What is a Grenada Connection death announcement, and how do you write your own?

Key facts

- Grenada Connection (grenadianconnection.com) is a community website that publishes obituaries for the Caribbean island nation of Grenada and its diaspora, not for US residents (Grenadian Connection, checked 2026-09-20).
- A short paid death notice in a small local US newspaper often costs a few hundred dollars, while a longer notice in a major-metro paper can run well over $1,000, depending on length and whether a photo runs (Legacy.com Help Center, checked 2026-09-20).
- Placing an obituary online only, without a print edition, typically costs less: about $99 through Legacy.com's newspaper network (Legacy.com Help Center, checked 2026-09-20).
- New York's consumer protection office recommends leaving certain details out of a public death announcement, including the home address, birth date, and maiden or mother's maiden name, since scammers combine these with data already sold online to open credit in a deceased person's name (New York Department of State, Division of Consumer Protection, checked 2026-09-24).
- AARP warns that listing the date, time and location of a funeral service in a public announcement can tell burglars exactly when a home will sit empty (AARP, checked 2026-09-24).
- A funeral director usually reports a death to the Social Security Administration; a family member can also report it directly (USA.gov, checked 2026-09-24).
- Separately from a family's own announcement, many states require an executor to publish a formal legal "notice to creditors," and the deadline for creditors to respond runs anywhere from about three months to a year depending on the state (Nolo, checked 2026-09-17).

Printable checklist for a death announcement

- [ ] Called or visited the closest family and friends directly
- [ ] Confirmed name, city, date of death, and service status
- [ ] Decided where to publish: funeral home site, newspaper, Legacy.com or similar, social media
- [ ] Drafted a short, factual announcement
- [ ] Checked the newspaper's deadline and price
- [ ] Removed address, full birth date, maiden name and exact service address if posting publicly
- [ ] Agreed to verify any "balance owed" call by phoning the funeral home back directly
- [ ] Published the announcement
- [ ] Shared the link or a photo of the notice with extended family
- [ ] Saved a copy of the final text and outlet in the family's records