

DEATH CERTIFICATE'S ACCESS

Death certificates are on file in the Hamden Town Clerk's Office for individuals who died in the town of Hamden or resided in Hamden at the time of death within the State of Connecticut. The State Dept. of Public Health in Hartford also has a recorded copy of such death record.

Our death index dates back to 1786 when Hamden became incorporated from New Haven. These deaths are recorded in handwritten indexes until 1906, when actual certificates were issued.

Requests must be in writing, via mail, or in person during regular business hours.

Personal checks and money orders are accepted by mail and cash or checks in person. A copy of photo I. D. must accompany the request.

EMAIL REQUESTS CANNOT BE HONORED. NO OUT-OF-STATE CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

In accordance with PA97-7, social security numbers must be recorded on death certificates. Registrar of Vital Statistics are required to maintain the confidentiality of these numbers.

Per CGS 7-51a, for any death occurring after 7/1/1997, only surviving spouse, next of kin or other persons as authorized by the Dept. of Public Health shall be issued a certified copy of a death certificate containing the Administrative Purposes section including social security number of the decedent of deaths occurring after 12/31/2001. The funeral director in charge of the disposition of body may also obtain the death certificate containing the Administrative Purposes section, so long as the request for such certificate is made on behalf of the decedent's family members and within 60 days of the date of disposition. After 60 days the funeral director may only obtain a certified copy of the death certificate with the social security numbers redacted. All other requestors will receive a certificate without the Administrative Purposes section (including social security number) redacted.

The Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics may issue only certified copies of death certificates. **As of 10/1/09, a certified copy of a death certificate is \$20.00 each.**