How key documents may work together

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Revocable Living Trust: Created during lifetime to hold and manage assets, such as investment and banking accounts. Grantor, as Trustee, typically has total access and control. Owes income taxes at personal rates

Marital Trust: Testamentary, irrevocable trust created at death to provide spousal income. Included in surviving spouse's estate Family Trust: Testamentary, irrevocable trust created at death to shelter federal exemption and provide spousal income. Not included in surviving spouse's estate Pour over Will: Gathers individually owned, non-beneficiary assets and puts into trust

Beneficiary Designations

Durable Power of Attorney

Health Care Proxy

