

## **DYING ON DAUFUSKIE**

### **A Step-By-By-Step Guide to Caring for Your Loved One at the End of Life**

1. If death occurs, call 911. Emergency personnel will respond to the 911 address from which your call has been made.
2. EMS personnel will conduct tests to determine that death has occurred and phone the results of these tests to the emergency room physician on duty at Hilton Head Hospital. The physician will read the test results and confirm that death has occurred. EMS will contact the Beaufort County coroner to report the death. Once death has been verified, emergency personnel will leave the premises as the circumstances become a private matter for family/friends to manage. \*
3. A member of the deceased's family or friend must call a funeral home to arrange for the collection of the body for transport to Hilton Head and any locations beyond. (A list of area funeral homes is attached.) The Beaufort County attorney has mandated that, county-wide, emergency personnel and their vehicles cannot be used for transport of the deceased.
4. A member of the deceased's family or friend must call the Haig Point Front Desk (843-686-2000) to advise that a death has occurred and that a designated funeral home has been contacted. Front Desk personnel will contact Richard Inglis, Director of Transportation, or any Transportation supervisor on duty who will coordinate with the funeral home director to provide transportation for two funeral home workers and one gurney on a regularly-scheduled departure from the Haig Point Welcome Center on Hilton Head to the Haig Point dock on Daufuskie Island.
5. Haig Point will provide one van and a driver to transport the funeral home workers to the site for the collection of the deceased and the return to the Haig Point dock with the funeral home workers and the deceased.
6. Haig Point will transport the two funeral home workers and the deceased on a separate boat from the Haig Point dock on Daufuskie Island to the Haig Point Welcome Center on Hilton Head at a time of day when few passengers are on the dock. The Haig Point fee for the service detailed in #4, 5 and 6 is \$400 and will be billed to the funeral home.
7. If family/friends wish internment of the deceased on Daufuskie Island, Haig Point will charge its standard charter rates for ferry service for groups departing from Hilton Head and arriving at Daufuskie Island.

\* If EMS determines the death to be unnatural, EMS will contact the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and the Coroner who will go to the site of the 911 address.