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There are four basic types of Monuments to consider:

**FAMILY** \ **COMPANION** \ **INDIVIDUAL** \ **WING DESIGN**

**Individual** -
The individual monument is engraved with the same kind of personal information as used on a foot marker, such as names and dates, but is placed upright similar to a companion monument.

Just like the companion monument, the individual monument allows for more space for personalization and extra emblems.

We offer various styles and sizes, allowing you to pick the one that will best serve your needs and price range. These options include different colors, the addition of ceramic portraits, custom laser etching, and much more, allowing for each individual monument to truly reflect the life and loves of those being remembered.

**Family** -
Family monuments serve nearly the same function as do companion monuments. The only difference is the carving or engraving that is included on the face and backside of the monument.

Where companion monuments include the names, birth and death dates of those entombed, family monuments typically only display the family surname as well as some design elements such as symbolic carvings.

Family monuments are usually larger in size and can be used multiple grave plots. It is not unusual to see 3 and even 4 generations of family members buried in a family plot with one large family monument.

Family monuments are erected on large plots and then graves are identified by flat markers. This option allows each family member to have a stone that can be customized to reflect the life of the individual. Flat markers or larger grave ledgers are used for this purpose.

These family plots may also be enhanced with corner post markers engraved with the family initial or coping that creates a border around the entire plot.

**Companion** -
A companion monument is designed for two individuals, usually husband and wife, although sometimes they include children or siblings.

The monument is engraved with the personal information such as name and dates, which eliminates the need for flat markers, as well as emblems such as crosses and flowers to add some personalization.
We offer various types of styles and sizes of companion monuments. The best selection is one that fits your needs as well as your price range.

We have designed monuments ranging from the simple and tasteful to customized jobs that memorialize character or hobbies of a loved one who has been lost.

From different colors and design choices to etchings and ceramic portraits, you can choose a design that best reflects the life of those you wish to remember.

**Wing Design**
Another great alternative to the traditional companion monument that is growing in popularity is the wing design monument. Wing monuments are made with two individual monuments mounted on a single base with a pedestal and vase between them.

The pedestal between the monuments is usually engraved with the family name, while the vase is carved with wedding rings and the couples marriage date.

For those who do not wish to have a pedestal, there is an option called a chamfer which is a cut out surface on the edge of the base allowing the family name to be engraved on it.

We offer many different shapes of wing monuments from the typical serpentine and half serpentine tops to custom cut shapes of the customers design.

Just like all of our monuments and markers, the wing design monument can be produced in any color granite that we carry. It can also be done in white marble which provides it with a more stately look. Please give us a call if you would like more information regarding wing style monuments.
There are four basic types of Markers to consider:

**FLAT or GRASS**
We carry an extensive line of granite and marble markers. We carry various sizes for foot markers, single graves, double graves or can cut specialized granite pieces to fit any situation.

And with hundreds of design and engraving options, we can design a marker that captures the essence of the love one you are trying to remember.

All our stone engraving is done at our location in Statesville, which allows us to offer hundreds of different engravings, including custom engraving quickly and at incredible prices.

Markers can be made of any granite color you choose and can be designed with various options. Frosting and shape carving offer some distinct elements to any marker and our black granite colors offer the ability to include custom etchings on whatever size marker you choose.

So whether you are looking for a small foot marker to designate a mother or father's grave or a larger marker with a design and full inscription for a memorial of a loved one, call on us to meet your needs quickly and at an affordable price.

**BEVELED**
We carry various styles and colors of beveled markers. Similar to slants and flat grass markers, the bevel marker can be used as an alternative to the traditional upright monument.

Beveled markers are similar to the flat grass marker with the exception of the slight incline on the face. Generally a beveled marker ranges in height from 6" to 10" in the back and bevels down to 4" to 8" tall in the front giving the marker a slight sloping face.

Bevels are also installed several inches above the ground, which make them a better choice for those cemeteries that are frequently muddy.

Bevels can be used for a single grave or a longer bevel can be used for a companion marker. Bevels can also be mounted on granite bases or within cement borders to give the grave site a more finished look.

If you are looking for information concerning bevel markers or any other type of monuments please feel free to call us and we will be happy to answer any questions that you have.

**SLANTS**

**LEDGERS**

**Slant**
Slant markers are a great choice for those who want to have a marker more substantial than a grass or bevel marker. The slant marker allows
for a greater area to be designed or engraved on and also provides greater visibility for those visiting the grave site.

A slant marker can be installed on the ground by itself as a lower cost option than a traditional upright. Or it can be mounted on a base for a more complete look. It also possible to mount vases on the base and give a very nice finished look.

Slants, like all of our other monument products, come in many colors, styles and designs and can be customized with ceramic photos, etchings, or other engravings.

Give us a call when you are ready to discuss all the options that are available and we will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

**Ledger -**

A granite ledger is a unique monument choice which essentially covers the entire grave with a large granite stone, allowing for nearly any design choice you may wish to use.

Ledgers are available in many colors, styles and designs and can be customized with ceramic photos, etchings, or other engravings.
There are also several other memorial ideas you want to consider:

- **MAUSOLEUMS**  
- **CRYPTS**  
- **BENCHES**  
- **COLUMBARIUM**

### Columbarium -
Like mausoleums, columbariums can be produced in numerous granite colors and can range greatly in options that can be added.

Columbariums come in various heights and sizes to allow for different needs. They can be custom built for funeral parks and memorial gardens as well as for private use.

Please call us with any questions concerning our crypt, mausoleum or columbarium products.

### Mausoleums -
Originally private mausoleums were only for the famous or wealthy, yet today they are in the reach of many more families. New technologies in production and manufacturing have made mausoleums a possibility for many families at prices that were once unheard of before.

Mausoleums offer a grand expression of the lives of lost family members. They can be made out of many different granite colors and accented with various carvings, polishes, and other spectacular details.

A mausoleum provides above ground entombment as well as a private sanctuary for visiting family members. They offer the option of either entombing the deceased in crypts or the ashes of the deceased in a columbarium style mausoleum.

If you are considering a mausoleum purchase, please give us a call. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

### Crypts -
Similar to mausoleums, crypts offer the advantages of above ground entombment without the larger scale and price. Crypts are a good option for private burial locations, such as a private estate.

Like mausoleums, crypts can be produced in numerous granite colors and can range greatly in options that can be added. Some of these options include different roof styles, front pillars, engraving and/or mounting of bronze plaques and emblems.

While single and double crypts are the standard size, crypts can be made to accommodate any number of burials. They also can
Benches -
Memorial benches have become more popular in recent years. These elegantly designed benches are a great addition to any grave site providing sanctuary to people mourning or celebrating the memory of friends, family and loved ones.

Made with high quality granite and marble stone these benches are made to last forever. They can be made in many different granite colors or in white marble. There are various styles of benches available from the simple and sleek to the rugged and natural.

They can be engraved with names and dates, favorite quotes or Bible verses. Engraving can be done on the legs as well as the top and edge of the seat.

Whether intended to complement private mausoleums, community cemeteries or memorial gardens our granite and marble benches are built to last and are designed to accommodate a tranquil and peaceful environment.

Contact us today for more information on our line of marble and granite benches.
Other items to consider adding to your monument:

CERAMIC PORTRAITS  VASES & URNS  HAND & LASER ETCHING

**Ceramic Portraits**
Modern technology has made it possible to further personalize monuments by personal portraits. The addition of a ceramic portrait mounted on stone or bronze can immortalize the memory of a lost loved one.

These portraits can be made in various sizes and can include a frame or frame & cover for privacy. We have partnerships with companies in Canada and Italy that produce these high quality ceramic photos at an affordable price.

These portraits carry a lifetime guarantee against breakage, even when caused by vandalism. The ceramic portrait company will replace them for a small charge to cover the shipping cost.

Ceramic photos are a great way to customize any monument, marker or bronze and make a lasting impression for the family. They can be mounted on stone or bronze memorials.

**Vases & Urns**
There are many different options when it comes to choosing the vases that are right for your memorial. We have vases in all sizes, colors and shapes to match your memorial.

There are marble and granite vases in the round style, along with the square granite vases which can be engraved with different emblems. Some of the more common emblems include family monograms, praying hands or wedding rings with the inscribed marriage date.

We also carry the complete line of Metalcraft™ brand vases. These vases are made of a strong titanium alloy and are nearly indestructible. These vase are able to turn down and hide away from sight when not in use. They can be mounted on the base of a monument or installed in a cement border in front of the monument.

If you are looking for a set of vases to add to an existing monument or for a new purchase, please stop by our showroom and take a look at our extensive vase display.

**Hand & Laser Etching**
One of the latest technology advances to the stone industry is
diamond or computer etching. Etching can done in two different fashions.
The first way is using a diamond etch tool and a very talented artist. The etching tool is used like a pencil and the artist literally scratches the design into the stone. This method shows the creativity and uniqueness of each artist.

The other method is through machine equipped with a laser and computer scanning. While this leaves out any customization of an artist this method is much more detailed when etching portraits from photographs.

Both methods leave a beautiful appearance on any of the black granite stones. And it is possible to add multiple colors to the etching although the coloring will begin to fade after several years and need to be redone. Please look through our Gallery to see some other great examples.
**Color -**
Granite colors are offered in varying shades of blue, red, green, black and brown. We have contacts with quarries representing stone colors from all over the globe. The most common is Georgia Gray (Blue Gray) Granite from Elberton, Georgia. They are the largest supplier of granite anywhere in the world. The possibilities of stone colors is nearly limitless and we are able to obtain nearly any color granite or marble that you wish. Some of the more popular colors are shown below.
Other design elements to consider include:

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| **Flat Carving**          |
| Flat carving is also done with pneumatic tools and sandblasting, but the background of the carving is not sunk. The shapes of the leaves, flowers and other details are not tapered or relieved. |

| **Bas-relief Carving**    |
| Bas-relief carving takes shape carving to another level. Usually approximately half the depth of the subject is sunk, which results in a very realistic, deep carving. Bas-relief carving requires many years of experience as an artist and stone sculptor. |

| **Custom Etching**        |
| We also offer custom etching. Find out more about our custom etching and see why this design is gaining more and more popularity. See our custom etching section for more details. |

| Finish -                  |
| Stone may be finished in several ways using different tools and techniques. Each finish gives the stone a different texture and appearance. This enhances the natural qualities of the stone and creates a contrast for carving and lettering. |

| **Polished Finish**       |
| After stone is quarried and removed from the earth it is delivered to a manufacturing facility where it is sawed by large saws. After the granite is sawed it is placed on a conveyor where it passes through a series of grinding and polishing wheels. These wheels have pads of varying texture, and several types of "grit" are applied during the process. Finally, the stone reaches a high gloss after the final buffing stage. |

| **Steeled Finish**        |
| After granite blocks are sawed the granite finish may be left as it is. Depending upon the equipment used, saw marks may be evident in the stone's finish. Sandblasting the granite face with steel shot, or sand in some cases, removes saw marks and applies an even finish. |

| **Rock Pitch Finish**     |
| This finish leaves the edge of the monument with a rough, natural look as opposed to a sawed or machined finish. The edges are created by a chisel and hammer. A rock pitch finish is often used on the sides of a monument base or on other trim work to create contrast with steeled or polished finishes. |

| Lettering -               |
| There are various fonts and styles that can be chosen. Below are the most common because of engraving |
and appearance.

**Roman Modified Font**
This is the font choice for the majority of monuments because of its clean lines. Its wide letter composition make it a good font for engraving.

**Outline Letters**
This letter style is formed by framing the letter in two v-lines and frosting the center of the letter. The letter size must be large for this type of letting.

**Old English Font**
This is a classic letter style that still has a lot of popularity. Like outline letters, Old English is generally used only on family names, because of the large letters needed to make it readable.

**Vermarco**
Vermarco is used primarily in inscriptions and epitaphs. It gives a good contrast to the modified roman letters used for the name and dates.

**Raised Letters**
This design choice gives a very bold look to a family monument. Raised letters are not very common due to the cost involved. Each letter must be chiseled out by hand to form a nice edge.
These are some examples of typical designs styles and sizes you can choose from.

**DOUBLE UPRIGHTS**  **SINGLE UPRIGHTS**  **FLAT MARKERS**  **WINGS & CAPS**

**Double Upright Designs -**

Typically between 4 to 5 feet in width and 26 to 28 inches in height.
Please look through the gallery of pictures below to see some examples of our work. Click on any picture to see a larger version.
Pet Markers -

Pets are also a cherished member of the family. A great way to remember their passing is by memorializing them as part of your family with a memorial marker.

Pet markers have become very common in the last few years and there are many options available. Many options are made of materials that are not well suited for long life outdoors and quickly tarnish or even break.

One of the best options is granite, which is the same material that is used in traditional grave monuments. Granite is durable, lasts nearly forever and is becoming more affordable.

We can make a memorial for your pet in various sizes. They can be engraved with name, dates and verse of endearment and can even be engraved with a picture.

When looking for a memorial for your lost "family member" give us a call, you will be surprised at the low cost of a memorial that will last forever.
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D868_GALLAGHER
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D875_BRADBURY
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D879_LOVEGROVE
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D881_HARDESTY
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D882_HALSTEAD
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D886_CHURCHILL
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D893_WIMBERLY
MONUMENT DESIGNS
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D910_SARDON

IN LOVING MEMORY

SARDON

DONALD J. 1905 -- 1974

MARSHA E. 1906 --
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D912_FREDERICK
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D914_MUNFORD
These are some examples of typical designs styles and sizes you can choose from.

DOUBLE UPRIGHTS  SINGLE UPRIGHTS  FLAT MARKERS  WINGS & CAPS

**Single Upright Designs -**

Typically between 24 to 30 inches in width and 24 inches in height.

- D872_NIELSEN
- D873_PRESTAGE
- D890_LOVIN
- D891_LOVETTE
- D902_BRADLEY
- D903_PRESTEN
- D908_GARDNER
- D924_ELMORE
- D925_PORTAGE
- D926_HERNDON
- D927_BLAKELY
- D928_EASTMAN
- D943_ROPER
- D944_WINTERS
These are some examples of typical designs styles and sizes you can choose from.

DOUBLE UPRIGHTS  SINGLE UPRIGHTS  FLAT MARKERS  WINGS & CAPS

Flat Marker Designs -

There are both single and double flat marker designs, which can often be placed on true Flat markers, Beveled markers (a slight angle to the top surface) and true Slanted markers.

D621_STERNER  D622_HARDRICK  D628_COULTER  D630_GARFIELD  D631_CHESHIRE  D637_HENLEY  D639_JONES  D876_RIDGEWAY

D877_HARISTON  D878_DANDREA  D887_PRENTICE  D888_RUMFELT  D889_ROCKWELL  D904_DANFORTH  D905_RANSDELL  D906_WHITMIRE

D981_DUNCAN  D982_CARPENTER  D983_NIESEN
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**DOUBLE UPRIGHTS**  **SINGLE UPRIGHTS**  **FLAT MARKERS**  **WINGS & CAPS**

### Wing & Cap Designs -

Winged monuments typically use a pair of standard 2 ft by 2 ft upright monuments on either end, linked in the middle by a Pedestal stone about 18 inches in length accompanied by a vase.

A Cap design monument uses narrower upright stones bridged on top by a larger “cap” piece.

D869_CARNES  D883_BUFORD  D892_SALYER  D900_LOVE

D911_JORDEN  D913A_HARTFORD  D913_HARTFORD  D917_KIRBY

D921_RALSTON  D934_SANDERS  D935_KELLY  D940_GRAYSON

D946_DABNEY
D916_REYNOLDS
D919_RICHARDS
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D922_BRENDELL
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D923_ROLESTON
D930_GARRISON
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D931_KEMPTON
D932_GILMER
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D936_MCCLAIN
MONUMENT DESIGNS

WILLIAM D.
APR. 27, 1928
JULY 3, 1977

SHIRLEY E.
MAR. 6, 1929

HAYNES

D937_HAYNES
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D939_LOVEMAN
MONUMENT DESIGNS

D941 Childers

Robert H.
June 2, 1897
Apr. 23, 1977

Juanita M.
July 29, 1968
MONUMENT DESIGNS

2010_0901_MCKAY
GOOD

MONUMENT DESIGNS
MONUMENT DESIGNS

2007_WHITSETT
MONUMENT DESIGNS

2008_ABERNATHY
MONUMENT DESIGNS
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MONUMENT DESIGNS

2008_CABINI
2009_DEER
MONUMENT DESIGNS

AMERICAN-BLACK_FAMILY
MONUMENT DESIGNS

CRAVEN_DOUBLE_CUSTOM
GRANT_CRYPT
MONUMENT DESIGNS

MILLER DOUBLE
SLANT_DOUBLE
INFANT_LAMB