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Funeral Service



Memorials Lasting Tributes

Should it be your wish to commemorate a loved one by means of a permanent visual memorial our own experienced monumental craftsmen would be pleased to assist and advise you with your choice of design



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A Lasting Tribute

The departure of a loved one leaves relatives with the task of choosing a suitable Memorial as a lasting tribute. The Memorial you choose will honour their life, marking their grave as a part of history and as a memory of past events, personality, accomplishments and beliefs.

Selecting a suitable Memorial is a difficult and emotional decision. We shall be happy to provide you with the caring help, guidance and advice that you will need at this difficult time. Whilst there is almost no limit

as to the type of Memorial that can be created for you, almost all Cemetery and Churchyard Authorities have regulations as to the types of memorials that they will allow. We are aware of these regulations and can advise you as to what will be appropriate, whilst creating a Memorial made to your own personal specifications.

The examples shown here are intended to provide you with ideas. Your requirement may well be illustrated, but do feel free to ask us how and whether a particular design can be modified for you.

Restoring existing memorials

From time to time we are asked whether an existing Memorial can be refurbished or even fully restored. This frequently happens on the death of a surviving wife or husband who is to be interred in the same grave as their spouse. However, restoration can be carried out at any time at the request of surviving relatives. Even quite ancient memorials can be restored although we strongly recommend that you ask for advice before proceeding.



Testing existing memorials

Memorials in churchyards and cemeteries are now required to meet standards laid down for "tilt tests" to minimise the risk of accidents. These tests will eventually be carried out on all graves in the country. The tests are carried out on behalf of the cemetery authorities and sadly there have been many instances of relatives visiting a grave only to find it laid flat or propped up with timber supports, an unpleasant surprise.

We will gladly advise relatives concerning the new requirements and how existing graves can be restored to meet the required standards. We suggest that you try and arrange this before tests are carried out, thereby avoiding the sad emotions that can arise afterwards.

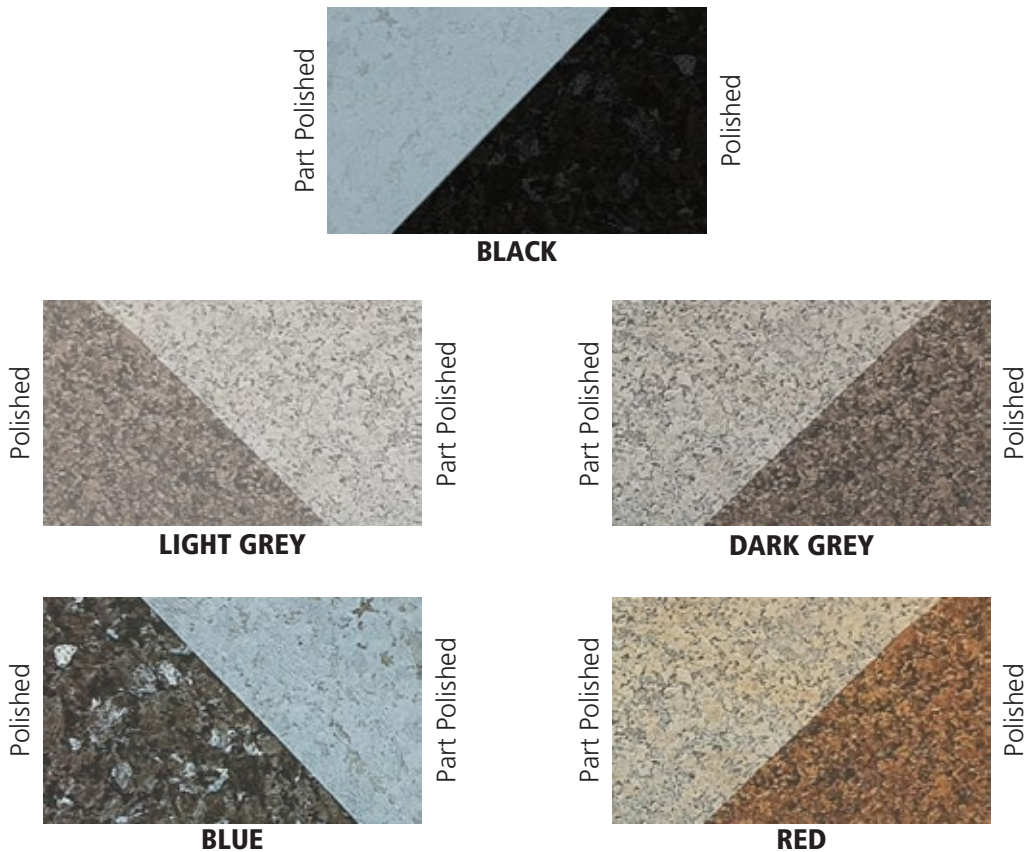
We hope that you will find this brochure helpful in choosing a suitable memorial. If you require any further help or advice, please feel free to ask.

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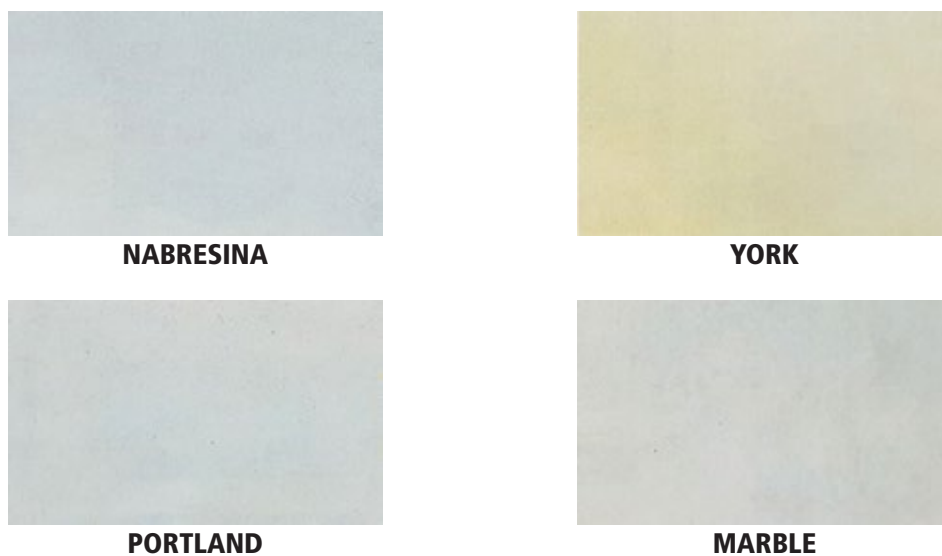
Stone colours

The most usual stones used for memorials are granite and marble. Granite is the most durable of all stones and so therefore is almost indestructible. In contrast, marble is a softer stone and is better suited to carved details. Polishing either stone brings out the full beauty. All types of stone are natural products. Colours vary from one block to another. These examples are only a small selection of the many colours available and actual headstones may vary in hue and tone.

Granite



Natural Stone



Granite Headstones

Granite is the hardest and most durable stone used for memorials. Examples can be seen in every Cemetery and Churchyard.

Why is it so popular? Available in a range of tones from light grey to black, granite can be left as a natural stone or it can be polished to whatever degree is required. Fully polished granite has a brilliant shine. These examples are a selection from a wide range of designs that are available.

The stone is available in a choice of colours including red, blue and green.



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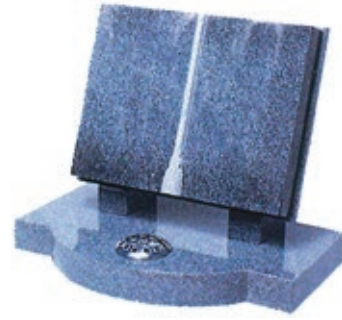
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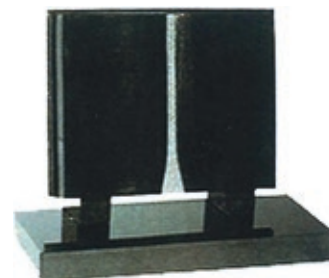
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Marble Headstones

Marble is a softer stone with a tonal range from white to grey. It is therefore better suited to fine detailed carving. The intricate work is much easier to achieve and the results more aesthetically pleasing.

However, because of its softer nature, marble will tend to weather more quickly and is rather more susceptible to minor damage. Depending on the shine required, it can be left unpolished or polished to a high, reflective sheen.

The examples shown here are a selection of many that are available. Many designs are also available in natural stone such as York and Slate.



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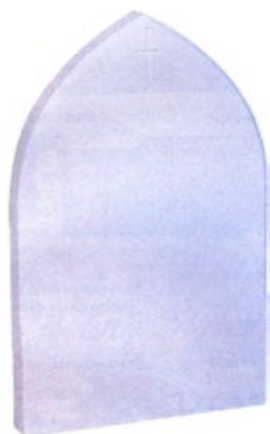
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Churchyard Memorials

Since many churches have restrictions on the size and type of memorial that can be used in the churchyard, we have a selection of headstones that are usually accepted by church authorities. These are made from quality stone cut and worked into traditional shapes to provide a distinctive and elegant headstone for a loved one. Some typical examples are shown here.



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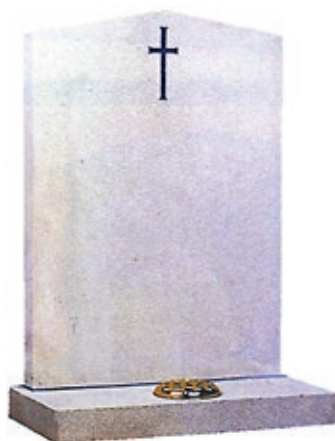
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Children's Headstones

Childrens' memorials are available in the same materials, as are those for adults. The same comments apply in selecting the type of stone. However, designs tend to reflect the feeling of childhood.

The designs shown here are just a small selection of the many that are available. Often they are made even more suitable for children by the inclusion of an appropriate motif from the many that are available.



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Children's Motifs

In many ways, choosing a motif for a child can be more difficult than for an adult. Somehow you will wish to select a motif that sparks a special memory for you.

Here is a selection of ideas, just a few of many, that may set your mind thinking about what your child was interested in, what it is you would like as that special memory.



Adult Motifs

Memorials are frequently personalised by the inclusion of a motif which reflects the interests of the deceased. Some are religious in nature, others reflect the person's career or hobbies.

This is a small selection to illustrate the ways in which motifs can be designed. There are many standard designs, both line drawings and coloured illustrations. They can be applied to the Memorial either by engraving or by sandblasting.

As an alternative to the standard designs, your own design can be incorporated. Our engravers can work from your sketches to produce a design which will act as a special memory for many years to come.



Porcelain Photographs

Photographs make a very special and lasting memento. Each one is unique. Placing a photograph on the grave has been commonplace in much of Europe for many years. The practice is now growing in popularity in this country.

A simple photograph placed in a holder will soon fade. Much better are the porcelain photographs that are made in Italy. The reproductions are excellent and the porcelain will last for many, many years.

The porcelain plaque is produced from an original photograph. Please let us have a good quality photograph for use by the producer of these photographs.



Vases



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Lettering Styles

The choice of Lettering Style tends to be limited to those few styles which, over the years, have been shown to be effective. Shown here are a few styles and illustrations of some of the ways in which these can be engraved into the Memorial.

In Memory of ... Roman

IN MEMORY OF ... ROMAN

In Memory of ... Helvetica

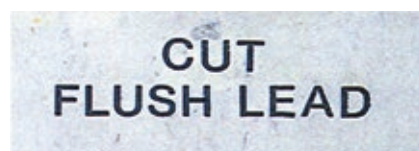
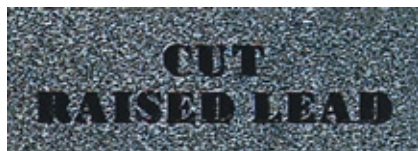
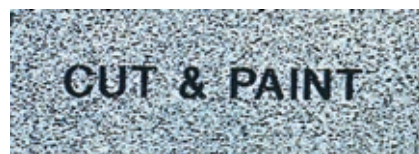
IN MEMORY OF ... HELVETICA

In Memory of ... Old English

In Memory of ... Script

In Memory of ... Booklin

In Memory of ... Antiqua



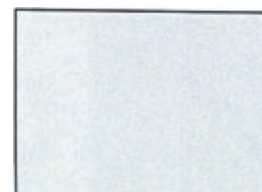
Headstone Styles



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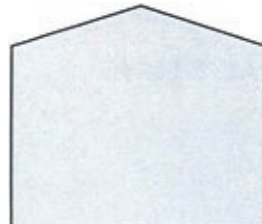
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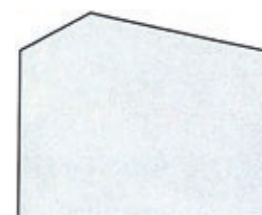
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Inscriptions

Inscriptions on memorials are very personal matters of individual choice. Often they are written by the bereaved family. Where do you start? Below is a selection of suggestions for inscriptions, which will hopefully help with a few ideas.

All memorials can be inscribed with wording of your choice.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES
OF
JANE SMITH
A DEVOTED WIFE, MUM & NAN
BORN 12TH JULY 1927
DIED 27TH FEBRUARY 2007
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

GOD TOOK YOU FROM OUR HOME
BUT NEVER FROM OUR HEARTS

SWEET ARE THE MEMORIES
THAT NEVER FADE

TOO GOOD IN LIFE
TO BE FORGOTTEN IN DEATH

RESTING WHERE NO SHADOWS FALL

TOO DEARLY LOVED
TO BE FORGOTTEN

ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

SADLY MISSED

GREATLY LOVED AND SADLY MISSED

THOSE WE LOVE DON'T GO AWAY
THEY WALK BESIDE US EVERY DAY

FOREVER WITH THE LORD

PEACE, PERFECT PEACE

A LITTEL FLOWER LENT NOT GIVEN
TO BUD ON EARTH AND BLOOM IN HEAVEN

IN GOD'S KEEPING

REUNITED

GONE IS THE FACE WE LOVED SO DEAR
SILENT THE VOICE WE LOVED TO HEAR

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ALBERT SMITH
A DEAR HUSBAND, FATHER &
GRANDFATHER
PASSED AWAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2007
AGED 68 YEARS

TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE
WE LOVE IS NOT TO DIE

GOOD NIGHT, GOD BLESS

MEMORY IS A GOLDEN CHAIN
THAT BINDS US TILL WE MEET AGAIN

REST IN PEACE

HIS LIFE A BEAUTIFUL MEMORY
HIS ABSENCE A SILENT GRIEF

REMEMBERED WITH A SMILE

ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS

GONE ARE THE DAYS WE USED TO SHARE
BUT IN OUR HEARTS YOU'RE ALWAYS
THERE

AT REST

LOVES LAST GIFT, REMEMBRANCE

WHAT WE KEEP IN OUR MEMORIES
ARE OURS FOREVER

JESUS CALLED A LITTLE CHILD UNTO HIM

SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS

NOT LOST TO MEMORY
NOT LOST TO LOVE

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD
I SHALL NOT WANT

Kerb and Stones

Traditionally, the area of many graves has been marked by full kerb sets. Some Cemeteries and Churchyards may still allow kerb sets to be installed but please understand if this is not allowed. It may be for reasons of maintaining the grass areas.

Frequently when relatives live at a distance from the grave, they are aware of the difficulty of travelling to the graveside on a regular basis to tend the grave. To assist in keeping graves looking as you would wish, we are able to cover the area within the kerb set using coloured stones.



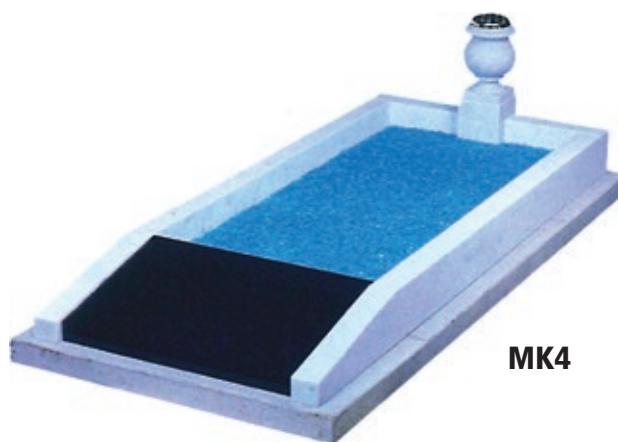
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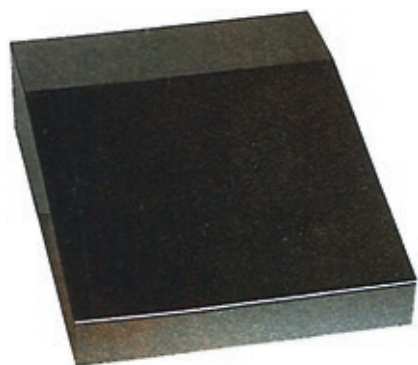


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Cremation Memorials

Relatives who wish to have cremated remains interred in a Cemetery or Churchyard may often wish to have the place marked by a small cremation memorial. These are just a few examples of the many designs that are available. Often personal designs can be created as smaller versions of the traditional headstones.

Cremation memorials are available in unpolished, part polished or fully polished granite and also in marble and other natural stones.



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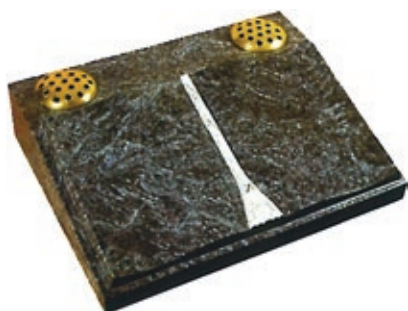
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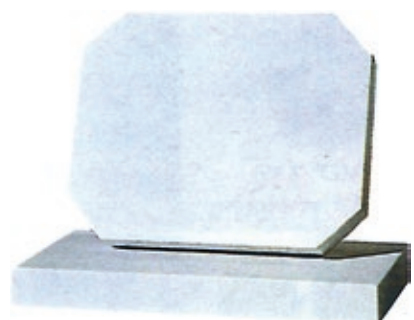
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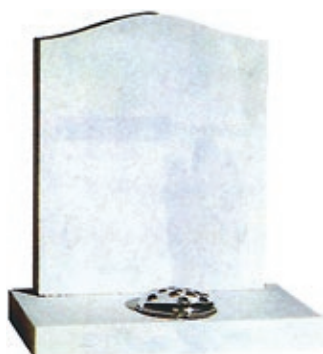
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