

**THIS WEEK...**

1. Deceased social media accounts
2. Policies on the deceased online accounts
3. Samsung Galaxy S9

Did you know?

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What happens to your social media accounts when you die?

by **Norah Spie**

Among all the things we worry about 'when we die', social media is likely not to be on our top list. However, it is becoming a real issue. Have you have received an alert from Facebook saying its your friend's birthday and yet that friend passed on months ago? Or LinkedIn prompting you to wish a happy work anniversary to a connection who is no longer alive? And those uncomfortable 'RIP' messages people post on a deceased person's account! All these social ills have creeped up on us as we try to maintain morality in the modern day of technology take over.

Could Facebook be the new funeral? For many people, social media has become a platform to help cope with death; you can write touching tributes to the deceased, send comforting messages to their loved ones, and mourn with the rest of the community. But many of us don't realise that grieving online could actually be more harmful than helpful for the loved ones left behind. Many times, upon learning of the death of someone, without giving it any thought, one goes ahead and announces the death on social media. Now imagine, if you are a close relative and you get a notification via Twitter or Facebook that your loved one is no more.

Before posting something about a death on Facebook or another social media platform, take a moment to see if those closest to the deceased—either a spouse, parent, or child—have said anything online. If not, it would be courteous to wait until they do so.

Now, lets look at what to do with the deceased accounts... ↓

How to handle deceased people's online accounts

Policies and Steps to Take for managing a deceased user's accounts

by Elise Moreau, Livewire.com

Facebook

This popular platform has two standard options, plus a new legacy contact option that was recently introduced. First, you can choose to turn the user's account into a memorial page. Facebook will take extra measures to secure the account in order to protect the privacy of the deceased user. To have a user's account memorialised, a friend or family member must fill out and submit a Memorialisation Request. You must provide proof of the user's death, such as a link to an obituary or news article so that Facebook can investigate and then approve the request. The other option you have is to ask Facebook to close the account of the deceased user. Facebook will only accept this request from immediate family members, asking them to fill out a Special Request for Deceased Person's Account. Instagram uses the same policy.

Facebook recently introduced another feature to help manage memorialized profiles, called legacy contacts. Users can select a family member or friend on Facebook as their legacy contact, which gives them access to their profile when they die.

Google and Gmail

Google introduced Inactive Account Manager to help users plan their "digital afterlives," which anyone can use to tell Google what they want to be done with all their digital assets after they've been inactive for a specific period of time.

Twitter clearly states that it will not give you access to a deceased user's account regardless of your relationship to the user, but it will accept requests to deactivate the user's account from either an immediate family member or a person authorized to act on the behalf of the estate.

PayPal asks the estate executor to send a list of required information over by fax, including a cover letter for the request, a copy of the death certificate, a copy of the deceased user's legal documentation proving that the person making the request is authorized to act on behalf of them and a copy of photo identification of the estate executor. If approved, PayPal will close the account and issue a check in the account holder's name if any funds have been left in the account.

Planning ahead for how your digital assets are handled after you're gone has become just as important as all your other assets.



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Samsung Galaxy S9- sneak peek!

Details of the much anticipated S9 are starting to trickle in. Samsung has managed to keep everyone guessing and in anticipation.

Samsung sent email invites to journalists across the world to tune in on 25th February at 7pm (utc+2) to witness the launch of their new gadget. The invitation also offers a hint at some of the new capabilities coming to the latest entry in the flagship Galaxy S smartphone range.



“The Camera. Reimagined,” the invites tease, complete with a large number 9.

Samsung states the Galaxy S9 and Galaxy S9 Plus will be unveiled on 25th February 2018. Samsung is continuing its tradition of unveiling a new flagship phone in the days ahead of the Mobile World Congress event in Barcelona, Spain. MWC, which runs from Feb. 26 to March 1, is a crucial opportunity for brands to showcase their new phones for 2018, and Samsung will be its most important anchor by far. LG and Huawei have opted not to go head on with Samsung and will release their latest handsets way after the MWC. The Nokia brand, which has cryptically promised something "awesome" for the mobile show has since been silent.

The S9 will be expected to sell in millions with some people moving from iPhone to Samsung Galaxy for the first time in many years. The handset is likely to be only available for sale towards end of March or early April. This will be five months after Samsung launched the Note 8 and will increase the pressure on Apple's iPhone X. Samsung brags about its new three-stack Fast Readout Sensor (FRS) which will enable high-speed captures at Full High Definition resolution. Slow Motion is one of the headline features of the new smartphone. With its Isocell Fast, Samsung claims smartphone cameras will be able to record 1080p video footage at 480 fps.

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