

What Happens When Death Happens Abroad?

How do we deal with the loss of a loved one?

Processing the death of a loved one is never simple. That leaves us with a storm of emotions and questions. We frequently struggle to balance the sadness that surfaces as the realization of the loss sets in with keeping up an operational mode (where we try to plan the practicalities of making sure that our loved one gets a decent send-off).

Organizing a funeral and wake

What should we do first while planning a funeral? Working with a funeral home at <u>Direct Funeral Services</u> would be the first step. There are many companies to choose from in Singapore. Finding one that can meet your needs, whether they be logistical or financial, is the trick. Along with picking the funeral home of your choice, you must obtain a digital copy of the death certificate.

You must decide between an open and a closed casket. A closed casket permitted the body of your loved one to avoid embalming, whereas an open casket required embalming. This decision would determine whether embalming was required or not. Moreover, a wake location needs to be selected. If you live in a landed home in Singapore, you can choose to hold the wake inside the grounds of your home rather than at void decks, chapels of rest, or other locations.

Provide your loved one a full outfit, including shoes, socks, and underwear, as the last step. Moreover, the funeral home will need an enlarged photo of your loved one. Let the church know if you want a Catholic or Christian wake so they can provide a priest or pastor for the Mass or funeral ceremony.

What happens when a death occurs abroad?

In the world, there is no place for death. What happens if a death takes place abroad?

The family initially employs a local undertaker and specifies a Singaporean funeral home as the consignee. The committed funeral home must also receive information regarding the deceased at this stage.

These details include:

- 1. the deceased's passport
- 2. Demise's IC
- 3. embalming and sealing of documents
- 4. a document stating the Covid-19 status of the deceased
- 5. a license for export
- 6. air travel (flight details)
- 7. death certificate
- 8. Application letter for permission to commit cremation in Singapore

The funeral arrangements are then made by our nearby funeral home, which includes acquiring an import permit, transporting the body, and holding the funeral in accordance with the family's desires.