

a week before, never less than a fortnight, preceding death according to traditional and actual practice. Death was preceded by a period of quietude. The quietude and stillness of the last days were associated with the physical condition of the body, and the silence of the last days was interpreted as a sign of the approaching end.

After the death of a person, the body was washed and dressed in white clothes. The body was then placed in a casket, which was closed and sealed with wax. The casket was then placed in a

grave or in a vault, and the grave was covered with earth. The grave was then marked with a stone.

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