

Step 1.

When you start thinking:

A. Check with the cemetery to see what memorialization regulations apply to the cemetery and to your section. The Garland Brook Staff can give you information to help you get started. We can explain the options available for your section

If you will be dealing with a monument company out of town, we can give you a monument dealer packet that explains the style and size requirements for each section.

B. Look around the cemetery. Take photos of markers you like and that would work in your situation. Make notes of the design, color, shape and details you like.

C. Think about the person the marker is for. What was important to them? What personalization items, emblems, photos, scripture, phrases, nicknames do you want to include?

D. Consult with other family members. They may have requests that could be important to their emotional needs.

E. Make up a budget. The marker should be a tribute to a loved one, not a financial burden to the remaining family. Make sure that the grave and other cemetery expenses are paid.

F. Contact a monument designer. Look for a dealer who is responsive to you, one that will answer your questions, make suggestions and not rush you to make a decision. A responsible dealer will give you the time and information you need to make a comfortable decision.

We at Garland Brook offer the finest in bronze or granite monuments at a fair price and would be pleased to help you any way we can

Step 2.

When you start looking:

A. Take your dream list to your first meeting. This will give the dealer an idea of what will most closely fit your needs. It may be helpful to take a friend or relative. A second person can help ask questions and remember details. A crowd of people may not be totally helpful

B. Be honest about your budget and time expectations. Delivery can take 12-20 weeks.

C. Take notes on your conversations. Write down any comments that seem relevant. It is easy to use notes to help form questions for your next meeting.

D. Ask about any special requests, photos, emblems, inscriptions, or vases. Ask if these need to be ordered now or if they can be added later. Many times monuments can be personalized for very little cost. Do not hesitate to ask your dealer.

E. Ask what is included in the quoted price. The size, shape and granite of the stone? Carving? Foundation? Delivery? State tax? Guarantee? Later dates?(This is seldom done) Is the marker twin faced? Keep this information.

If you are considering more than one company, be sure you are comparing comparable products and services.

F. Garland Brook pours all of its own foundations. Be sure to ask the dealer if he will take care of the foundation order, or if that will be a family responsibility. Current price for foundations is \$.30/sq in

G Take your time. If you want to go home and think, say so. You may need more time to think things through. Ask if you can get a computer sketch of the marker for approval.

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When you place your order:

A. Confirm your understanding of design choices, (always have alternate choices) other information and prices.

B. Have the information needed for the monument in written form. You may need :

Correct spelling of names, first name, middle name, maiden, nickname, initials, titles

Birth, death and wedding dates, year only or month day and year

Picture or accurate information of any special emblems or inscriptions. poems , songs

Your lot and section number.

If purchasing a double marker for two people, your plans for future burials.

C. Proof-read the order or print-out drawing carefully. Providing correct information is the family's responsibility. The dealer can only work with the information you supply.

D. Expect a written copy of the included expenses. Be prepared to make any required downpayment.

E. If appropriate, ask if a temporary marker or vase can be placed until the permanent one is installed.

F. Make sure there are arrangements for a permanent foundation to be poured. This must be ordered and paid before the marker is placed in the cemetery even if the foundation can not be poured immediately.

Step 4.

When your marker is ready to set:

A. Check the inscription.

B. If you have a question, ask it.

C. Pay any remaining expenses.

GARLAND BROOK CEMETERY



Double Bevel Marker for two people

A BEVEL MARKER is a one-piece triangular granite grave marker usually about 8" high in the back. It can be used for one or two people. It can be installed with or with a granite base.



Double Slant for two with base

A SLANT MARKER is similar to a bevel but is usually 16" high in the back. It may be used for one or two people. It can be installed with or without a granite base. A veteran marker may be added to the back of a slant if it has a "sawn" back.

A MONUMENT is a grave marker made of two or more pieces. It can be used for one or more people. It offers the greatest opportunity for personalization and additional flower vases. In some cases a veteran marker may be added to the back.



Bronze Marker Display

A "BRONZE & GRANITE MARKER" is a grass level marker of bronze mounted on carnelian granite. These are usually used in the "Memorial Gardens".

A FOUNDATION is a concrete base poured by the cemetery under a memorial.



24" x 12" Bronze Veteran Marker on granite with a vase

A VETERAN'S marker may be either bronze or granite depending on the Section in which it will be used.

A TEMPORARY MARKER is sometimes provided by the funeral home. These are intended to be used only for a short time until the permanent marker is installed



4 steps in choosing your marker or memorial

A grave memorial is a personal and yet public and permanent tribute. It is a statement, "I was here".

Choosing a bronze marker or granite memorial is one of the most difficult decisions most people will ever make. The purchase is intertwined with emotions, memories, old family relationships, and wishes for the future and of course a budget.

Most people do not have experience in purchasing memorials. They do not know where to go or even what to ask. They do not know what is possible, practical or affordable. Personalization is frequently less expensive than families expect.

To help families choose a memorial that will offer comfort for years to come, we at Garland Brook have gathered some information on what to consider when making this choice.

Included in this pamphlet are some definitions and some things to consider when choosing a grave marker.

We urge each family to take the time and give the thought necessary so that each grave marker will reflect the uniqueness of the person it will honor.