

Deceased beneficiary scenarios

No one is ever prepared for the loss of a loved one. We realize this can be a stressful time for you and your family. When the time comes to involve a beneficiary—the person named to receive the proceeds or benefits in the event of the death of the insured—we’re here to help answer any questions you may have.

Below are four general scenarios that may come into play if the named beneficiary has passed away. Let’s meet two insureds and examine how the proceeds from their policies would be paid differently depending on the date of the beneficiary’s passing.

Mary Poe: Two primary beneficiaries



MARY POE

Mary is the insured on a \$10,000 life policy.



JOE SMITH

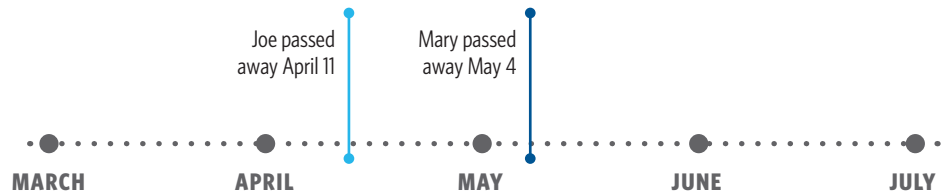
Joe is Mary’s partner and a primary beneficiary on 50% of Mary’s policy.



JESSIE POE

Jessie is Mary’s daughter and a primary beneficiary on 50% of Mary’s policy.

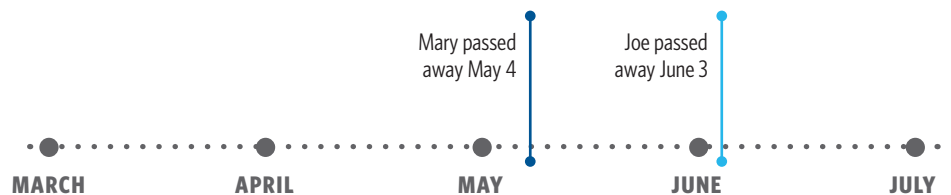
Scenario 1



Who is the true beneficiary?

In this instance, since Joe passed away *before* Mary, **Jessie would be the beneficiary for 100% of the proceeds on Mary’s life insurance policy.**

Scenario 2



Who is the true beneficiary?

In this instance, since Joe passed away *after* Mary, the proceeds on Mary’s life insurance policy would be split. **50% would go to Jessie and 50% would go to the Estate of Joe Smith.**

Ned Tom: One primary beneficiary and one contingent beneficiary



NED TOM

Ned is the insured on a \$10,000 life policy.



SAM CREW

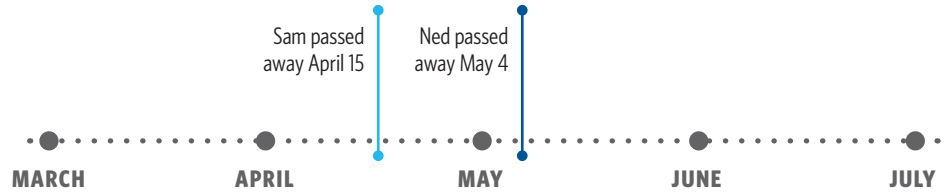
Sam is Ned's best friend and is the primary beneficiary on 100% of Ned's policy.



PAUL JONES

Paul is Ned's nephew and a contingent beneficiary on 100% of Ned's policy.

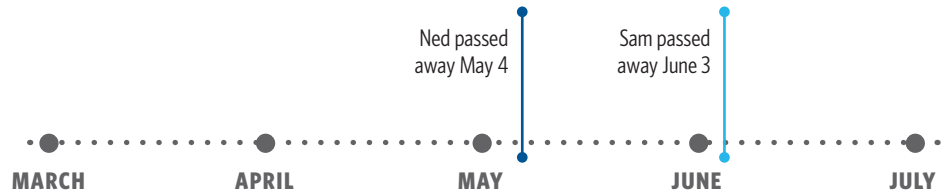
Scenario 1



Who is the true beneficiary?

In this instance, since Sam passed away *before* Ned, **100% of the proceeds on Ned's life insurance policy would go to Paul**, the contingent beneficiary on the policy.

Scenario 2



Who is the true beneficiary?

In this instance, since Sam passed away *after* Ned, **100% of the proceeds on Ned's life insurance policy would go to the Estate of Sam Crew**. Paul would not receive any proceeds from his uncle's life insurance policy.