***Bell Atlantic Death Benefit***

A ***Death Benefit*** is available to those members that were on the Bell Atlantic payroll as of August 1986.

The benefit is over and above the ***Life Insurance*** that our members receive from the company.

The ***Life Insurance*** is one year’s salary at the time of your death or what the salary was when you retired. That benefit begins reducing yearly at the age of 65 and goes to half your salary at the age of 70. It does not reduce any more than 50% of the yearly salary at the time you retired.

The ***Death Benefit*** would also be a year’s salary, but no more than $39,000. That amount of money does not reduce with age. The company ***does not*** proactively inform our members of this benefit. It is very important that you call the Benefits Center at 877-489-2367 to ask if you qualify for this ***Death Benefit***. If you do qualify for this benefit, ask them to send you a certificate acknowledging this benefit for your records.

A family member has one (1) year from the time of your passing to collect this benefit. After one year the ***Death Benefit*** is lost. The beneficiary has to be a legally married spouse. The beneficiary can not be a domestic partner, child, etc.

Follow these directions.

Call the Benefits Center at 877-489-2367. Press the option for LIFE EVENTS then press the option to REPORT A DEATH. This is the only group that is trained on how to calculate your qualifications and determine the Death Benefit. They will send you a conformation.