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MEMORIAL PLANNING GUIDE



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GUIDING FAMILIES THROUGH MEMORIALIZATION

We understand that selecting a monument or memorial is a deeply personal decision, and our goal is to make the process thoughtful, comfortable, and straightforward.

Our memorialization offerings include:

- Granite Memorials
- Bronze Memorials
- Mausoleums
- Memorial Benches
- Cemetery Lettering & Inscriptions

Whether your family is creating a new memorial, adding lettering to an existing monument, or planning a family mausoleum, we are honored to guide you through the memorialization process with the same care and dedication families have trusted us with for generations.

OUR HISTORY & CRAFTMANSHIP

Our experience in granite fabrication dates back to 1905, when our original factory operated in what is now known as the Hunts Point Market in New York City. After the City of New York acquired the original property through eminent domain, our family continued its commitment to memorial craftsmanship by establishing a new factory on Bassett Avenue in 1962.

Since then, our operations have continued to grow. We have expanded into neighboring buildings, strengthened our manufacturing capabilities, and built a trusted facility serving both families and wholesale partners throughout the memorial industry.

Today, our office support team, graphic designers, project coordinators, and skilled granite artisans work together under one roof. This close collaboration allows us to manage each memorial with care, accuracy, and efficiency — from the first design concept to the final details of fabrication.

As a Rock of Ages Authorized Dealer, we are proud to offer families and dealers access to some of the finest granite materials available in the memorial industry. This relationship reflects our continued commitment to quality, durability, and trusted craftsmanship.

While our tools, technology, and facility have evolved over the years, our commitment remains the same: to produce lasting memorials with exceptional craftsmanship, dependable service, and the highest level of care.

SIZES AND SHAPES ALLOWED

Every cemetery has its own rules and regulations regarding the sizes, shapes and types of memorials permitted on plots within the cemetery. In many cases, these guidelines can also vary from section to section within the same cemetery.

At Domenick DeNigris we understand that these requirements can sometimes feel confusing or overwhelming. As part of our memorialization process, we guide families through this process by verifying cemetery regulations and helping determine which memorial options are permitted for your loved one's plot.

Memorial options may include:

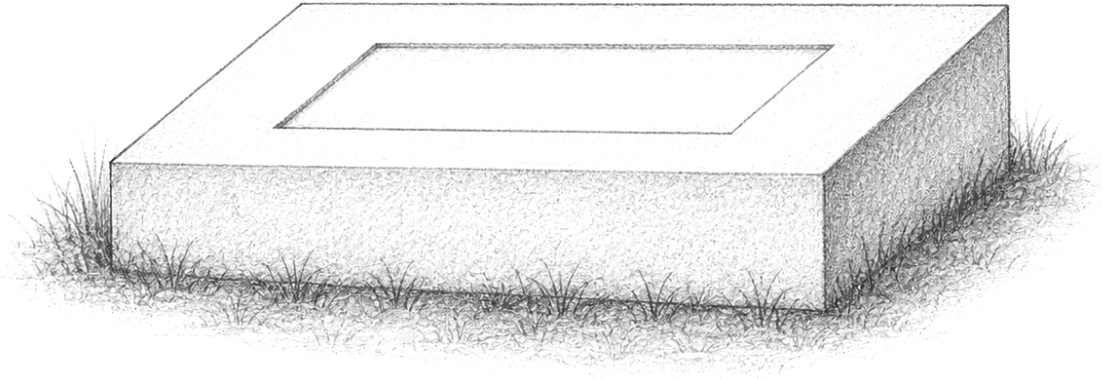
- Flat Markers
- Bronze Plaques
- Hickey Markers
- Slant Markers
- Upright Memorials
- Cremation Memorials
- Private Mausoleums & Family Estates

If you are unsure what is allowed at your cemetery, our team will work directly with the cemetery whenever possible to help confirm all applicable rules and requirements.

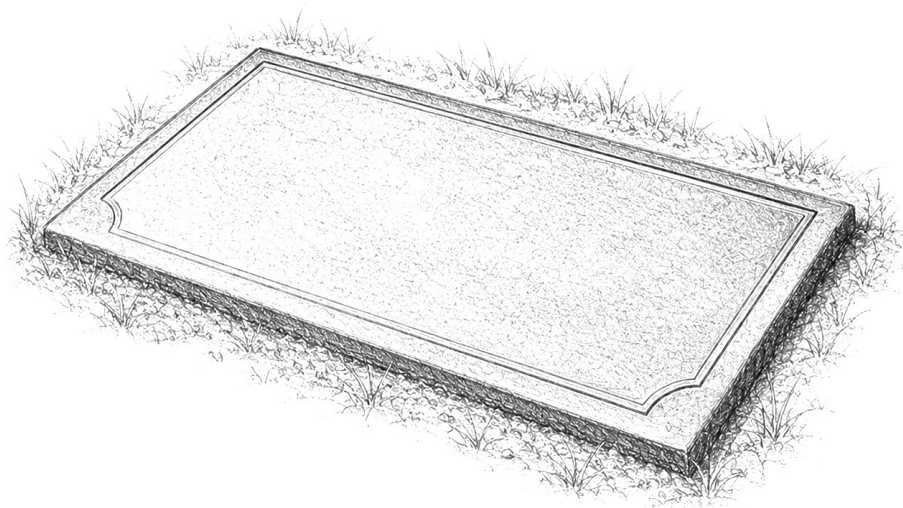
The following information is extremely helpful when beginning the memorial process:

- Cemetery deed or ownership documents
- Name(s) and date(s) of decedent(s)
- Cemetery section, plot, and grave information

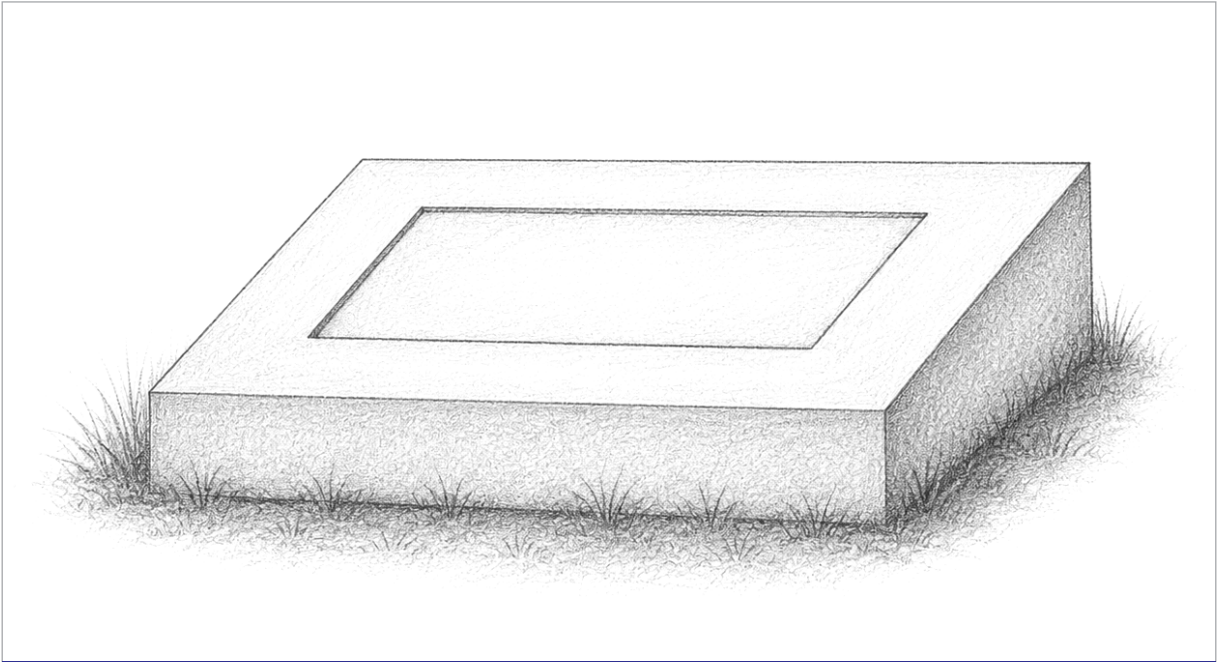
Please bring cemetery documents and deeds when visiting with our team.



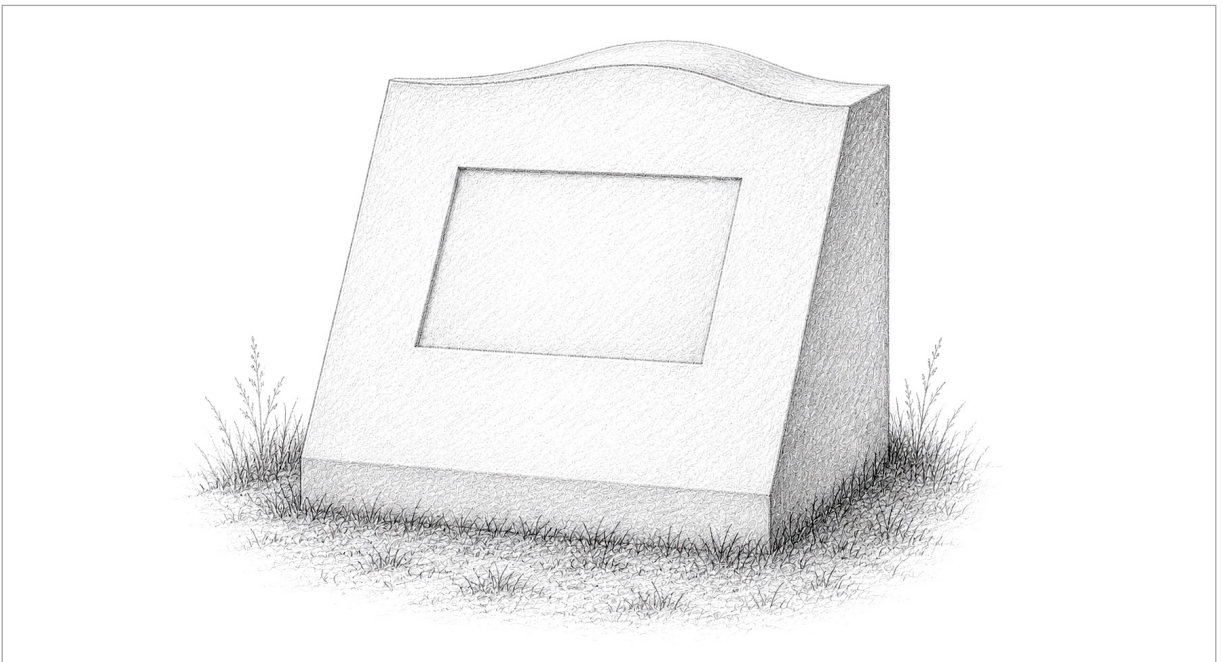
Flat Markers



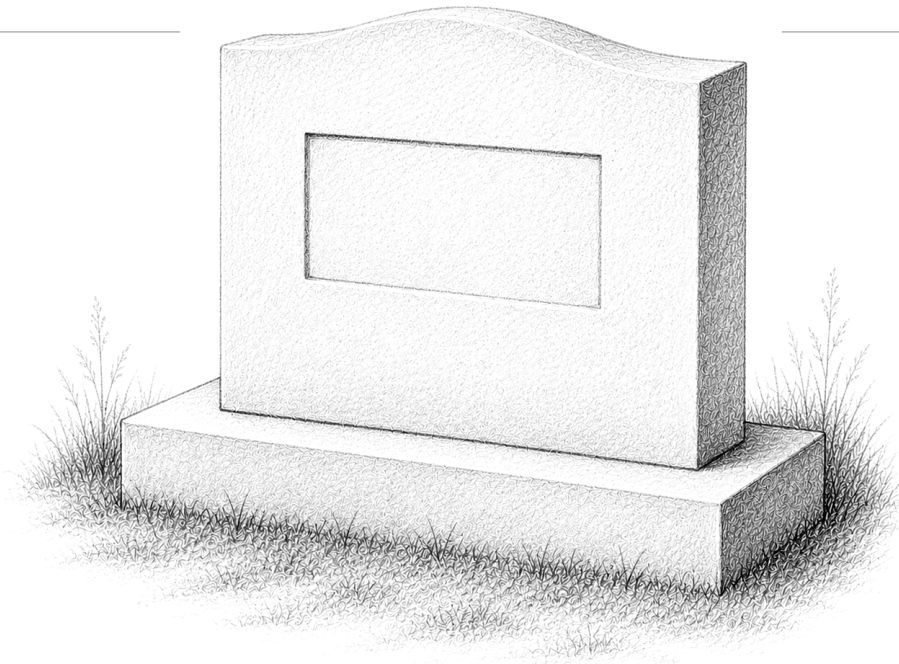
Bronze Plaques



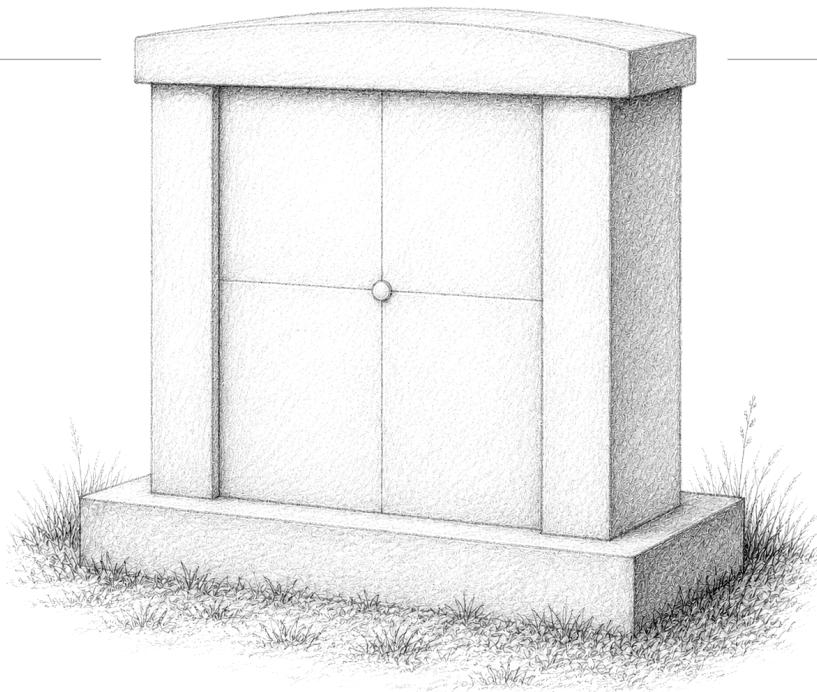
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Upright Memorials



Cremation Memorials

GRANITE COLORS

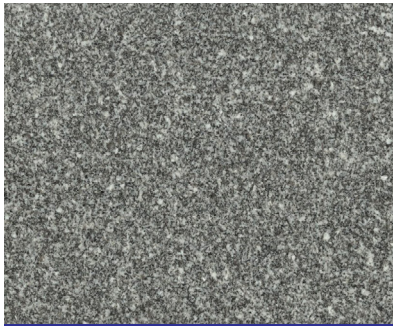
Granite is one of the most durable and beautiful materials available for memorialization, valued for its strength, longevity, and natural beauty. Available in a wide range of colors and characteristics, granite allows families to create a memorial that is both personal and enduring.

Each granite color offers its own unique appearance, ranging from traditional gray granites to warmer earth tones and contemporary black granites. Whether your family prefers a classic, elegant design or something more personalized, our team is here to help guide you through the available options.

Because granite is a natural stone, variations in color, veining, grain, and movement are to be expected.

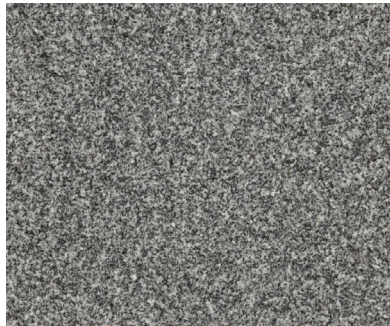
These natural characteristics are part of what makes every memorial truly one of a kind.

As a Rock of Ages Authorized Dealer we proudly offer premium granite selections recognized throughout the memorial industry for their exceptional quality, consistency, and long-term durability. In addition to domestic granites, we also maintain established relationships with overseas suppliers, allowing families access to distinctive and unique granite colors that may be difficult to find elsewhere.



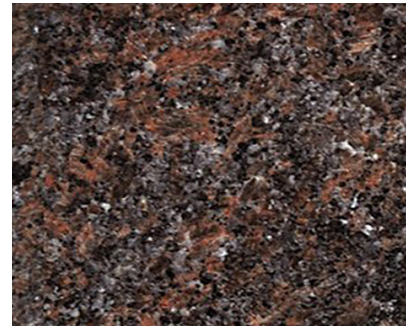
Barre Gray

A classic American gray granite with a soft, even tone and consistent fine grain. Its traditional appearance makes it a timeless choice for enduring memorials.



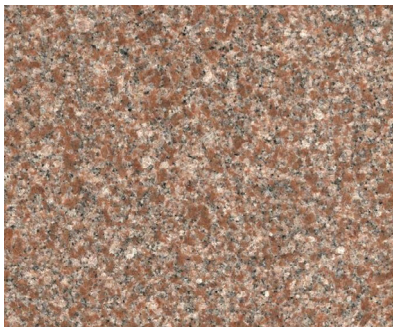
Dark Barre Gray

A deeper gray granite with a darker appearance and subtle natural movement. It offers a refined, understated look while maintaining a classic memorial style.



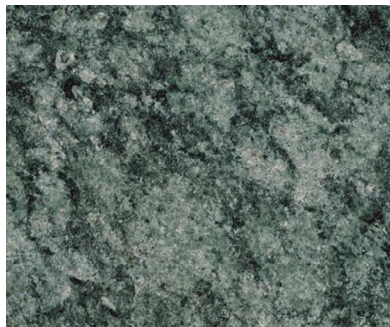
Indian Mahogany

A warm, earthy granite with deep brown, burgundy, and mahogany tones. Its flowing movement creates a richly textured appearance with natural depth and character.



Light Pink

Also known as North American Pink, this granite features soft pink and flesh-toned coloring with subtle speckling. It offers a gentle, warm, and graceful appearance.



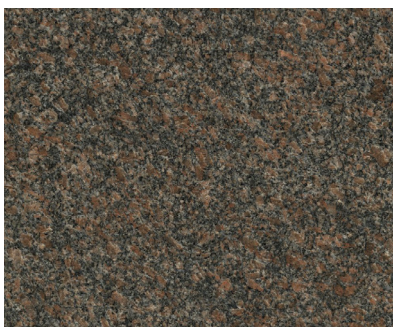
Olive Green

A distinctive green granite with olive, gray, with earth-toned flowing movement throughout the stone. Its natural variation creates a unique and timeless memorial appearance.



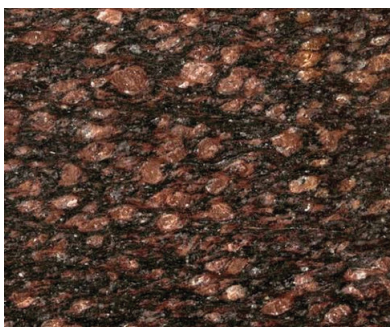
Bahama Blue

A striking granite with blue, lavender, gray, and navy tones blended in natural waves. Its rich coloring creates a refined, contemporary look with beautiful depth.



Canadian Mahogany

A warm reddish-brown granite with rich mahogany coloring and natural movement. Its deep tones create a strong, distinguished, and elegant memorial appearance.



Cats Eye

A dramatic granite with deep black coloring accented by flowing bronze, gold, and copper-toned movement. Its bold pattern creates a highly distinctive memorial.



Evergreen

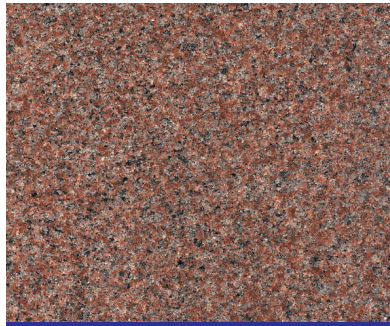
A distinctive green granite with deep forest tones, subtle dark movement, and natural mineral character. Its rich coloring creates a timeless, traditional, and elegant memorial appearance.

GRANITE COLORS



Impala Black

A refined dark granite with charcoal, gray, and black crystalline movement. It offers a softer alternative to Jet Black while maintaining an elegant appearance.



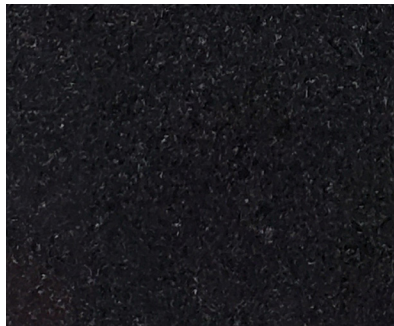
Imperial Pink

A beautiful pink granite with warm rose tones and natural dark speckling throughout. Its soft coloring creates a graceful, uplifting, and timeless memorial design.



India Red

A rich red granite known for its bold color, strength, and lasting beauty. Its deep tone creates a warm, distinguished, and highly recognizable tribute.



Jet Black

A premium black granite known for its deep, uninterrupted color and high polish. It is ideal for detailed etchings, portraits, and high-contrast artwork.



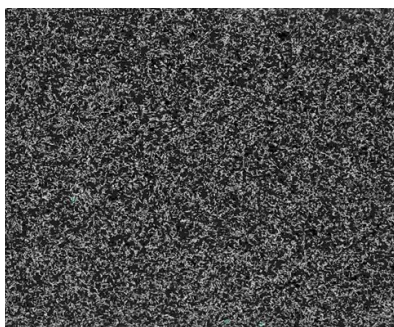
Paradiso

A unique granite with flowing waves of purple, gray, burgundy, and earth tones. Its natural movement creates an artistic, expressive, and highly personal appearance.



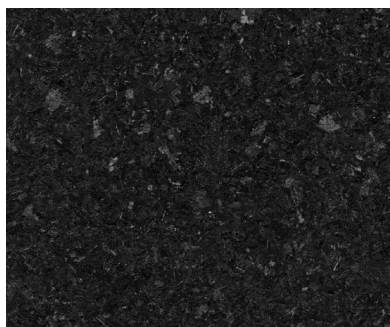
Red Multi

A vibrant granite featuring red, black, gray, and earth-toned movement. Its bold, wavy pattern creates warmth, character, and strong visual interest.



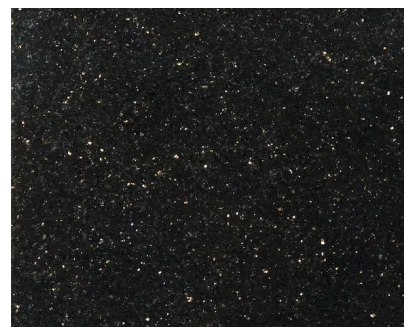
Regal Black

A refined black granite with uniform black and gray speckling throughout the stone. Its consistent pattern creates an elegant, balanced appearance for traditional or contemporary memorial designs.



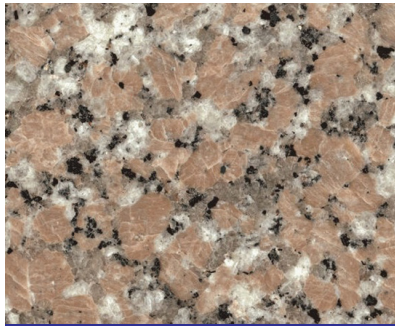
Cambrian Black

A sophisticated dark granite with subtle charcoal, black, and mineral movement. Its refined appearance works beautifully for polished memorials, lettering, and artwork.



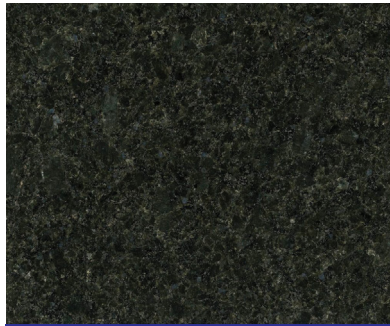
Galaxy Black

A deep black granite accented with small gold-like reflective flecks. Its polished surface creates a dramatic appearance and pairs beautifully with gold leafing.



Kershaw Pink

A soft pink granite with warm rose coloring, gray undertones, and darker mineral speckling. Its traditional beauty creates a gentle and graceful memorial.



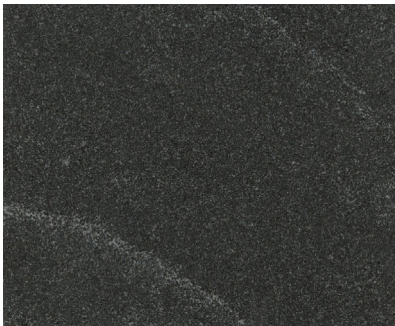
Laurentian Green

A deep green granite with rich natural movement, flaking, and subtle contrast. Coloring may range from grass green to darker pine green tones.



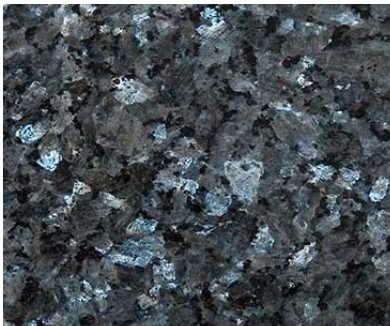
Royal Emerald

A striking green granite with bold color, depth, and natural movement. Its dramatic appearance creates a memorable memorial with elegance and individuality.



Wavy Black

A dark granite with unpredictable flowing movement in black, gray, and charcoal tones. Its natural pattern creates a modern, artistic, and distinctive appearance.



Blue Pearl

A premium granite known for shimmering blue, silver, and gray reflective crystals. Its polished surface creates a refined, luminous, and highly distinctive memorial.



Emerald Pearl

A premium granite with emerald green, blue, and silver reflective crystals. Its natural hues create a bold, elegant, and memorable appearance.



White Cherokee Marble

A soft white marble with gentle gray veining and classic natural movement. Its graceful appearance offers timeless beauty with a traditional memorial character.

GRANITE FINISHES

Polished Finish

A polished finish presents the granite in a smooth, reflective, and lustrous fashion while enhancing the depth and richness of the stone's natural color. In addition to its elegant appearance, polished granite inherently provides an added layer of surface protection, making it easier to clean and maintain over time. Lettering and artwork also tend to stand out more prominently on polished surfaces.

Unpolished / Smooth Finish

An unpolished or smooth finish offers a matte like appearance which is a softer and more understated appearance. While the surface remains smooth and flat, it does not have the reflective shine of polished granite. Many families appreciate the timeless and traditional character that a matte finish provides.

Rock Pitched Finish

A rock pitched finish is a hand-tooled, textured edge treatment designed to give the memorial a more natural and rustic appearance. This finish creates the look of rough-cut stone and is often used on the sides or top of a memorial to add depth, contrast, and character.

How to Select Finishes?

The front and back surfaces of a memorial can typically be crafted with either a polished or unpolished finish, while the sides and top may be polished, unpolished, or rock pitched depending on the desired appearance.

For memorial components that sit close to the ground — such as bases — we often recommend a rock pitched finish. The textured surface can help disguise minor chips, scratches, and wear that may occur over time from lawn equipment and routine cemetery maintenance.

While finish selection is primarily an aesthetic decision, polished surfaces are generally easier to clean and maintain throughout the years due to their smooth, protective surface.

POLISHED BORDER



- 1 POLISHED
- 2 UNPOLISHED / SMOOTH
- 3 ROCK PITCHED

UNLIMITED LETTERING AND SANDBLASTED ARTWORK

Every memorial tells a story. Through personalized lettering, artwork, and custom design elements, families have the opportunity to create a tribute that beautifully reflects the life, personality, faith, interests, and legacy of their loved one.

Using a process known as sandblasting, skilled craftsmen permanently carve lettering and artwork directly into the granite surface. This process allows for exceptional detail, precision, and durability, ensuring the memorial's design will endure for generations to come.

Sandblasted designs may include:

- Religious symbols and emblems
- Flowers and nature scenes
- Personal items that belonged to your loved one
- Hobbies, professions, and personal interests
- Handwriting reproductions

Families are welcome to provide photographs, sketches, ideas, or inspiration images during the design process. Our team will work closely with you to create a meaningful and personalized memorial design that honors your loved one in a unique and lasting way.

Unlike many memorial providers, our memorial pricing includes all standard lettering and sandblasted artwork. We believe families should have the freedom to personalize a memorial without worrying about unexpected charges for meaningful details and customization.

How Sandblasting Works?

After the memorial design is approved, a stencil is carefully prepared and applied to the granite surface. High-pressure air and abrasive material are then used to carve the lettering and artwork directly into the stone itself. Depending on the selected finish and design style, the carved areas may remain natural, painted, or highlighted to create additional contrast and visibility.

This time-tested craftsmanship allows for elegant personalization while maintaining the strength, beauty, and durability granite memorials are known for.



GRANITE ETCHINGS

Granite etchings offer families the opportunity to create deeply personal and visually striking memorials using detailed engraved artwork and photographs permanently etched into the granite surface.

Granite etchings are recommended primarily on polished Jet Black granite, as the deep, uninterrupted black coloring provides the highest level of contrast and detail. While etchings can also be successfully created on darker granites such as India Red, Cats Eye, Bahama Blue, Cambrian Black, and Impala, the finest detail and overall visibility are typically achieved on Jet Black granite.

The three most common types of granite etchings are:

- Portrait Etchings
- Saints & Angels
- Custom Scenes

Portrait Etchings

Portrait etchings are created using photographs provided by the family and allow a loved one's image to be permanently memorialized directly on the granite itself.



Saint & Angels

Families are welcome to provide photos or inspiration images of the angel, saint, or religious figure they would like featured on the memorial. Our etching team uses these references to create a detailed and accurate granite etching that beautifully reflects the family's vision.



Custom Scenes

Families are also welcome to provide photos or inspiration images for custom scene etchings. Our etching team can use these references to create meaningful artwork that reflects a loved one's favorite places, hobbies, memories, or special moments in a beautifully detailed granite etching.



PORCELAIN PORTRAITS AND EMBLEMS

Porcelain memorial pieces provide families with a beautiful and lasting way to personalize a memorial with meaningful imagery. Specially designed for outdoor cemetery conditions, these high-quality porcelain pieces are created to withstand the elements while preserving important memories for generations to come.

There are two primary types of porcelain memorial pieces:

- Porcelain Emblems
- Porcelain Portraits

Porcelain Emblems

Porcelain pieces can also be created using logos, emblems, religious symbols, military insignias, organizations, hobbies, and other meaningful artwork. These custom pieces are a wonderful way to reflect a loved one's personality, faith, accomplishments, service, or passions.

Our team will work closely with your family to help select the appropriate sizing, placement, and style to ensure the memorial remains timeless, tasteful, and deeply personal.



Porcelain Portraits

Porcelain photographs allow families to permanently memorialize images of their loved ones directly on the memorial. Using a family-provided photograph, these pieces are available in a variety of sizes and shapes, including traditional oval styles as well as heart-shaped and rectangular shaped options. Our in-house designer can also make thoughtful edits to the photo when needed, such as removing the background, cropping the image, improving clarity, enhancing the color of older photos, and even using AI technology to help restore or recreate missing elements when appropriate.



HAND CARVED MEMORIAL ARTWORK & CUSTOM SHAPED MEMORIALS

Hand carved artwork offers a timeless and elegant way to create truly distinctive memorials. Using traditional stone carving techniques, skilled craftsmen carefully shape and carve detailed artwork directly into the granite, adding depth, character, and artistry that cannot be replicated through standard manufacturing methods.

Hand carvings are most commonly used for:

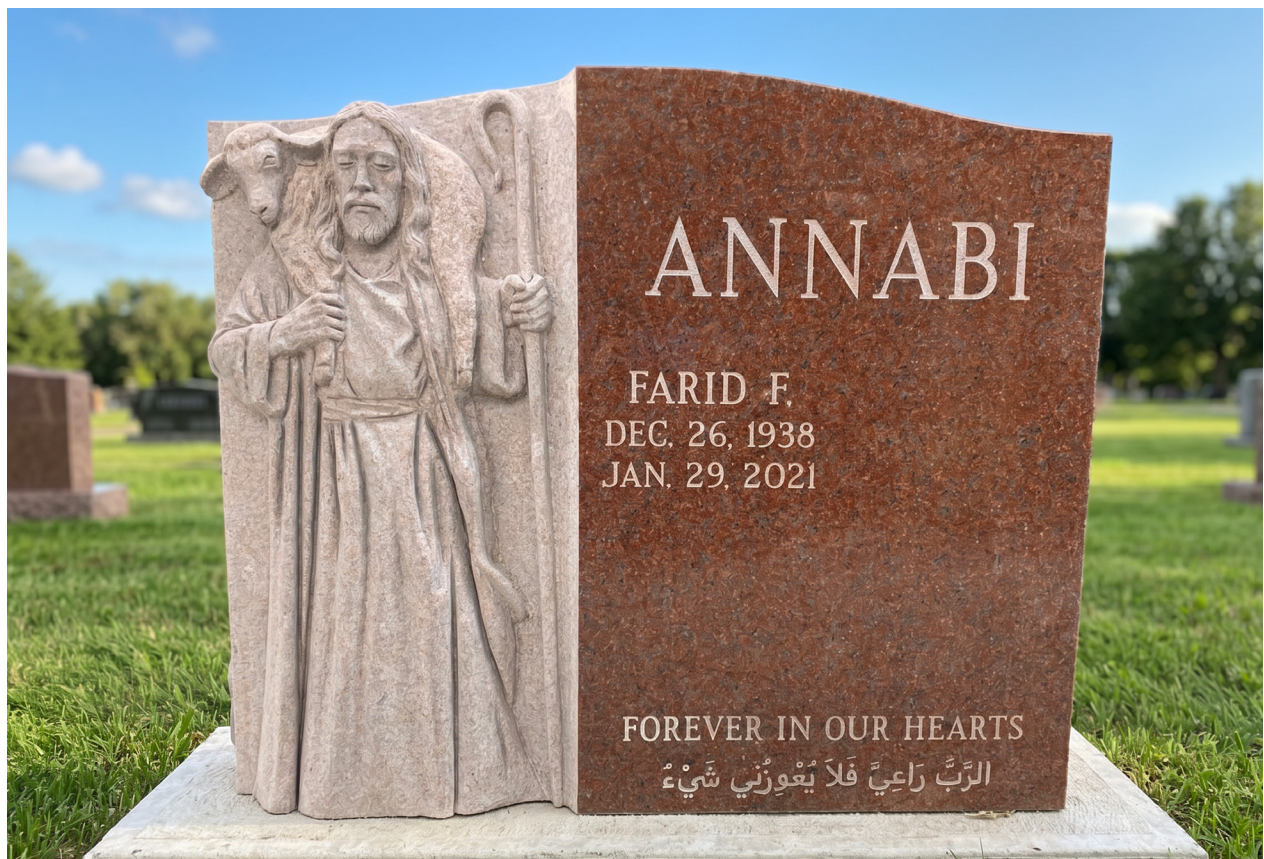
- Saints and religious figures
- Angels and cherubs
- Floral and decorative artwork
- Custom carved shapes and accents

For families seeking a more unique and personalized memorial, custom shaped memorials and specialty carved elements can also be incorporated into the design process.

Because each carving is completed by hand, these memorials require a tremendous amount of time, patience, and craftsmanship. Skilled artisans may spend many hours — and in some cases several days — carefully shaping fine details, textures, facial expressions, and dimensional elements within the granite itself. This meticulous process creates a level of depth and artistry that makes every hand carved memorial truly one of a kind.

The result is a meaningful and visually striking tribute that reflects exceptional craftsmanship while beautifully honoring the life and memory of a loved one.





GOLD LEAFING

Gold leafing is a traditional memorial enhancement technique that adds elegance, warmth, and distinction to lettering and artwork. Using genuine gold leaf, skilled craftsmen carefully apply delicate sheets of real gold by hand into recessed lettering and design elements within the granite. This centuries-old process creates a rich and striking appearance that beautifully highlights names, dates, religious symbols, and decorative artwork.

Unlike gold paint, genuine gold leaf provides the authentic brilliance, depth, and reflective beauty that people have long admired and associated with real gold. The result is a timeless and sophisticated appearance that cannot be replicated through painted finishes alone.

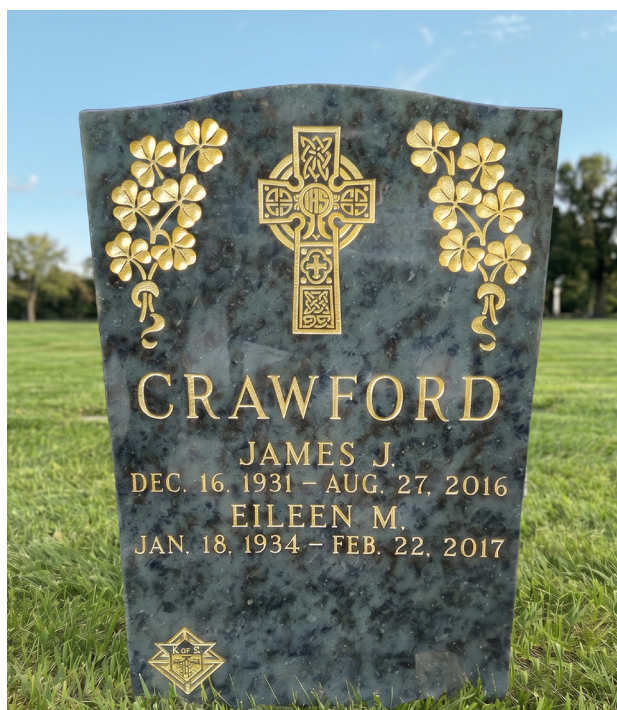
Gold leafing is often used to accent:

- Names and inscriptions
- Crosses and religious symbols
- Floral artwork and decorative borders
- Emblems, flags, and specialty designs

Because gold leafing is completed entirely by hand, it requires tremendous patience, precision, and craftsmanship. Each individual letter and design element must be carefully prepared before the gold is delicately applied, creating a finished memorial that is both elegant and enduring.

Whether used subtly or as a bold design feature, gold leafing adds a level of beauty, personalization, and timeless character that allows a memorial to truly stand apart.





THE MEMORIAL PROCESS

Creating a meaningful memorial is a thoughtful process that involves careful planning, design, craftsmanship, and coordination with the cemetery. Our goal is to make this experience as smooth, clear, and comfortable as possible for every family we serve.

Below is an overview of the typical steps involved before a memorial can be delivered and installed at the cemetery.

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
Memorial Selection & Order Placement	Computer Design & Family Approval	Cemetery Application & Approval
Families work with our team to select the memorial style, granite color, design elements, lettering, artwork, and personalization options that best honor their loved one.	A detailed computer rendering will be created for the family's review and approval. This comprehensive drawing will illustrate the memorial's size, shape, lettering, artwork, etchings, and other design details so families can clearly visualize the finished memorial before production begins.	Once the design has been approved by the family, all required cemetery paperwork and applications are submitted to the cemetery for review. This process often includes cemetery permits, foundation fees, and approval of the memorial design and specifications.

**STEP
4****Memorial
Manufacturing**

After cemetery approval has been received, the memorial enters the manufacturing phase. Skilled craftsmen begin the fabrication process, which may include cutting, polishing, sandblasting, etching, hand carving, gold leafing, and other custom design work depending on the memorial selected.

**STEP
5****Foundation, Delivery
& Installation**

Before installation can take place, the cemetery must complete the foundation work required for the memorial. Once notification is received from the cemetery, the memorial is professionally delivered and installed.

Throughout every step of the process, our team remains available to answer questions, provide updates, and help guide families through the memorialization journey with care and professionalism.

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS: ADDING LETTERING TO EXISTING MEMORIALS

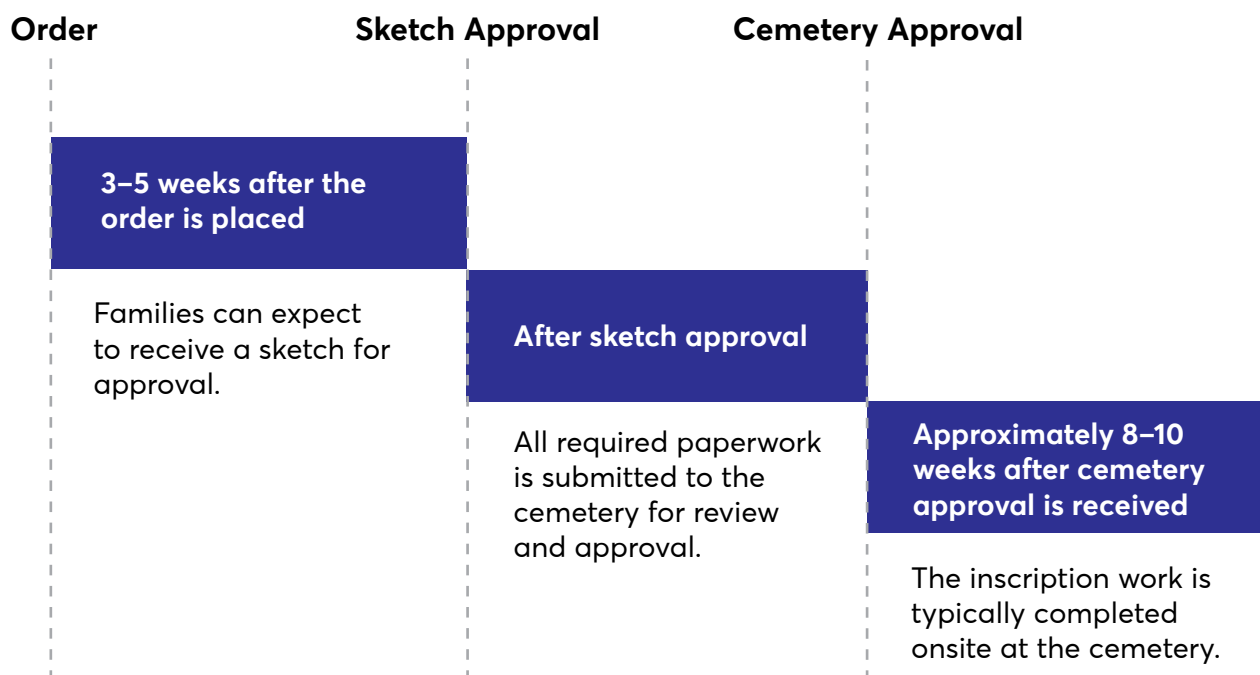
For families who already have a memorial at the cemetery, additional lettering can be added with care, precision, and respect for the original design of the memorial.

The process begins with our team visiting the gravesite to document the existing memorial by capturing detailed photographs, measurements, and a blueprint of the current lettering and layout. This allows us to carefully match the existing font styles, lettering sizes, spacing, and overall appearance so the new inscription blends naturally with the original memorial.

Before any work begins, a detailed sketch will be prepared for your review and approval. Our team will also complete all required cemetery filings, permits, and affidavits necessary for the inscription process.

In most cases, all lettering is completed directly at the cemetery, meaning the memorial does not leave the gravesite during the inscription process.

Inscription Process Timeline



Before

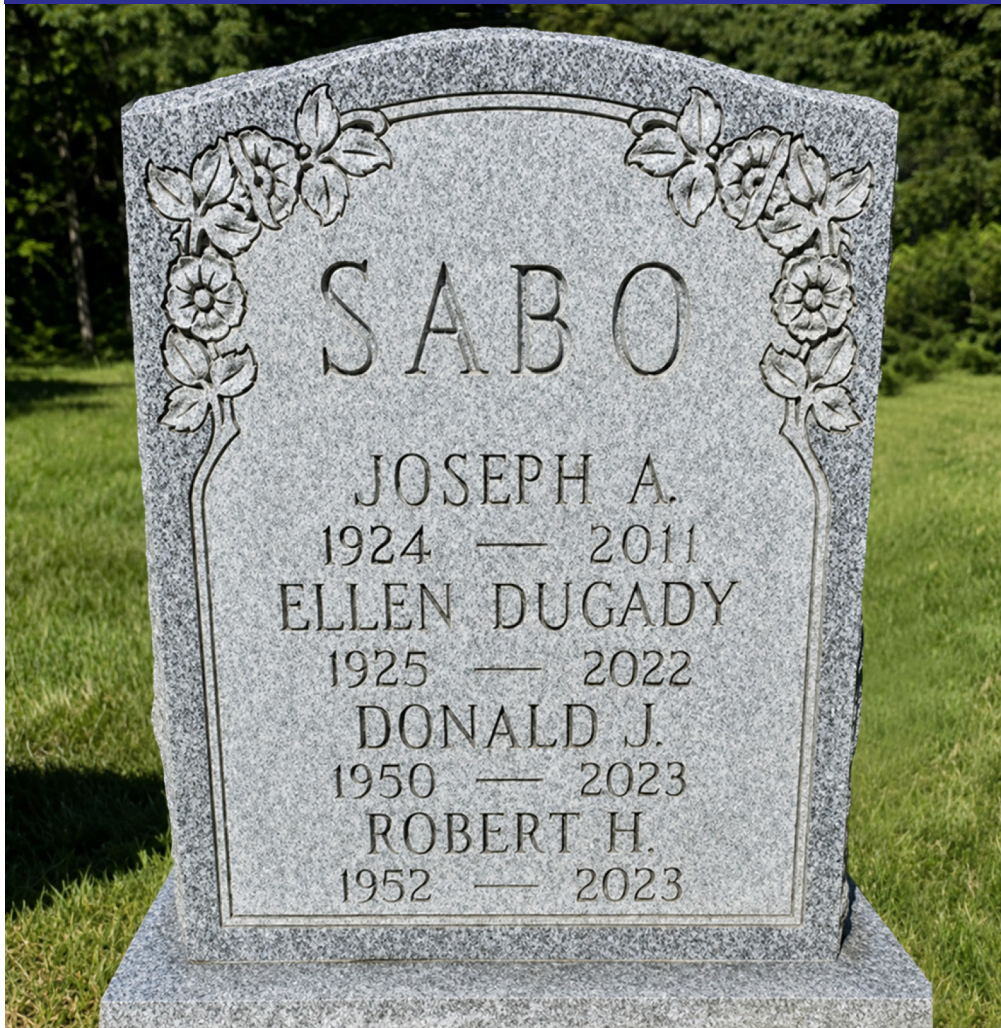


Sketch Process

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■ Existing
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After



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