

What you need to do before you become a Surviving Spouse

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Documents you need

- **Birth Certificate**
- **Marriage License**
- **Durable General Power of Attorney**
- **Advanced Medical Directive (aka) Medical Power of Attorney or Living Will**
- **Will**
- **Trust (if you have one)**
- **Retirement papers**
 - **Any place you worked long enough to be considered retired – or if Military your separation papers (DD-214)**
- **Funeral arrangements – service, burial etc.**

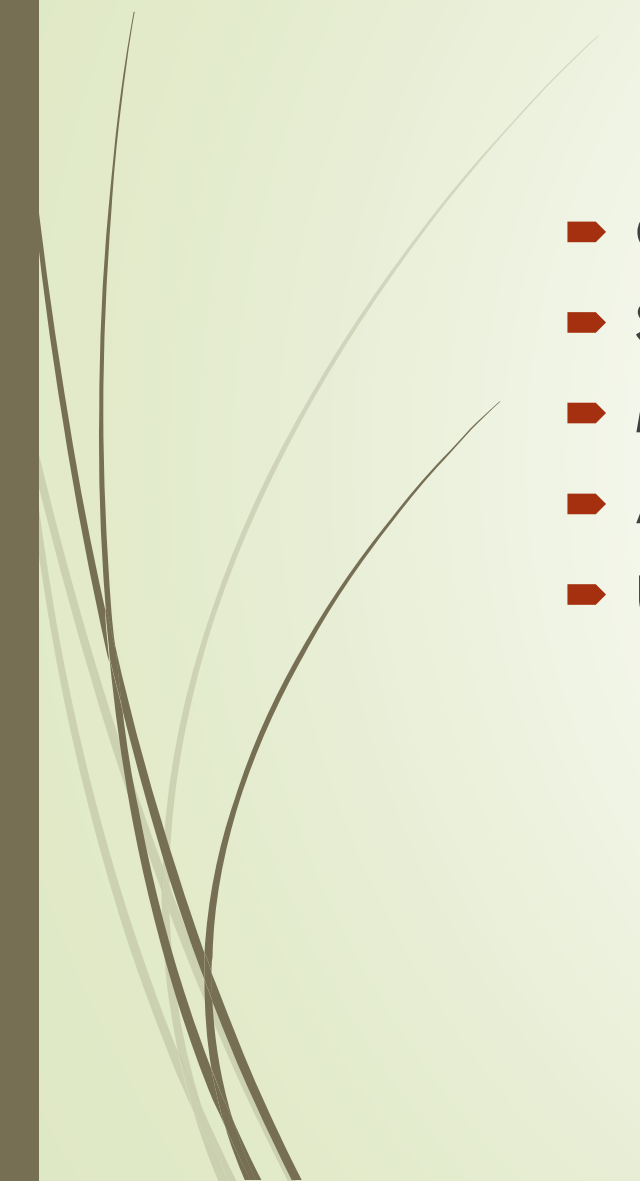


List of Names and Numbers

- **Your SSN**
- **Health Insurance company name and number**
 - - Medicare
 - - Medicare supplemental
 - - Vision or Dental
- **Life Insurance company and policy (s)**
- **Long term care insurance**
- **List of ALL sources of income**

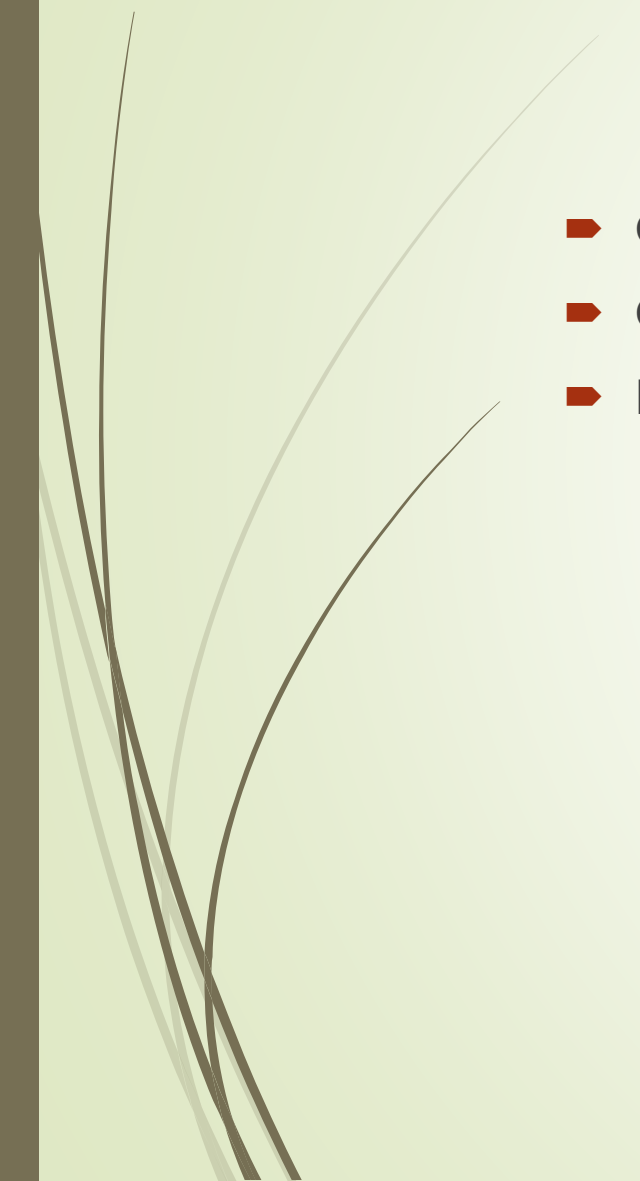


Household account information

- **Checking**
 - **Savings**
 - **Money Market**
 - **Auto Registration**
 - **Utility Companies**
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Review of income

- **Current income**
 - **Current cost of living**
 - **Future income**
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Make sure you know how to:

- Write a check
 - Use an ATM machine
 - Use a credit card
 - Use a debit card
 - Pump gasoline
 - Check out at the self service line in a store
 - Use the washing machine and dryer
 - Use the stove
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