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Digital Legacy Planning: for additional information

Digital technology is rapidly changing society and culture. Long held are being set aside as technology are being replaced with new options to store and manage digital assets, to leave posthumous messages, and to determine how we or our loved ones will be remembered. There are already a wave of related apps and online services and more are being added all the time. We are not endorsing any particular product, service, or web site; but here are some common digital tools for further reference should you'd be interested.

- What Happens To My Email Accounts When I Die? An overview on how to manage email accounts after a death, covering all the major providers (Gmail, Yahoo, Microsoft Hotmail and Outlook, AOL, iCloud).

https://www.everplans.com/articles/what-happens-to-my-email-accounts-when-i-die

- How To Close Online Accounts And Services When Someone Dies. Step-by-step instructions on how to close more than 230 digital (and some non-digital) services...and the list keeps on growing.

https://www.everplans.com/articles/how-to-close-online-accounts-and-services-when-someone-dies

Online Digital Legacy Services

There are quite a few web and/or app-based services that offer to store documents and photos, pass data on to whomever you specify, handle certain online accounts, and perform some functions that a trusted agent might otherwise do. The number of companies offering these services will likely expand as will the types of things they offer.

This could work well for some people, in some situations; however, we see this decision as a personal one and you might feel it is far better to put your legacy in the hands of an actual human being you know and trust. Nevertheless, here are examples these types of services:

- OnceI'veGone: record your final wishes and important information so that it can be shared with your nearest and dearest. You can use the site to capture special memories and messages, record your life story for future generations and even start your bucket list.

- Safe Beyond: allows you to securely leave messages and digital assets in virtual safes, and guarantee your presence at your loved ones future events
- The Digital Time Capsule: lets you send messages to exact moments in the future, from one minute up to 25 years"
- FINAL WISH: collect and share your life stories and more importantly how you would want to be remembered.
- EVERPLANS ("You're Not Immortal. Deal with it"): guides you through every step that needed to ensure all your final wishes are met

Leave Posthumous Messages Services

Numerous services enable you to set up email, text, or video messages (or even documents) to be sent after your death. Keep in mind these sorts of services might get out of business before you die, so it might be just as easy—and perhaps more fun—to record your own messages and videos on a smart device—and just insure they are properly stored and that a trusted friend knows what your wishes are for them.

- Afternote: secure digital online platform where you can leave important information behind about your life, funeral and legacy
- GhostMemo: send messages to your friends & family in case you die (or become unresponsive for any reason)
- MyGoodbyeMessage: send your words and emotions to your family and friends after you are no longer able to
- To Loved Ones: deliver your letters to your loved ones after you pass away
- SafeBeyond: securely leave messages and digital assets in virtual safes, and guarantee your presence at your loved ones future events

The Top 10 Online Memorial Websites
https://www.everplans.com/articles/the-top-10-online-memorial-websites

Find A Grave
https://www.findagrave.com

LAST LIST
https://www.lastlist.com

The Best Password Managers for 2020
https://www.pcmag.com/roundup/300318/the-best-password-managers

What will happen to my Facebook account if I pass away? (to determine now that you want your account closed upon death, or to designate a legacy contact)
https://www.facebook.com/help/103897939701143

The LIVING Wake
www.livewake.com