



# SAILS

**Angel Ivy Burial/Cremation Grant**

### We Are Here For You

SAILS (Stillborn And Infant Loss Support) knows the heartbreak and emptiness you are feeling. We want you to know you are not alone during this unimaginable loss – one that no parent should ever have to endure. We understand and grieve alongside you.

In the coming days, weeks and months, we want to provide you with the comfort and support you'll need. Let us start by helping with funeral expenses for your baby.

Burial costs are one of the most requested needs that families name as a tangible way to help and enable them to begin their journey toward healing. We believe that every family should be able to act in accordance with their own cultures and traditions for their baby.

We want you to be able to honor and say goodbye to your baby but know the burden you carry in your heart is overwhelming. So to help ease any financial strain, SAILS wants to pay up to \$500 to the funeral home chosen by your family for the burial or cremation of your baby.

“There is no foot too small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world.”

- Author Unknown



The unexpected financial burden of a child's funeral/burial services makes what is already the greatest burden a parent can endure feel insurmountable, oftentimes leaving families making the difficult choice to deny what their heart desires and relinquish their child's body because they simply cannot afford private disposition services. This fund would allow families that desire a private burial/cremation, but who are under financial strain, the option to do so, thus making a choice that sits well with them and improving their sense of closure and future mental health.

- Amanda Meneses

### About the Angel Ivy Burial/Cremation Grant

The Angel Ivy Burial/Cremation Grant was established by Sadija A. Smiley in memory of her daughter, Ivyanna Salene, who was born sleeping at 36 weeks in 2003, in hopes of bringing comfort to families by allowing them to grieve without the stress of paying for their unexpected loss. The grant is funded by donations and 100% of the proceeds from the SAILS Annual Awareness Calendar.

### How to Apply

- + Fill out the form provided to you by the hospital representative
- + Return the completed form to the hospital

### Next Steps

The hospital will send the completed form to SAILS for review. Within 48 hours SAILS will appoint a representative to work with you, the hospital staff and funeral home of your choosing. The SAILS representative will verify your information and coordinate the donation (up to \$500) directly with the funeral home. SAILS will follow up with you at the following times to provide further support and resources: one month after, six months after and annually on the anniversary.

### What is SAILS?

SAILS was founded by Sadija A. Smiley in 2017, 14 years after the heartbreaking loss of her daughter, Ivyanna. Our mission is to provide a



platform of community, mentorship, education, and advocacy to families impacted by pregnancy loss or the death of a baby before their first birthday. We are

dedicated to raising awareness and creating a strong support network for families during their time of need. Ivyanna's name means heartbeat and, although she is no longer here physically, her heart beats on through Sadija and the SAILS mission.

### How can I help?

SAILS would not be able to provide families the support and relief needed without the kindness and generosity of others. Though you are under no obligation, your donations are always welcome and will provide continued support to families who have experienced the devastating loss of a newborn or infant. If you are able to, paying it forward can be one of the most beautiful and powerful expressions to honor your angel baby.

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A life  
need not  
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to be  
meaningful.

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– *Author Unknown*