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Court Decides Who Has The Right To Control Funeral Arrangements And Disposition Of Decedent's Remains Under NJ Law

John E. Travers, Jr. died unexpectedly in 2017 at the age of twenty-two. He was unmarried and died without any children, without a will, and without any written directive regarding his funeral or the disposition of his remains.



Disabled Vietnam War Era Veterans Who Served On Ships Off Vietnam Coast But Did Not Set Foot On Land Now Entitled To Presumption Of Service-Connection

In a recent decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled that the presumption of service-connection for certain diseases suffered by Vietnam War era veterans applied to so-called "blue water" veterans – those who served

Decedent's parents, who are divorced, differed on how their son's remains should be disposed of, and each sought control over the remains.

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Window Closing for Couples to Use 'Claim Now, Claim More Later' Social Security Strategy

Spouses who are turning full retirement age this year are the last group who can use a strategy to maximize Social Security benefits by choosing whether to take spousal benefits or to take benefits on their own record.

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on ships in seas off the coast of Vietnam, but did not set foot on land. [Procopio v. Secretary of Veterans Affairs](#), Opinion.1-29-2019, 2017-1821 (January 29, 2019).

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A recent case involving basketball star Caldwell Jones demonstrates the danger in having only one spouse's name on a reverse mortgage.

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The median cost of a private nursing home room in the United States increased to \$100,375 a year in 2018, up 3 percent from 2017, according to Genworth's annual Cost of Care survey.

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