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Six weeks ago, I was introduced to an Australian man named Trevor.

Trevor is fit and well and in his early 70's. He lives alone in Bali. He is not married and his only family is an adult son in Australia. He doesn't own any real estate in Bali.

He wanted to discuss the steps he needed to take to do a will and to ensure that his wishes were followed and that his son received his assets.

I gave him copies of the paperwork this committee had compiled and he went off to decide what was relevant to him.

Two weeks later, I met him accidentally at the supermarket.

He told me he had almost completed his task but he said it was a huge job and it felt like he was grieving his own life.

He had met with a funeral director to discuss the legal requirements, costs and anything else he needed to know.

Trevor said it helped a lot.

He also told me, that he had met with a group of friends, all ex-pat men and asked them if they had made any preparations.

All of them said, "I never thought about it"

So, have the conversation with your friends and family. Think it through.

If it was difficult for Trevor, imagine how much harder it will be for your friends and heirs if you don't do this preparation.

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