When Your Loved One Dies

Tissue and Eye Donation

The death of a family member is very difficult. Please accept our condolences on the loss of your loved one.

Within the next few hours, you may receive a call from a representative of Gift of Life Michigan or the Michigan Eye-Bank to discuss with you the gifts of tissue and eye donation. Or, you can contact us directly at 800.482.4881.

You and your family will continue to be in our thoughts.

While there is no cure for grief, you have the opportunity to look beyond your loss and give life and hope to others.

With our deepest sympathy,
Gift of Life Michigan
Michigan Eye-Bank
Tissue and Eye Donation: Gifts of Mobility and Sight

A tissue and cornea donor can improve the lives of up to 50 people. Donated bone can prevent amputation from bone cancer; donated skin helps burn victims heal faster; and corneas give sight to people who cannot see.

- Tissue donation should not interfere with having a funeral, including open-casket services. The body is treated with dignity and respect.
- There is no cost to the family for the donation of transplant gifts.
- Tissue donation may delay the release of the body to a funeral home by 12 to 24 hours or less.
- The Food and Drug Administration requires that a series of questions be asked about your loved one, similar to what is asked when you donate blood. This ensures that tissues can be safely transplanted into recipients.
- Gift of Life can provide you with the type of transplants and how many people were helped by your gift.
- The Michigan Eye-Bank offers you an opportunity to communicate with the recipient of your loved one’s corneas.