

MARKERS & MEMORIALS

FLAT MARKERS . Flat or flush are usually made from granite or bronze and come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes. These lawn-level grave markers sit at the head or foot of the grave. Flat markers are set on a concrete foundation.

BEVEL MARKERS . A bevel marker, sometimes called a pillow marker because of the gently sloping angle of the face, is a raised marker that rests above the ground. The back of the a bevel marker is slightly higher than the front, making it more visible in a cemetery than a flat marker and can be finished with a wider variety of style and design options. Bevel markers are set on a concrete foundation.

SLANT MEMORIAL . A slant marker is usually 12 – 16 inches tall. While not tall enough to be considered an upright monument, a slanted grave marker has a wider base that slants towards the back presenting an upward profile that stands out in a cemetery because the granite is cut to sit at a steep angle. It can be placed on a solid granite base or, if permitted by the cemetery, installed directly on a poured concrete foundation.

UPRIGHT/TRADITIONAL MEMORIAL . Upright monuments are commonly referred to as headstones. They are upright monuments comprised of two parts, the upper, called the die, and the bottom or base. The die bears the inscription and can be chosen from wide array of granite types, sizes, shapes and finishes.

BENCHES . Engraved granite benches are a great way to remember and pay tribute to friends, loved ones or associates, fellow workers, classmates, or golf partners. They are available simply as memorial park benches, or as repositories for cremated remains.

COLUMBARIUM . Also referred to as a niche unit, a columbarium is a permanent structure with inbuilt spaces (niches) that house cremation urns.

BRONZE . As with granite cemetery monuments, bronze markers will last generations with almost no deterioration. Bronze memorials are made using custom molds and allow you to select a style and add your loved one's name, dates, and the design you choose. Bronze markers are often mounted on a granite base before it is installed at the cemetery.

PET MEMORIALS . Pets become loved members of a family and their passing often leave owners with a heavy heart. Honor their life with a special memorial. Choose from beautiful pet memorial stones, grave markers, plaques, cremation urns, and other unique pet memorial items.

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ENGRAVING/INSCRIPTIONS . Engraving is one of the most common procedures used to produce lettering, symbols, and images for designing cemetery stones. It's a process that involves creating artworks or cutting different design patterns into granite headstones. Gofus Memorials offers final date inscriptions, as well as, custom engraving on cemetery memorials.

FINAL DATE SCROLLS . Gofus Memorials offers final date scrolls for bronze plaques and markers, as well as crypt, niche and monument plates.

MEMORIAL CLEANING . Soiling and staining of cemetery gravestones, monuments, markers, and statuary can result from soil splashing, pollution, rusting bolts or other metal features, bird deposits, and berries or sap dropping onto the stone. Biological growth, such as algae, lichen, or moss, can cover the surface, cause the stone to decay, and make reading the stone difficult. Gofus Memorials offers both cleaning and memorial restoration services.

SINGLE MEMORIAL . Memorial is for one person and goes on a single grave.

COMPANION MEMORIAL . Two person memorial which goes over a single or double grave.

FOUNDATION . A slab, of concrete or granite, that serves as a structural foundation on which a grave marker or memorial is placed.

POLISHED SIDES . After granite blocks are quarried, they are sawn into slabs of the desired thickness. The sawn surfaces are then polished until the final shiny finish is achieved with a buffing process that uses an extremely fine abrasive. Most monuments have at least some polished areas. A polish 2 means that the front and back of the memorial is polished. A polish 3 means that the front, back and top of the memorial are polished. A polish 5 memorial has all sides polished. We typically recommend a polish 3 for most headstones.

SHAPE CARVED . Done by sandblasting, the outline of the design is cut into the surface and the interior elements are shaped by hollowing out certain areas to create a relief look to the design. Shape carving is generally used for flowers and the leaves of plants and trees.

FLAT CARVED . Also done by sandblasting, but as the name infers, no hollowing or shaping is done when flat carving. The outline and some features are cut directly into the surface to reveal the design or flower in one dimension.



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