

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Obituary Search Fees

The Detroit Public Library charges the following fees for obituary searching:

- \$15.00 per name for death notice/obituary request submitted with an exact death date
- \$25.00 per hour per name for death notice/obituary request submitted **without an exact death date, with a minimum prepayment of \$25.00 (1 hour) per search**
- Fees include postage, photocopying and handling
- **All obituary search fees must be prepaid**
- **Payment in U.S. funds only**
- Make your check or money order payable to **Detroit Public Library Commission**

For searches submitted without an exact death date, Library staff search Detroit newspaper indexes (which go back to 1976), the Detroit Death Index (records deaths in Detroit from 1920 to the present), and the Michigan and Detroit Biography Index (covers 1701-1995 but is not comprehensive) to determine the date of death. Staff also search the obituary and death notice sections of the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press Internet editions.

The Library cannot guarantee that an obituary or death notice will be located.

The Library staff search for death notices and obituaries in the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press and Detroit Times (which ceased publication in 1960) for three days following a death date.

For further information about the Detroit Public Library, visit us at www.DetroitPublicLibrary.org

For questions regarding this request, call 313.833.1403/1404 or e-mail: gi@detroit.lib.mi.us

Detroit Public Library hours are:

T-W, 12:00PM-8:00PM
TH-SAT, 10:00AM-6:00PM
Closed Sundays and Mondays

Additional Obituary Search Option

The General Information Department holds the complete microfilm archives for the **Detroit Free Press, Detroit News and Detroit Times**. Starting from 1874 to the present, up to three reels at a time can be mailed to your local public library for a modest fee. Contact your local public library for further information about using the interlibrary loan service.

A Death Certificate is obtained at: State of Michigan
Vital Record Requests, P.O. Box 30721
Lansing, MI 48909
Or call (517) 335-8666

You can download the Death Certificate search form by at: <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/osr/deathapp.htm>

Complete and return this form with your check or money order to:

**Detroit Public Library
General Information Department/Obituaries
5201 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202**

E-Mail Obituary/Death Notice Service Requests Are Only Performed When Accompanied With Confirmed Death Dates. All others must be submitted in writing to the above address.

\$15.00 per name.

Name of Deceased: _____

Death date: _____

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Please provide the following payment information:

Credit Card

VISA MasterCard American Express

Cardholder Name

Card Number

Expiration Date

**Prepaid Total for all
Searches: \$ _____**

Date: _____

**Allow 30 days to receive
results**