

**§ 48-2-204. Death of a joint petitioner pending final decree.**

When spouses have petitioned jointly to adopt and one spouse dies before entry of a final decree, the adoption may nevertheless proceed in the names of both spouses. The name of the deceased spouse shall be entered as one of the adoptive parents on the new birth certificate prepared pursuant to Article 9 of this Chapter, and for purposes of inheritance, testate or intestate, the adoptee shall be treated as a child of the deceased. (1949, c. 300; 1995, c. 457, s. 2.)