



THE GLOBAL LEADER IN HAND-CRAFTED STONE ART

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HELPFUL TIPS FOR PURCHASING A MEMORIAL

Consulting with an OM Stone Partner

Purchasing a memorial is a major investment of time and money and should be undertaken with great thought and care. OM Stone recommends careful and relaxed planning when purchasing a memorial.

Your local OM Stone partner is a reliable source of information regarding the various regulations of the cemeteries in your area. Cemeteries have regulations regarding the size and type of memorial in certain areas of the cemetery.

OM Stone partners have many available resources so that you can see different styles of monuments or markers. Some offer some type of home services. OM Stone partners will help you design a memorial and then complete all that is required to produce the memorial from inscription to installation. Other products such as bronze remembrance lamps, vases, floral attachments, religious items and reproduction photos are available to incorporate into your tribute.

Your wishes and your counselor’s suggestions will combine to help you decide on the appropriate text, floral designs, epitaphs and meaningful symbols for your memorial. Following your consultation and contract with your counselor, OM Stone will prepare a drawing so that you can review the memorial design as well as to check for any possible errors before the final work is completed on the stone.



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Choosing a Monument, Styles, & Cost

Cemetery memorials range from flat, beveled or slant markers that lie on the ground to elaborate, multi-piece upright monuments. Where cemetery regulations allow, monuments may also include crosses, statues and flower vases.

Most monuments are made from granite because of its durability, its reasonable price and its availability in a wide range of colors, including gray, black, red, pink, brown, green, and blue.

Granite is available in many different colors, and an OM Stone partner will be able to show you fine quality granites that will accept different styles of lettering and design work. Your counselor will also explain the pricing categories for each color and size. Memorials with custom sizes or shapes may require drafting before a final price can be calculated.

Styles of Monuments

Upright monuments are available in a wide variety of styles, shapes and sizes, providing a full range of creative and personalized works of art. Styles include flats, slants, uprights, benches, monuments, columbaria, and many others. Shapes and sizes can be completely customized, as OM Stone’s motto states: If You Can Imagine, We Can Create It In Stone.



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Cost

Monuments and Markers are priced according to size, color of material used, design and installation cost, plus whatever applicable cemetery charges are involved. Prices can range from under \$1,000 for flat markers and simple upright monuments to \$10,000 and higher for more elaborate monuments. On the high end of the spectrum, large and impressive walk-in mausoleums can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. There is a very solid, concrete foundation used below upright monuments so there is very little problem with monuments tipping, shifting, or becoming unlevel.

How to Prepare for your Consultation

- Contact your local OM Stone partner and describe your needs.
- If you intend to match another person’s memorial, explain that to your counselor who may need to take a rubbing and picture of the memorial.
- Be prepared with the cemetery name and grave location.
- Schedule a suitable time for your and your family.
- Bring the following items to your consultation:
 - High quality photographs of your loved one and other media pertaining to their life
 - Notes and sketches about desired epitaph, marriage dates, hobbies, designs, etc.
 - Death/birth certificates to verify birth and death dates