

Keeping Communication **Alive** When You're **Dead**

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The book cover features a light blue background with a subtle pattern of small bubbles. At the top, there are splashes of water. At the bottom, there are dark, flowing, hair-like strands. The author's name is at the top, the title is in the center, and the tagline is at the bottom.

LAURA MARSHALL

**Maria wants
to be friends.**

Friend Request

**But Maria is dead.
Isn't she?**

PRESENCE

Photography

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Radio

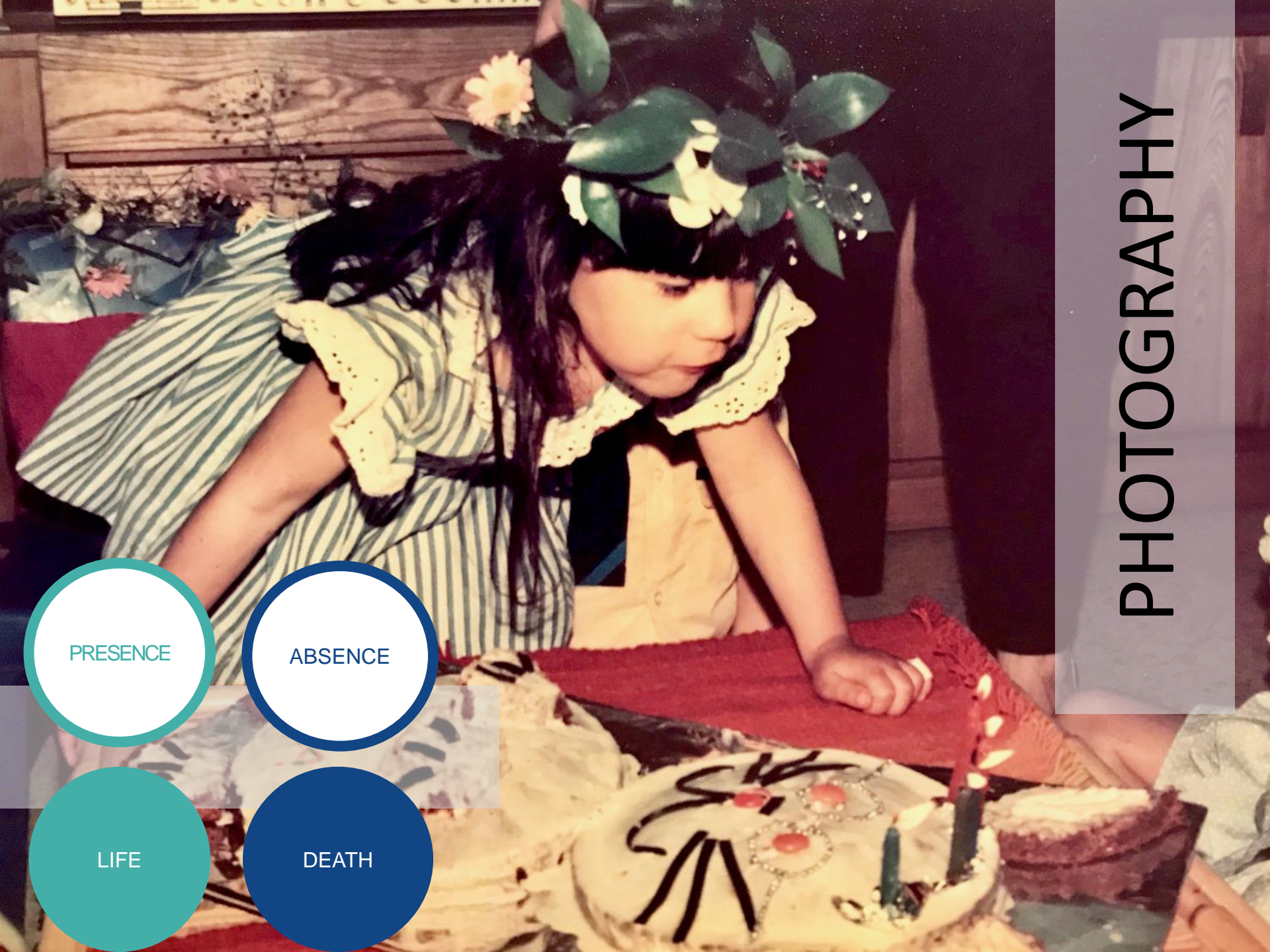
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Digital Media

DEATH



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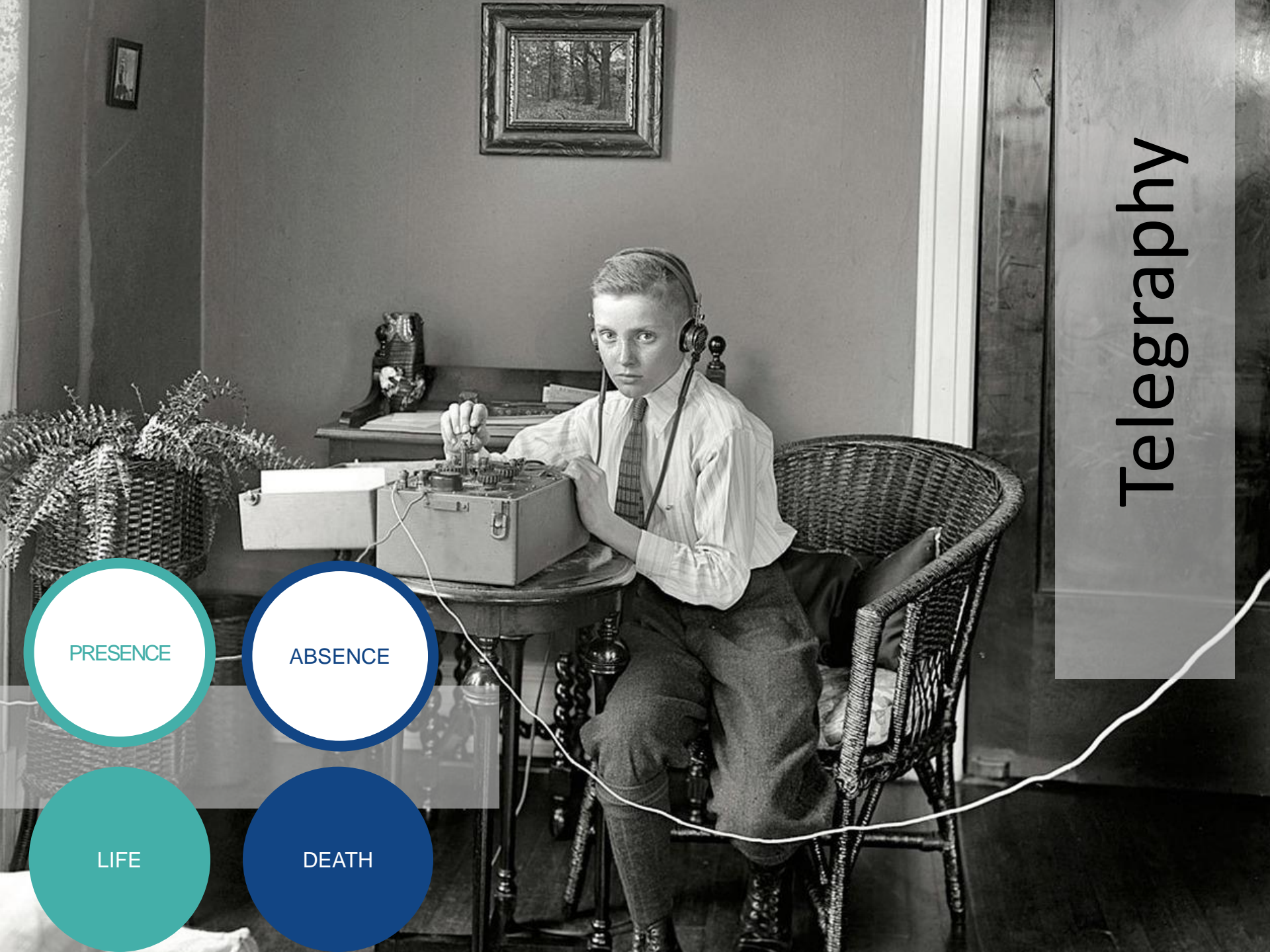
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Digital Media in Funerals

Virtual Funerals

Facebook Memorials

Memorial Websites

Webcam Transmission of
Funerals and Wakes

Bereavement Support
Groups Online

QR Codes
on

Grave Stones

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ONLINE



if i die.org



1

Administrative Closure

Services enable their users to manage their digital and mainly online assets post-mortem. Mediatization of the will.

2

Social Closure

Services enable users to create goodbye messages to be sent to specified recipients up to a year post-mortem.

3

On-going Communication

Services enable users to be continuously present online in the long term through either 1) creating several messages to be sent well into the future or 2) using AI creating digital avatars to interact in behalf of the deceased

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Bad things happen. Sometimes, they happen to you. If something **does** happen, you might wish there was something you had told the people around you. How you feel, what you regret, what you wish you had said. For this, you need a dead man's switch.

This is how this works. You write a few e-mails and choose the recipients. These emails are stored privately until they're sent. Your switch will email you every so often, asking you to show that you are fine by clicking a link. If something were to... *happen*... to you, your switch would then send the emails you wrote to the recipients you specified. Sort of an "electronic will", one could say.

The emails are sent at certain intervals. By default, the switch will email you 30, 45, and 52 days after you last showed signs of life. If you don't respond to any of those emails, all your messages will be sent 60 days after your last checkin. Of course, you can have your switch postpone its activation (if, for example, you'll be away for some time) by telling it to not try to contact you for a specified period of time. The service will resume normally after however many days have passed. In the default example, if you specify a delay of 10 days, the emails will be sent after 40, 55, and 62 days, while your messages will be sent after 70 days.

Right now, you can add up to 2 emails with up to 2 recipients each. [Upgrading your account](#) to premium allows you to add more messages. It will also allow you to set custom messaging intervals so Dead Man's Switch will notify you as often or as rarely as you like.

But nothing. That's it. Nothing to it. You can get started right now, just register using the following link:

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Your emotional life insurance

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- > Ensure easy access to all your digital assets
- > Secure your legacy forever

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

ETER9 is a social network that relies on Artificial Intelligence as a central element, and it's currently in the BETA stage. Even in your absence, the virtual beings will publish, comment and interact with you intelligently.



COUNTERPART

The Counterpart is your Virtual Self that will stay in the system and interact with the world just like you would if you were present. Your Counterpart will learn more with each action you take. The more you interact in the new social network, the more your Counterpart will learn!



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