

CREATE YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE MAP!

User Experience Map #7 - 'After Death' at Home is Where You Want To Be

Describe your idea with one concise sentence.

The positives directly associated with Home Death Care-focused practices 'After Death' are many in number. As the founder of Home Death Care Resources, there is nothing stronger in my heart than the memories associated with the fact that my Dad and my Mom were able to experience their final moments on earth – peacefully, calmly, safely, lovingly – surrounded by the walls of the home they had built together over the past 40+ years. And, to know that they both then remained at home and their bodies were washed, prepared, and celebrated in ways that just could not have happened anywhere else – fills me with joy and gratitude. The 'After Death' benefits of Home Death Care-focused practices can be extremely valuable to both the recently departed (if that is what they wanted to have happen and what they, and/or their support network, had the ability to do within their particular state or county jurisdiction) and those of us left behind and still living.

Draw and describe the ideal user

A Jewish couple who wanted to utilize their
Title hevre kadishah for support after death.

Name: Rudolph (aged 84)
Matina (aged 74)

Age:

Profession:

A retired Veterinarian in Marin County, CA

Any Other Key characteristics:

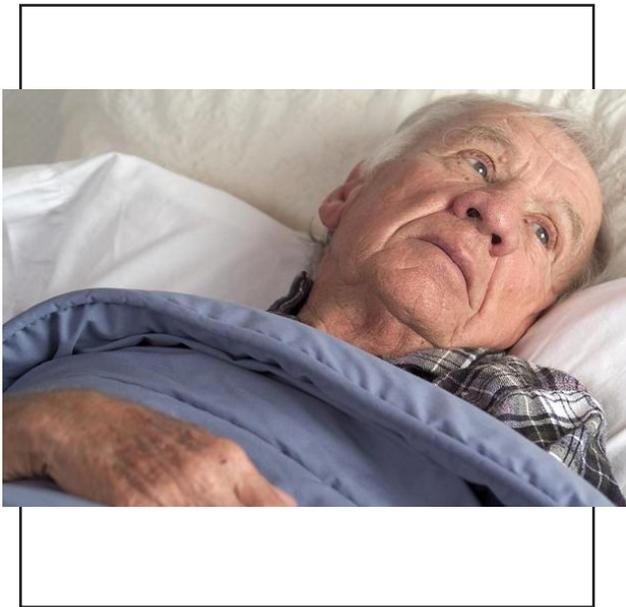
Rudolph & Matina were of the Jewish faith & wanted to be able to follow the teachings of their faith in death.
Concisely describe what is happening

Rudolph and Matina had been married for 60 years. Recently Rudolph developed symptoms of bladder cancer and shortly thereafter he was told that he had no more than 30 days to live. Hospice was then brought into their home with a Palliative Team of doctors and nurses to control Rudy's pain and maintain his comfort. Their Hospice Social Worker, Jan, put them in touch with HDCR so that they could make all the arrangements necessary to keep Rudy home through his death, for his after death care, and through his Jewish funeral/burial in a nearby Green Cemetery.

Oi! What a Hevre Kadishah



Title **How Do We Begin This Process?**

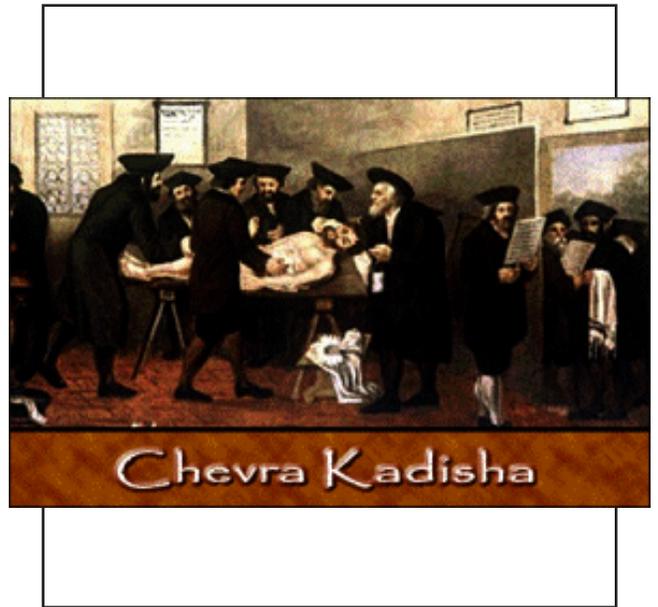


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Rudy was bed-ridden shortly after his diagnosis. Matina handled the process of making the Home Death Care arrangements with the help of her son, Scott. After a phone call with HDCR and several visits to their website, Scott was able to find out all he needed to know in order to insure that Rudy would be safe, comfortable and able to stay at home in order to observe the Jewish traditions he held so close to his heart.

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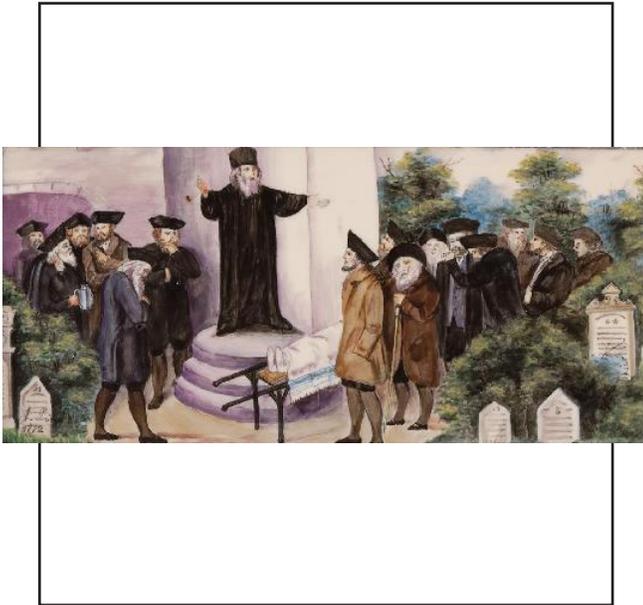
**When Death Comes
It is Only the Beginning...**



Concisely describe what is happening

The Hevrah Kadisha is the name given to the congregational committee or organization whose purpose it is to perform the mitzvah of preparing the deceased for burial in accordance with Jewish tradition. Rudy died peacefully in his sleep on a Tuesday morning. Jewish tradition requires that the deceased be attended to continuously from the moment of death until burial and that his/her memory be honored by the reading of Psalms during the night before the funeral by shomrim (watchers). All of these practices are to be undertaken in the home of the deceased - if at all possible. And for Rudy, they were.

Title **A Jewish Burial Must Take Place Within One Day of Death**



Concisely describe what is happening

A Home Death-focused process lends itself well to various religious traditions. Within the Jewish faith, interment must take place no later than one day after death. For Rudy and his family this was an easy requirement to fulfill. They had made all of the necessary arrangements in advance with a local Green Cemetery Association. His all wooden casket was delivered to his home several weeks before his death, which allowed for everything to take place just as he and Matina had wanted. His death certificate was received by the family on an expedited basis (as is common in Jewish death procedures) and his burial was accomplished exactly per Jewish tradition.

Title **'After Death' Care at Home is The Best Option for Many of Us**



Concisely describe what is happening

When it comes to the needs of a family to celebrate within a certain religious tradition - after death care at home most often provides the greatest flexibility and potential for success. The process of bereavement, the experience of loss and the necessity of grieving are all enriched by the close connections that can be achieved between family members in a Home-based setting. While it may not be possible in every instance - for those who can secure a Home-based death and dying experience for their loved ones it often proves to be a powerful and loving process for everyone to go through.