



Life insurance keeps a business in the family

Ernesto “Peanut” Folks was the proud owner of an auto body repair shop, and **his plan was to one day pass along the business to his son, also named Ernesto.** Life insurance was never on Peanut’s radar until an insurance professional spoke to him about how it could help him protect the business and its 10 employees.

Downturns in the business would sometimes make it hard for Peanut to make his premium payment. **He considered dropping the policy but ultimately kept it in place.**

When Peanut was diagnosed with advanced-stage lung cancer, his doctors gave him just six months to live. The treatments that followed kept him away from work, and medical bills mounted.

Given his terminal diagnosis, a provision in his life insurance policy called an **accelerated death benefit—also known as living benefits—allowed him to access a portion of the money from that policy while he was still alive.** In the months before his death at age 49, Peanut was able to pay off his debts and turn the body shop over to his son, fulfilling his dream.

Talk to an insurance professional about how life insurance can protect your business and your legacy.

Ernesto Hines,
Peanut’s son

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