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Gone, not forgotten

By Reno Gazette-Journal



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YouDeparted.com is a Web site where one can establish an account for a yearly fee that assists loved ones and heirs with details of your will and after-death arrangements. The cost of the service ranges from \$9.95 to \$79.95 per year.

RENO, Nev. - After Collin Harris' father passed away suddenly, his family realized they had no specific instructions from him on small things, like where to find his safe deposit boxes or a key for his locked desk drawer.

So Harris and his son, Nick, created YouDeparted.com, a Web site where you can establish an account and spell out the day-to-day activities related to your life, thus helping your heirs sort out even the smallest matters after your death.

The Harrises launched the Web site in June and now have more than 10,000 accounts, said Collin Harris, a computer programmer in Incline Village, Nev.

One YouDeparted.com client is an acquaintance, Wayne McClelland, of Incline Village.

"I uploaded all my legal documents," McClelland said. "I'm a mechanical engineer, and to me, it's important to have all those documents in a safe and secure place. I liked having things like the combination to the safe in our home recorded, so someone would not have to search for a scrap of paper with that information."

"I was also surprised at how thorough the templates were. I didn't find anything they had not covered in the program."

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YouDeparted.com has many templates that an individual account holder can select from, Harris said.

"We based these on estate planning books," he said. "We found questions to include that you would never have thought of."

Account holders pay a yearly fee based on the service and the amount of space required to detail the information. The basic plan is \$9.95 a year. The most popular plan is \$29.95, and a more deluxe plan with more space runs \$79.95.

The company has several security safeguards for each account, Harris said. There is a user name, a password name, and a secret key phrase, and that information is shared with only those named by the account holder.

If one person tries to access the account without cooperation by the other individuals, the account owner is notified by e-mail. After the owner's death, a five-day delay is automatic.

"My brother, Charles, who lives in Thailand, really found the service to be important," Harris said. "He happens to own property in San Francisco and he has some storage lockers. He said that if he died suddenly, nobody would know anything about those storage lockers."

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