



# Advance Care and Aging Resources

## Aging

### [MedlinePlus Older Adult Health](#)

As we age, our bodies and minds change. Learn about what changes to expect as we age and knowing the difference between normal aging and warning signs of medical problems.

### [National Institute on Aging](#)

NIA leads a broad scientific effort to understand the nature of aging and to extend the healthy, active years of life. It supports and conducts Alzheimer's disease research

### [Center For Practical Bioethics](#)

The Center for Practical Bioethics (CPB) is based in Kansas City and a nationally recognized nonprofit. Their mission is to raise and respond to ethical issues in health and healthcare. They support healthcare providers, patients and families making difficult choices for themselves and loved ones. Learn more from their website about how their work advances the health and dignity of all persons.

### [National Home Funeral Alliance](#)

The National Home Funeral Alliance (NHFA) is a leading resource for after-death care support and education in the U.S. They are a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating individuals, families, and communities about caring for their dead. You can visit their website to learn more about home funerals.

### [Funeral Consumers Alliance of Greater Kansas City](#)

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Greater Kansas City is a nonprofit organization that offers educational programs to support grief, death and dying. The goal of Funeral Consumers Alliance is to ensure consumers are fully prepared and protected when planning a funeral for themselves or their loved ones. They aim to answer just about any question you might have about funerals, cemeteries, cremation, burial practices, and legalities. They also provide a popular tool called the Price Survey, a collection of general price lists that funeral homes are required by federal law to provide to consumers. This database is the only place where all Kansas City area funeral industry prices are provided in one place. Our local chapter offers to speak at events or with

organizations. You can explore their website and past newsletters to learn more general information about these topics.

### [\*Heart Land Prairie Cemetery\*](#)

Heart Land Prairie Cemetery is a local example of a green or natural cemetery. They are a nonprofit organization offering environmentally friendly, simple, affordable burials located on 13 acres near Niles in Central Kansas. You can visit their website to learn more general information about green or natural burials, home funerals, and other alternative approaches to after-death care.

### [\*Missouri Hospice and Palliative Care Association\*](#)

The Missouri Hospice and Palliative Care Association (MHPCA) is a nonprofit with the mission to support and strengthen coordinated care for terminally ill Missourians and their families. They provide consumer education resources, helpful guides, and provider directories. They also provide educational and technical assistance to hospice program providers. Their mission is to advance the quality of hospice and palliative care through all these resources. You can explore their website for more information.

### [\*Crime Victims' Compensation Program\*](#)

In Missouri, the Crime Victims' Compensation Program provides financial assistance to people who sustained traumatic injuries resulting from certain violent crimes. Injuries to physical, emotional and mental well-being would qualify. Allowable expenses may include medical, funeral and counseling expenses, lost wages or loss of support for eligible victims and their family members. Compensation is considered when losses were not covered by other sources. Benefits are not guaranteed. The Missouri Department of Public Safety administers this program for the state of Missouri. You can read more on their website about the fund and apply online. Every state has a Victims' Compensation Program/ Fund.