



Burial Program Staff

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*“There is no death...
Only a change of
worlds.”*

Request the Personal Arrangement Guide

Survivors may not know your wishes—or may *assume* they know your wishes. Would you prefer cremation? Open or closed casket? Does your family know what you want at your final goodbye?

You can provide your family peace of mind by knowing they are relieved of the burden of making your final arrangements when you die.


This booklet is for **YOU** to fill in the blanks about which funeral home you choose, songs you'd like played, pallbearers who will carry you, etc.

Your family will cherish and remember this book as a final gift to them.

Being Prepared

Burial PROGRAM

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BASICS of the Burial Program

Burial assistance is funded from net gaming revenues and is administered through the Burial Program Office located within the Enrollment Department in the Tribal Complex at Concho, Oklahoma.

It is divided into 3 different funding areas: Meal/Transportation Assistance, Funeral Assistance, and Headstone Assistance.

Please contact the Burial Program Coordinator for more information. She will be the point of contact in the event of a tribal member's death and will help the next-of-kin with the application process.



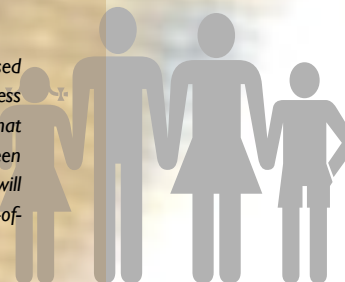
Meal Assistance

A one-time stipend in the amount of \$250.00 is allocated to the designated next-of-kin* of an enrolled tribal member for a traditional meal served after the funeral. An additional \$250.00 will be allocated if food will be provided during a wake service the night before the funeral. Confirmation from the funeral home must be provided to the Burial Program about the service dates before the assistance check can be disbursed.

Transportation Assistance

A one-time stipend in the amount of \$500.00 is allocated to the next-of-kin* of an enrolled tribal member for transportation expenses. The next of kin will make the determination of how to expend those funds between family members needing help with gas/transportation.

**If a next-of-kin is listed on the deceased member's most recent Change of Address form, the assistance will be issued to that person. If no next-of-kin has been designated, the Burial Program Policies will then take affect in determining the next-of-kin for the deceased tribal member.*



Funeral Assistance

The costs for a casket, vault, flowers, etc. are different for every funeral home, and the Tribes will pay up to a certain amount for these services. Which funeral home to use is a decision left to the family. The amount allocated for each enrolled tribal member's funeral is as follows:

Adults (age 12 and over)

Up to \$7,000.00

Payable to the funeral home

Children (infant to age 11)

Up to \$2,500.00

The amount is paid directly to the attending funeral home.



Headstone Allowance

A one-time stipend in the amount of \$500.00 is allocated for enrolled tribal members for the purchase of a headstone. The stipend is available for the graves of those who have died after October 1, 2007. The stipend is made payable to the headstone vendor after any amount in excess of \$500.00 has been paid by the family. The application is to be returned to the Burial Program office along with an invoice from the vendor.

