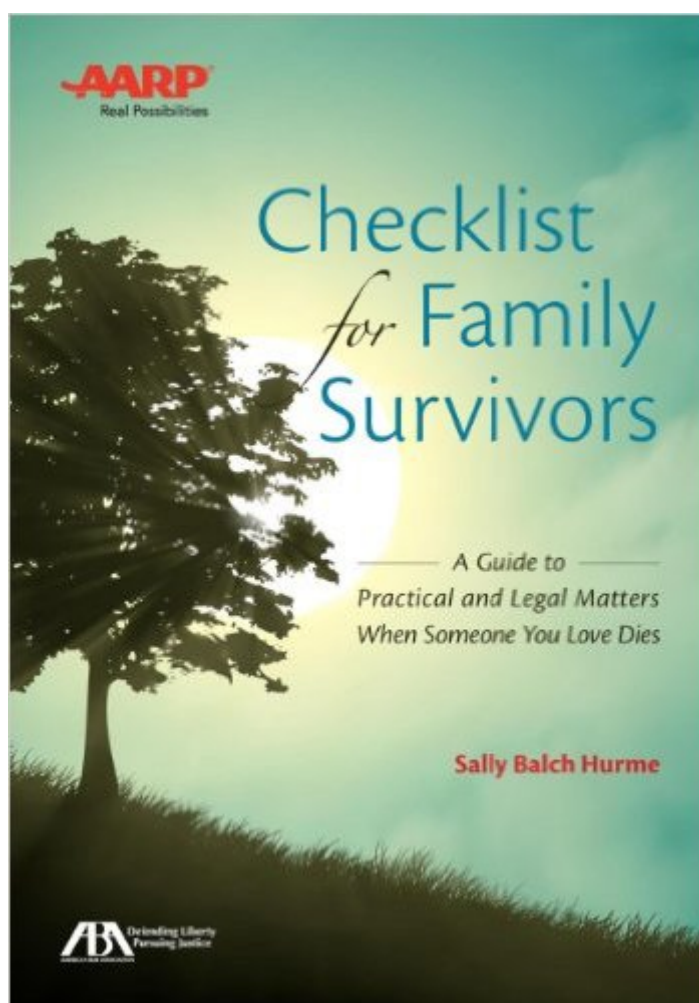


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# ABA/AARP Checklist For Family Survivors: A Guide To Practical And Legal Matters When Someone You Love Dies



## Synopsis

Grand Award Winner for Print Media in the APEX 2015 Competition!"An exceptional book. ...the content is first rate. Extremely well researched and well organized, each topic is well written, and carefully presented in as inviting a way as such a topic can be. If anything has been overlooked in this thorough book, we can't think what it might be. If you're planning on passing away, do your family a favor and get this book. :-)"â "APEX 2015 Judges CommentaryA practical resource for dealing with family matters upon death, this first-of-its-kind publication from the American Bar Association and AARPâ "the nation's leading associations in the law and the advancement of issues that matter most to people 50+ and their familiesâ "helps answer the myriad of questions surrounding what needs to be done following a loved one's passing. This must-have book guides you through the steps to wrap up the personal and financial affairs of the loved one who died. Although the ABA/AARP Checklist for Family Survivors: A Guide to Practical and Legal Matters When Someone You Love Dies does not provide legal advice, it does include legal reasons, implications and complications that cover a variety of questions loved ones face upon death. In each chapter, you'll find convenient checklists to help guide you through the difficult time.

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I've been fortunate to not yet face the death of a close family member. However, I've attended many funerals and have watched with sympathy and amazement at how mourning spouses and adult children are somehow able to take on the duties of planning and hosting a complicated, costly and logistically challenging multi-venue social event, which is what wakes, funerals, burials and other

traditions of death often become. In addition to performing the work of an event planner, a surviving family member is also called upon to become a professional organizer, family therapist and often a forensic accountant. Sally Balch Hurme's "Checklist for Family Survivors" is an essential book to own if you think you'll ever be called upon to manage all that happens as soon as a loved one dies and, as importantly, be responsible for the details of the aftermath, which is when the deceased person's finances and possessions need to be sorted through, distributed or somehow resolved. Ideally, Hurme's book should be purchased and at least skimmed before actually needing to use it. That's my plan. I have the "Checklist for Family Survivors" and will try to remember where on my bookshelf I'm keeping it so, when or if the time comes, I can use and refer to the book and its checklists as needed. The "Checklist for Family Survivors" would be a very useful gift for a friend or relative who is dealing with the terminal illness of a loved one, or has just experienced a loss. Such a blunt present may require some advance conversation. A possible icebreaker: "I see how you're having to handle so much due to NAME's illness/death. I know a great book that could be of help. May I give you a copy?"

Most people I know want to keep their affairs private. This book is a must read for the very young and the very old and all of us in between. You can organize your life by just knowing you have documented what is important for your loved ones to know when you die, whether it be this year or 25 years from now. I plan to use this book, and the checklists therein in one of my lectures that I will be presenting to Seniors at our local University this coming summer. It is an excellent resource guide.

This book with its CD is useful for those who want to plan ahead and lessen the burden on those whom they will leave behind when they die. Having just gotten started on filling in the checklists on-line, I can tell you that it is a time-consuming job to gather the information and type it in. Hopefully, the result will be very helpful to family members when the time comes and they need this information to know where to find it and in many instances to have the information already in one place at their fingertips.

Great book! And if any of you are facing the Executor "End of life" obligations for one of your family, please think about getting this book. I live in a different state than my brother. We have been very distant from each other - both physically and emotionally. I don't know his friends, what his Will says, or really much about him, except that I will be the only member of the family who is willing to clean up the financial-legal (different state) paperwork and the physical possessions mess that is left

when he passes on. Trying to do that is going to be expensive (flight and a hotel, funeral, etc.) and time consuming to handle for him. Hopefully, he can find someone there to help coordinate this for me, but if not - this book is a Godsend! I just hope I can convince him to fill it out with all this info that will be required when he passes on - to settle his estate. And keeping that info in this book and under lock and key is essential! This is a lot of info and someone interested in id theft would love to get their hands on it when it is filled out. ID safety and care - as usual these days - should be the rule. Good luck with it. I'd like to see everyone think ahead like this to the mess the "End of Life" stuff can be. This sure would make it all easier!

This is an excellent way to inform my children of my wishes upon my death. I had everything in files and now they have a guide to take care of my estate.

I am working on a major project to provide a checklist for widows and widowers for a large Methodist Church. In addition once our checklist is completed ,the final effort will be distributed to a non denominational ministry in Oklahoma known as Stand in the Gap for Widows. I have reviewed numerous efforts for a checklist (legal firms, secular checklists, accounting organizations, funeral homes), no one even comes close in covering the many circumstances that can occur. The Guide has been a blessing and will be so for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. I gave it 5 stars because there were not 10.

Way too simplistic. Was looking for more definitive answers as to how to actually go about doing things rather than an overview. I would not recommend to anyone but the least well-versed in these matters.

It has a lot of checklists as promised. I thought it could provide some examples, and maybe sample approaches for evaluating the services required for funerals/memorials. Would be nice to have testimonials or samples of ideas for memorials. It just made me feel that I needed a bit more info.

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