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shrine to your late mate will telegraph your sadness, and make guests feel sad, too. A home that has been appropriately edited and tailored to your life now will put guests at ease by telegraphing that you are adjusting.

Capture the essence. Rather than leave your late loved one's material presence all over the house, try to capture that person's spirit through a few small objects. For instance, if your partner was a gardener, baker, knitter or fisher, gather items that reflect those passions: a favorite trowel, a rolling pin, knitting needles or fishing flies. Then create a discreet vignette that represents the person and let the rest go.

For example, Patsios's dad was

a master tailor, and her mom was a seamstress. "I kept their thimbles," she said.

• Donate with purpose. The biggest impasse professional organizers run into is clients who say they don't know what to do with the stuff they should let go of.

"Part of that is emotional, but part is practical," Patsios said. They don't want to just throw something useful away. So she works to make sure items go to a cause clients feel good about: a church, a program for at-risk kids, an animal rescue. "When they know the items are being donated meaningfully, it softens the blow," she said.

When he's ready, Glockler will donate his wife's belongings to the hospice and hospital thrift stores she supported.

• Make choices now, while you're in control of your deci-

sions.

Leaving clear instructions about what you want done with your belongings later will spare your partner the headache and let you "move forward gracefully." Patsios said. "So after you're gone, they don't just pull a big Dumpster onto your driveway."

Of his wife's death, Glockler said, "It happened fast. We had no time to talk about what to do with this or that. I wish we had had more time." We all do.

Marni Jameson is the author of six home and lifestyle books, including "What to Do With Everything You Own to Leave the Legacy You Want," "Downsizing the Family Home – What to Save, What to Let Go" and "Downsizing the Blended Home – When Two Households Become One." You can reach her at www.marnijameson.com.



Here today — Nancy Patsios, professional organizer and owner of Sort it Out, in Boston, often works with clients to help them downsize after they've lost a partner. Photo courtesy of Anthony Houhoulis

Open HOUSES



127 Newcomer Rd, South Charleston
\$568,000

2:00-4:00 PM

Best of both worlds, quiet country yet convenient to South Ridge shops. Spacious and family-friendly with tons of storage and 2 garage areas. Neutral decor throughout. Amazing scenic views to enjoy the changing seasons. Large fenced backyard is fantastic for kids and pets. Owner loves the well-laid-out kitchen. First-floor master suite. Whole-home generator.

DIRECTIONS: Route 119 turn R on Childress Rd, R on Chestnut, L into Chestnut Ridge Subd..



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15 Lisa Circle, Winfield
\$419,900

2:00-4:00 PM

Quality built home designed for easy living. Amenities include: Chair lift in garage, pool lift for hot tub & beautiful deluxe hot tub, high-quality step-in tub & bidet in the master bathroom, extra parking pad. Brand new carpet on main floor & stairs, fresh paint throughout most of main floor, and an amazing sunroom! House is in wonderful condition & ready for a new owner!

DIRECTIONS: 817 North to Winfield. L at Speedway into Radwin Woods Subdv. R onto Lisa Circle. House on L.

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Hurricane, WV 25526



508 Hurricane Avenue, Hurricane
\$174,900

1:00-3:00 PM

Home in the heart of Hurricane! Freshly painted & carpets steam cleaned. Finished lower level, fenced yard, 3 BR, 1 Full & 2 Half baths, oversized 1 car garage and cul-de-sac location!

DIRECTIONS: Route 60 to Hurricane Middle School. Turn on to 5th Street (across from Middle School) and go two blocks. Turn left on Hurricane Avenue and follow to end. Last house on the left.

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