We offer our most sincere condolences to you and your family for the loss you have experienced. We hope this guide will help you know that you are not alone on this journey.
There is no hurry. Take a moment to gather your thoughts and ask the healthcare team any questions that come to mind. Staff members can also assist you through the following steps.

1. You may ask for the on-call chaplain to be paged if needed. The chaplain is sensitive to diverse faiths and cultures. A chaplain will listen to your story and say a prayer, if desired, for you, your family and for the loved one you’ve lost. Chaplains and Social Workers are a valuable resource when considering funeral services and bereavement support groups. Ask to speak to a social worker if you would like help connecting with community resources.

2. When you are ready, the nurse will give you a form to complete before you leave the hospital (this procedure may vary depending on the Nursing Unit). Please indicate on the form which funeral home you’ve chosen for your loved one. We realize this death may have not been anticipated, so you can sign a blank form.
Once you decide on a funeral home, you will need to notify the Nursing Unit/Supervisor of your selection. You will also need to contact the funeral home to facilitate your arrangements. We will keep your loved one secure until the mortuary staff can come to the hospital.

(In the event that you haven’t chosen a funeral home, consult the list provided in this booklet. You can also find a list of local funeral homes online at funerals.org.)

3. Be sure to gather all of your loved one’s belongings before you leave. For inquiries, please ask the Charge Nurse for assistance.

4. If you are considering an autopsy, please discuss this with your loved one’s physician or healthcare provider.

5. The funeral home is responsible for obtaining death certificates.

6. If this is a coroner’s case, ask for the coroner’s case number for future communications.

   CASE #___________________________
Who can help me honor my loved one?

Brevard County Funeral Homes

Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care
1286 S. U.S. 1, Rockledge, FL 32955 | 321.632.1350
950 Malabar Road S.E., Palm Bay, FL 32907 | 321.724.2224
1001 S. Hickory St., Melbourne, FL 32901 | 321.724.2222
4001 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville, FL 32780 | 321.264.6131

Beach Funeral Home
4999 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32940 | 321.751.6012
1689 S. Patrick Drive, Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937 | 321.777.4640

Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home
101 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 | 321.784.0116
5400 Village Drive, Viera, FL 32955 | 321.635.1973

Brevard Memorial Funeral Home and Crematory
5475 N. U.S. 1, Cocoa, FL 32927 | 321.636.3720

Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home
1010 E. Palmetto Ave., Melbourne, FL 32901 | 321.723.2345

Buggs Funeral Home
2701 S. Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901 | 321.728.7076

Davis-Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory
560 Montreal Ave., Melbourne, FL 32935 | 321.254.1532

Fountainhead Funeral Home & Cemetery
7359 Babcock St. S.E. Palm Bay, FL 32909 | 321.727.3977
Funeral Solutions
5455 N. U.S. 1 Cocoa, FL 32927 | 321.638.1373

Island Cremations & Funeral Services
405 S. Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32952 | 321.454.3331

Lewis-Ray Mortuary
1595 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville, FL 32780 | 321.269.5811

Life Event Center at Florida Memorial
5950 S. U.S. 1, Rockledge, FL 32955 | 321.636.8943

Newcomer Funeral Home
2400 S. Washington Ave., Titusville, FL 32780 | 321.269.6000

North Brevard Funeral Home
1450 Norwood Ave., Titusville, FL 32796 | 321.269.9222

Stone Funeral Home
516 W. King St., Cocoa, FL 32922 | 321.636.2344
2400 Stone St., Melbourne, FL 32901 | 321.727.9009

Struck Funeral Home
1623 N. Central Ave., Sebastian, FL 32958 | 772.589.1000
916 17th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960 | 772.562.2325

Wylie-Baxley Funeral Home
1360 N. Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32953 | 321.452.6565
916 17th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960 | 772.562.2325

Cremation Society of America | 954.388.1490

Medcure* | 866.560.2525

National Cremation Society | 321.636.2442

Neptune Society Cremation | 407.291.0913

Science Care* | 800.417.3747

Brevard County Medical Examiner
1750 Cedar St., Rockledge, FL 32955 | 321.633.1981

* Donated to science
When you are grieving, some people might not know exactly what to say to you. They may say things like “He or she is in a better place now” or “Everything happens for a reason,” making it appear that they are trying to downplay your pain.

For many people, death can be a sensitive subject, since it brings up questions about the meaning of life and our existence. Some people may even turn away from you, which can leave you feeling alone and misunderstood.

What you can do:

- **Try not to take it personally.** If someone is not sensitive to your feelings, find people who will give you the support you need and who can empathize with how you are feeling.

- **Make a list of things you need help with.** Some people genuinely want to help but don’t know how. Consider sharing a list with them that describes how they can help you, including items such as:
  - **Please don’t judge me** or tell me I shouldn’t feel the way I do.
  - **Please be patient.** It’s going to take me some time to grieve.
  - **Please listen.** Sometimes all I need is to be heard.
  - **Please reach out.** Stop by, call, text, send a card or email me.
  - **If you want to help, pick a task** that you’d like to help with and offer to do it.
If you would like additional resources, a visit or a referral to individual counseling, please call Pastoral/Spiritual Care or Social Work at the phone numbers listed below.

Health First Cape Canaveral Hospital (Main) 321.799.7111
Health First Holmes Regional Medical Center (Main) 321.434.7000
Health First Palm Bay Hospital (Main) 321.434.8000
Health First Viera Hospital (Main) 321.434.9000
Hospice of Health First (Main) 321.434.1744
Health First Pastoral/Spiritual Care (Main) 321.434.3126
County Coroner 321.633.1981

The Nursing Supervisor, Safety & Security, Social Work and Ancillary services may all be reached through each phone number listed above.

A Health First representative will contact you within the next 48 hours to offer assistance with any of your needs.