

7. In all cases the Community Health Center of Fort Dodge will be utilized when possible.

E. BURIAL EXPENSE:

Application for and approval of funeral services must be obtained before actual services are rendered. The total funeral and all burial expenses of the deceased individual must be \$1500 maximum.

Funeral and burial expenses are:

1. Removal and preparation of the body to include cremation.
2. Standard casket/interment receptacle.
3. Outside grave box.
4. Use of funeral home facilities.
5. Use of automotive equipment.
6. Basic professional and staff services.
7. Opening and closing of the grave.

Since all funeral homes are within twenty-five miles of the cemetery, transportation will not be allowed except for:

An allowance of \$110.00 to pick up an indigent body in Des Moines Hospitals, also an allowance of \$200.00 to pickup an indigent body in Iowa City Hospitals will be granted. Since cremains can be shipped by UPS or comparable carrier the above will not be allowed when cremated.

Purchase of burial plot – In the event that the deceased does not own a burial plot, the county will provide a space for burial in a cemetery designated by the county and payment for such plots, along with one for the living spouse, will be paid for by the county. If the family desires burial out of the county, etc., they will have to purchase a lot.

Music, flowers, clergy, clothing, etc. are not provided in the above and can be furnished by family and/or friends at a reasonable rate.

Eligibility for burial benefits will exist when the deceased person's estate does not have at least \$1500 that can be applied toward the funeral expenses. Any money derived from life insurance/death benefits, burial contract and/or any resources, shall be deducted from the burial maximum allowed

In all cases, the Director will investigate the possibility of other than county funeral. It shall be discussed with the family their ability to pay for a private funeral.

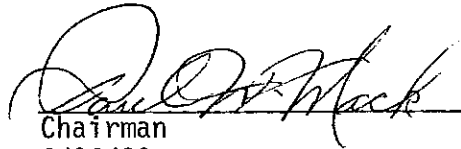
The General Assistance office must have an itemized statement of all burial expenses before a warrant will be issued to the vendor. The funeral home shall consider this as payment in full and the family or other party will not be charged over and above this amount.

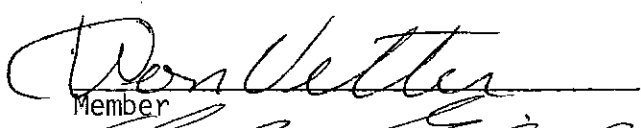
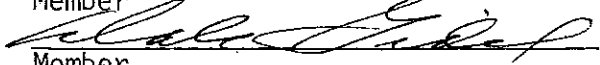
Due to the revision of the county burial amount allowed by General Relief, the COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS has reviewed its policy and make the following change:

Calhoun County will allow payment of up to \$ 1,000.00

(The figure of \$900.00 throughout the policy for burial dated 3/28/88 will be replaced by the \$1000.00 figure)

COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS
Calhoun County


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CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERAN
AFFAIRS BURIAL POLICY

In consideration of the fact that Calhoun County is responsible under Chapter 250 (Code of Iowa) to provide burial for indigent veterans and their eligible dependents, the following is provided for the purpose of rendering these services in a uniform and orderly manner. It establishes the method and amount of assistance allowable and is a separate policy from that of county general relief.

Calhoun County will allow payment of up to \$ 900.00 to a licensed mortician or funeral home for each funeral in which the deceased is entitled to be buried at county expense under the Commission of Veteran Affairs guidelines.

In consideration of the payment of this sum the licensed mortician or funeral home will provide the following:

1. Professional Services.
2. Minimum cloth covered casket
3. Grave Box (as required by cemetery)
4. Limited visitation hours
5. Facilities in which to conduct the funeral
6. Delivery to cemetery.

When a funeral director is contacted by the family concerned that the deceased may require Commission of Veteran Affairs funds for burial, the family will be referred to the Veteran Affairs Director before any further arrangements are made. This is to secure an understanding that any funds the family receives for burial of the deceased are to be forwarded to the Calhoun County Commission of Veteran Affairs. If the deceased is a veteran, the funeral home will apply for all VA benefits. If the veteran dies in a VA facility, VA reimbursement of transportation charges of the funeral home to pick up the body will not be considered in the calculation of county payment. Reasonal transportation cost to pick up the body may be added to county payment if VA reimbursement for that purpose is not available. The Commission of Veteran Affairs will pay the remainder, after VA benefits are received, but the total will not exceed \$ 900.00. In the event no other funds are available, the Veterans Affairs will provide for a lot and opening and closing the grave in addition to the \$ 900.00 previously referred to.

Before authorization by the Commission of Veteran Affairs for any indigent funeral