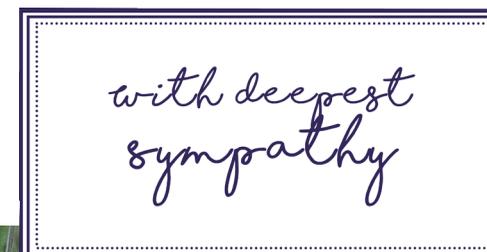


Department of Health and Human Services
Coroner Division

Information for Families

Coroner Office:
716-753-4590
www.CHQHHS.com



Legal Next of Kin Ranking System

Spouse– Always

Child– Always, unless parental rights were terminated via adoption.

Grandchild– When the child/parent who the decedent/grandchild have in common is deceased.

Great Grandchild– When the decedent had none of the above surviving at the time of death.

Parent– When the decedent had none of the above surviving at the time of death.

Sibling- When the decedent had none of the above surviving at the time of death. This applies to full and half, but not step siblings.

Grandparent- When the decedent had none of the above surviving at the time of death.

Other relatives– If none of the above apply, other relatives may be Next of Kin . Call the Law Department if more information is needed.

Contact Us

Coroner Program/Autopsy Requests
716-753-4590

Assistance with Funeral Costs
Temporary Assistance Office
716-661-8801

Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services
Administration Offices, Hall R. Clothier Building
7 North Erie Street, Mayville, NY 14757

Guidelines for Release of Autopsy Reports

Autopsy reports are to be released by the Office of the County Clerk with written permission of the Coroner in the following circumstances:

SPOUSE OF THE DECEASED

Autopsy reports shall be made available upon presentation of a valid photo identification*, issued by a US government entity, a valid marriage license* or death certificate*, and a notarized Chautauqua County Request for Autopsy Report.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED

Autopsy reports shall be made available upon presentation of a valid photo identification*, issued by a US government entity, and valid letters of administration or letters testamentary* issued by the Surrogate Court.

NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED

Autopsy reports shall be made available, upon presentation of a valid photo identification* issued by a government entity, presentation of a death certificate of the deceased*, and submission of a notarized AFFIDAVIT OF KINSHIP establishing that they are next of kin.

See back panel for Next of Kin legal ranking system.

If a request falls within any of these situations, the Office of the County Clerk, with written permission of the Coroner, has authority to release a copy of an autopsy report. All other requests must be denied.

All forms to request an autopsy report can be found on the Coroner webpage online at:

www.CHQHHS.com

We are very sorry for your loss. We hope this guide will provide some assistance to you in the coming days.

Role of the Coroner

It is the responsibility of the Coroner to learn the manner and cause of death through review of medical records and/or talking with doctors or family members to understand any health issues. A coroner inspects the place of death, and may search for or collect evidence. With the support of Coroner’s Physicians and the Medical Examiner’s Office, the Coroner decides if an autopsy is needed to understand the cause of death. The coroner also begins the death certificate filing process.

Role of Police

Police Officers investigate a death scene to determine whether or not a crime has been committed.

Role of the Funeral Director

Funeral Directors assist families by transporting the body of the deceased to a funeral home, or the medical examiner’s office if an autopsy is needed. They help families make a plan for funeral arrangements, including burial or cremation. They support and guide families though this difficult time. Funeral Directors also help to complete the death certificate.

Funeral Home Directory

Name	Address	Phone
Addison Funeral Home, Inc.*	262 N. Main Street, Angola	716-549-1100
Bracken Funeral Home	315 North Center Street, Corry, PA	814-664-7735
Distasio Funeral Home*	478 Rt.83 Balcom Corners, S. Dayton	716-988-5922
Falconer Funeral Home, Inc.	44 W. Falconer Street, Falconer	716-665-3401
Fantauzzi Funeral Home*	82 E. Main Street, Fredonia	716-679-7300 or 716-672-3486
Freay Funeral Home	139 S. Erie Street, Mayville	716-753-7144
Hole-Parker Funeral Chapel, Inc.	160 Central Avenue, Silver Creek	716-934-2000 or 716-934-0062
Hubert Funeral Home*	111 S. Main Street, Jamestown	716-483-1902
Jordan Funeral Home	6 Park Street, Sinclairville	716-962-2895
Laing Funeral Home, Inc.*	2724 W. Church Street, Eden	716-992-9172
Larson-Timko Funeral Home	20 Central Avenue, Fredonia	716-679-9000
Lewis Funeral Home	304 East Street, Warren, PA	814-723-9270
Lind Funeral Home, Inc.	805 W. 3rd Street, Jamestown	716-664-3800 or 716-664-2568
R. Mackowiack Funeral Home, Inc.	56 E. Doughty Street, Dunkirk	716-366-4818
Mason Funeral Home	37 Clinton Street, Westfield	716-326-2811
Mathews Funeral Home, Inc.	104 W. Main Street, Ripley	716-736-4561
McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home*	736 Central Avenue, Dunkirk	716-366-1320
Morse Funeral Home	51 Highland Avenue, Brocton	716-792-4323
Newman Funeral Home	56 E. Doughty Street, Dunkirk	716-366-5333
Peterson Funeral Home	12 N. Pearl Street, Frewsburg	716-569-5405
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home	1003 Pennsylvania Ave E, Warren, PA	814-723-6160
Powers Present & Sixbey Funeral Home, Inc.	315 E. 5th Street, Jamestown	716-664-5300
Riles & Woolley Funeral Home	39 Main Street, Forestville	716-965-2941
Rochester Cremation*		585-359-2300
Spitzer Funeral Home	135 Miller Street, Sherman	716-761-6739
VanRensselaer & Son Funeral Home	14 Church Street, Randolph	716-358-5583
Wentland Funeral Home	10634 Main Street, North Collins	716-337-2632

*These funeral homes work with Chautauqua County. Chautauqua County can help pay for out of pocket funeral costs for people who meet income guidelines. For more information, contact the Temporary Assistance Office at (716) 661-8801.



Prescription Drop Box Sites

Abuse of prescription drugs is a major public health problem in New York State. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Please dispose of your loved one's medications at one of these official drop box sites, as soon as possible, to prevent theft and misuse.

Jamestown Police Department
201 East 2nd Street, Jamestown

Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office
15 E Chautauqua Street, Mayville

Westfield Police Department
23 Elm Street, Eason Hall, Westfield

Lakewood-Busti Police Dept.
20 W Summit Street, Lakewood

Fredonia Police Department
9 Church Street, Fredonia

City of Dunkirk Police Department
342 Central Avenue, Dunkirk

Town of Ellicott Police Department
215 S. Work St.reet Falconer
M-F 8am-4pm

Silver Creek Court Clerk's Office
172 Central Avenue, Silver Creek
M-Th 9am-2pm

Westfield Community Pharmacy
55-57 E. Main Street, Westfield
M-F, 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-1pm,
(Closed Sundays)

TOPS Markets Pharmacy
3955 Vineyard Drive, Dunkirk
2000 Washington Street, Jamestown

Take It To THE BOX
Medication Safety Program
Safe Use * Safe Storage * Safe Disposal
For more information call 366-4623/664-3608
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HOPE Chautauqua/Prevention Works
366-4623 or 664-3608
www.preventionworks.us

Environmental Cleaning Services

When a family member is left to clean the home after a death, it can be incredibly overwhelming. In addition to shouldering the emotional burden of a trauma, whether it is due to homicide, suicide, or natural causes, property owners can also be even more overwhelmed when they find out they are often responsible for cleaning up the site after the fact. Rather than calling on friends or family to help, property owners need to protect themselves and others from potentially harmful biohazards and bloodborne pathogens that could come from contaminated body fluids left unseen at the site. Because the average layperson is not fully trained in proper cleanup techniques, the best way to ensure safety is to hire a professional trauma cleanup company. The following are local companies that provide clean up services; we do not endorse any specific company."

ServPro of Jamestown and Olean
Jamestown, NY (716) 338-4901

Rainbow International Restoration
Leon, NY (716) 296-5237

PuroClean
Orchard Park, NY (716)662-0188

