



Your Family's Story in Stone

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Frequently Asked Questions

How long does it take to create a monument?

If you are using stone from our inventory, it usually it takes around 10-12 weeks for a monument to be created from the time it is ordered to when it is set. There is no length of time required to wait after a death to order a memorial. In fact, if it's possible, we recommend ordering your monument prior to the time of need through our Pre-Need Service.

Who will install the monument?

Oldham Monument provides installation of your monument. However, some cemeteries will do the foundation.

How do I learn about cemetery regulations?

We research each cemetery as a service to you ensuring your monument's size, shape, and placement satisfy the regulations of your loved one's resting place.

How much does a monument cost?

Because each monument is custom-made, costs vary. Factors affecting the cost of a memorial are the color of granite, size, style, finish, and any extras such as photos and flower vases. Please share your ideas with us. We will strive to create a monument that both meets your needs and your budget.

Can Oldham Monument create a special design?

Yes. We can create any design you like and are happy to make suggestions to help you create a design reflecting the personality of your loved one.

When a spouse of a living loved one is laid to rest is the engraving of the future death date of the living spouse included in the cost of the monument?

No, future engraving is not included in the cost of a monument.

Is engraving on both the front and back of a memorial included in the cost?

The cost of engraving a memorial includes only engraving on the front. Any engraving on the back of the monument is an additional cost.

Can I get a monument created with material other than granite?

Yes, we can create a monument out of bronze, marble (although marble is not recommended because it wears down prematurely), or just about any other material you would like. We are happy to provide you with the details about various memorial materials.

How long does it take if I order today?

The most common time element in the process of getting your granite memorial carved resides in the creative process up front. We begin by gathering your information as to the words, graphics, color, and design elements of the monument. We design your monument here in our office and provide a drawn-to-scale layout of your proposed memorial. Many times you recommend changes to the design and your changes are then made in the design of a new layout. Once we have an approved layout, the next time concern rests in the type of the granite you have selected and whether it is available: in stock, domestically, or overseas. Based on granite availability, a finished monument can take as little as 5-6 weeks and can take up to 4 months if you have chosen something that has to be imported from overseas. If time is a major concern in your purchase, be sure to share that fact early in the design

process so that our creative, manufacturing, and installation teams can plan ahead to meet your preferred timelines.

What is the cost of a marker or monument?

It will vary with the size and color of the granite. The average price for a granite marker is \$450.00-\$650.00.

Is there a difference in the quality of granite?

Yes, just like in most products there is a lower and higher quality.

Is our monument guaranteed?

We guarantee that your monument will be the finest quality granite - free of cracks and defects. We cannot guarantee your monument against damage or abuse.