Shomer To Honor Dead Person

A “watcher” (*shomer*) should stay with a dead body at all times until the burial, if possible, to honor the dead person. The watcher should be close enough to be able to see the body. A non-Jew may be a watcher, but only *b'di'avad*.

NOTE If the body is being shipped somewhere, it is preferable that a *shomer* stay with the body, but it is not required.

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