

## 9 Ways to Effectively Find Obituaries in Online Newspapers

### Use Keywords in Your Search Criteria

Beloved  
Dear  
Loving  
Passed away  
Survived by  
Died  
Funeral  
In lieu of flowers  
Native of  
Devoted

### Continue Searching After Finding the First Obit

Sometimes they are amended after the first publication

### Obituaries in the Last 20 Years

Can be found generally online, so use your favorite search engine

### They Might Have Died Far From Home

So search both locations

### A Death Index is not an Obituary Index

Death Indexes do not (usually) have the newspaper title & date.

### Use Smart Browse techniques

Recognize that the Vital Statistics sections of many old newspapers were on the same page. So when browsing from day to day after the known death date, just go to the same page number from issue to issue

### Check Papers in Places They Lived Before

Obituaries are sometimes copied in other locations

### Use Obituary Indexes from Libraries and Societies

Find your ancestor in these indexes and then (Hopefully if the newspaper title and date are online) go to the issue and then to the Obituary section to get the obit.

### Visit The Ancestor Hunt at

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/obituaries.html> for obituary resources or <https://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html> for newspaper links