

Death

While polymorphed or shape changed

Unless the ability explicitly says so, the creature does not change form upon death.¹⁾

Whether a creature can be raised from the dead by *raise dead* or *resurrection* depends on its original form. For example, a human druid who died while [shape changed](#) into giant bat form could be raised, but an elven or half-orc who died while [polymorphed](#) into a human could not.²⁾ When the creature is raised, it will remain in the form it died in (including wounds and poison, as normal, unless the means used to raise state otherwise).

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Nowhere in the rules does it say this happens.

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Remember that elves and half-orcs can not be brought back by *raise dead* or *resurrection*, only a *rod of resurrection*, *wish*, or similar. See [Death](#) for more info.

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