

# Getting Ready to Check Out

## End of Life Planning

*Begin with the end in mind – Stephen Covey*

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If you do a bit of work now your estate will never need the services of a forensic genealogist.

Who do you plan to be the Executor of your estate? They'll need this End of Life Book to make the process easy for them.

Gather the needed information to make this process easier for your loved ones. These documents will be placed in a book you're going to create for your family.

- Will
- Medical directive
- Power of attorney
- Birth certificate

If you don't already have these documents you are encouraged to get them. Learn more from [AARP](#).

Create a list of accounts and passwords. Consider reviewing the My Family Record Book noted below.

A blog by John Pavlovitz, [On the Day I Die](#), offers food for thought.

Facebook: designate a friend/family member to have your page memorialized.

<https://www.facebook.com/help/1568013990080948>

Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist: <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/2017/08/20/estate-planning-for-dna/>

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Reference books:

[My Family Record Book: The Easy Way to Organize Personal Information....](#) Harris N. Rosen

[ObitKit: A Guide to Celebrating Your Life](#) by Susan Soper

[After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research](#) by Thomas MacEntee