WHAT PEOPLE SAY

"The idea of viewing somebody else's dead body or somebody else viewing your dead body that is completely unhygienical."
- Frederik

"I could not sleep the night before we were going to dress my son. But doing it felt like the right thing to do. As a mother for her child. When we were ready and he was being there, in his favorite clothes everything had changed. He looked so content as I have'nt seen him in years."
Martha (for son - 8 - committed suicide)

"It's just in my mind from when mum died. I think I don't want to be burned. I just hope my husband won't go against my wishes"
- Alice

"I know they are very expensive and I would certainly not want my family to spend that much on it unless they wanted to but for me, I would want them to spend the money on something for themselves."
Morgan GB

"I don't want to grieve. I'm dead. She needs to grieve. She needs to deal with that and whether for her a graveless, or a comforting place where she wants to go to and she wants to visit my remains that's her right as someone who loves me." Morrissy

"I had this conversation with the person who married me, and I told them I had some qualms and things we take the ground. And that person told me that I needed to figure out a way to be fine for other people, because it's not for me, it's for other people."
M, Marry GB

"I don't agree with the old ritual. But it's the way it works."
Rob - Germany

"It was this really pathetic ceremony that had just nothing to do with her life."
Lilly - GB

"I found to repress my feelings and avoid facing it. Just doing the min and the video forced me to think about it in a really healthy way."
Seth - USA

"One year after her death, people were wishing her a good anniversary on Linkedin. For a moment. I thought she was alive."
Lucia - France

"And it's a powerful, it's a long process, and everybody means well, but it was more person tells you they're sorry it's like, okay.
I just need to know, did she leave an account or not"
Paul - Germany

WHAT PEOPLE COULD DO

FUNERAL STREAMING

DIGITAL LEGACY

DIGITAL EXECUTOR

DIGITAL CLOSURE SERVICE

DIGITAL BURIAL

DIGITAL AFTERLIFE

WHAT PEOPLE DO

SMALL RITUALS
Upon awakens, close the room, light a candle.

DRESSING

SET-UP THE BODY
Dressing the body before sign work suits and Arrange on a bed with flowers + candles

NOT TO BE DONE BEFORE THE DOCTOR VISITS

READ THE LAST WILLS

LEAVE A MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK WALL

INFORM THE INNER CIRCLE
Employer, close friends + family

DIY FUNERAL

CRAFT THE COFFIN OR THE URN?

PREPARE THE BODY?
Support + cosmetic treatments, dressing

DECORATE THE COFFIN?

PARTICIPATE TO THE BODY PREPARATION?
Support + cosmetic treatments, dressing

WAKE?

TREATMENTS?

OBJECTS TO PUT IN THE COFFIN?

VIEWINGS?

CHOOSE FROM CATALOGUE

CLOTHES?

URN?

TOMBSTONE?

BURIAL?

CREMATION?

LOCATION?

COFFIN?

FUNERAL PLANING
In one meeting or in several times

POST-MORTEM PORTRAIT

DEATH MASK

DECORATE THE COFFIN

MOURNING SIGNS

KIDS + SMALL / ELEGANT + REAL MANY PEOPLES

MUSIC

TEXTS

PICTURES & VIDEOS

FLOWERS & DECORATION

MASTER OF CEREMONY
Spiritual representative, relatives, family member, friend

GUESTS

LOCATION
The place of the ceremony also depends on the number of guests

DATE

INVITATIONS

PUBLICATION IN THE NEWSPAPER

CEREMONY PLANING

DIGITAL CLOSURE

IDENTIFICATION OF ALL THE ONLINE ACCOUNTS

DO NOTHING

FOR EACH ACCOUNT, FIGURE OUT THE PROCEDURE

Fill out online form

Confirmed

Notification mail to assigned person

Automatic closure

COLLECT ALL THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS

Death certificate

Death certificate, Birth certificate

Link to obituary

SEND CLOSURE REQUEST

WHAT PEOPLE MUST DO

CALL A DOCTOR

DECLARATION OF DEATH

Stay with the body

Come to the mortician

Come to the state

In the event of a murder/manslaughter, or in prison

FIND A MORTICIAN

LAST WILLS

FUNERAL SERVICE CARD (Lausanne)

SEARCH

ASK PEOPLE

CALL THE MORTICIAN

COLLECT DOCUMENTS

FUNERAL PLANING
In one meeting or in several Times

MANDATE THE MORTICIAN

OFFICIAL DEATH CERTIFICATE
Obtained after 1 week (in average)

PAY THE CEMETERY

ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE

BANK

LANDLORD

PENSION FUND

INSURANCES

NOTARY

EMPLOYER

PAY THE MORTICIAN

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BODY

This flow is based on the Vaudoise situation, but the fundamental procedures are similar in most western countries.

AT HOME OR HOSPICE

HOSPITAL

ANYWHERE
(Street, office, train station, holidays...)

CONFIRMATION OF DEATH

NATURAL DEATH

UNNATURAL DEATH

UNCLEAR CAUSE OF DEATH

HOME

HYGIENIC TREATMENTS

DRESSING

COSMETIC TREATMENTS

VIEWINGS & WAKE

BODY IS COFFINED

24:00

49:00

Depending on local regulation, the body can stay at home between 24 and 48 hours

HOSPITAL

VIEWING

BODY IS COFFINED

+4°C -8°C

COOLING

STATE MORGUE

+4°C -8°C

PAPERWORK

CLEARANCE DOCUMENT

AUTOPSY

COOLING

2 days to 2 weeks

MORTICIAN

+4°C -8°C

HYGIENIC TREATMENTS

BODY IS COFFINED

COSMETIC TREATMENTS

DRESSING

VIEWING
Around 2 hours in average
Several hours if wanted

COFFIN FINAL CLOSURE
Sealing under police control (FR)

"ROOM" STORAGE

COOLING

SPECIAL CAUTION
- Body must be contained
- Special coffin

CREMATORY

+4°C -8°C

UNDRESSING

POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION

CREMATION CHAMBERS DOMINO

COOLING

STORAGE

RETORT

CREMULATOR

ASH CAPSULE

CEREMONY PLACE
(church, crematory chapel, mourning space...)

SEA
Under the authority of the canton

FOREST
Under the authority of a forest official (GE, SG...)

TRANSFORMATION
Ms. Only a part of the ashes is used.

DISPERSAL
(GE, GR...)

CEMETERY

Land related to burial

GRAVES

COLUMBARIUM

BABIES & CHILDREN GRAVES

BODY TRANSFORMATION

Temperature is the leading factor in the rate of decomposition, monitors only to a lesser degree.
Thus, refrigeration at a morgue, or funeral home, does not halt the process dramatically.
If a body is submerged under water or dirt, the body will decompose at a slower rate.

0-15 Minutes

PALLOR MORTIS
(Latin: pallor 'paleness', mortis 'of death').

Pallor mortis is a post mortem paleness that occurs in those with light skin. It is almost immediately due to a lack of capillary circulation throughout the body.
Mucous membranes (lips, tongue, eyes) - look dry up. Skin is drying up more slowly as it can seem as if the liver of a board in the growing.

15 -25

LIVOR MORTIS
(Latin: livor 'bluish color,' mortis 'of death').

Liver mortis is a settling of the blood in the lower (dependent) portion of the body, causing a purplish red discoloration of the skin. When the heart stops functioning and is no longer regulating the blood, heavy red blood cells sink through the serum by action of gravity.

Liver mortis starts 20 minutes to 3 hours after death and is completed in the capillaries in four to five hours. The discoloration does not occur in the areas of the body that are in contact with the ground or another object, in which capillaries are compressed. So the way you lied a dead body has influence on where liver mortis occurs (Traditionally head high and hands on the chest).

Comes 2Hr/ harms 2Hr

RIGOR MORTIS
(Latin: rigor 'stiffness', mortis 'of death')

Rigor mortis is caused by chemical changes in the muscles after death, causing the limbs of the corpse to become stiff and difficult to move or manipulate.
Starts in the most used muscles: jaw, neck, joints. But also the inner organs are affected. The heart will be stiff within half an hour. Starts earlier in warm surroundings and later in cold ones.

Day 1 - day 2

AUTOLYSIS 1

Autolysis is the destruction of a cell through the action of its own enzymes. Externally the corpse looks okay, but internally the organs are breaking down.

Day 2 - day 3

AUTOLYSIS 2

During starts when the bacteria present in the body start to get active. They produce gases that smell highly of ammoniac and smell the body a bit - here can be swollen. The abdomen turns greenish, since most bacteria live in the intestines.

Day 4 - week 4

PUTREFACTION

Putrefaction is the decomposition of proteins in a process that results in the eventual breakdown of cohesion between tissues and the liquefaction of most organs.
It is caused due to bacterial or fungal decomposition of organic matter and results in production of noxious ammoniac odours.
Liquids can be drawn out of the body and oozing through nose and ears. Skin slippage can occur.

Week 2 - 2 years

DRY DECAY OR SKELETONIZATION

The cadaver has for the most part dried out and the rate of decay has slowed considerably. It does not smell of ammoniac anymore but a bit rancid and of butyric acid.
Two years is typical in moderate temperatures, whereas in hot climates like Africa, skeletonization may occur as quickly as in two weeks.

At least 10 years

DISINTEGRATION

After skeletonization has occurred, acids in many fertile soils take about twenty years to completely dissolve the skeleton, leaving no trace of the organism.
In mummified soil or sand, the skeleton can persist for hundreds of years before it finally disintegrates.

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