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# Memorials and Headstones



Dignity Funeral Services







# Choosing a memorial for your loved one

Choosing a memorial for a loved one can be a difficult decision. It is important that you have time to reflect on your decision and understand the different regulations which may affect what you can choose.

This brochure is designed to show you the different types of memorial available. We use local skilled stonemasons to make the memorial and we will be able to help you with your decision. If you have any questions please just ask.

Please note, as stone is a natural product there may be variations in colour and texture from the pictures shown here.

## Things to consider when choosing a memorial

### Regulations

Churchyards and cemeteries have regulations which govern the type of material allowed and the size of the memorial. For example, many churchyards do not allow polished materials. We will tell you about local regulations.

### Location

It is important to consider where the memorial will be placed. For example, if the grave is close to a tree or hedge, a marble memorial may be stained by sap or decaying leaves. A granite memorial is non-porous and may be more suitable.

### Lettering

Some materials will suit certain types of lettering better. For example, flush lead lettering should only be used for marble memorials. Gilded lettering looks best on polished granite.

### Colour

The colour of the material can be used to enhance the effect of special designs. For example mottled and light coloured stones are less effective than plain, dark coloured materials.

### Maintenance

All memorials require cleaning to maintain their appearance and to avoid deterioration. Polished materials are easier to keep clean.

We can advise you and help you choose the most appropriate memorial.



# Memorial ideas and considerations

## Types of material available

There are many types of material available, but the most common are granite, marble and stone.

### Granite

Granite is still quarried in this country but a large quantity is now imported from abroad. Traditional polished black granite with gilded lettering is considered a classical memorial.

### Marble

Marble is also imported, usually from Italy. The creamy appearance of the material gives a memorial a delicate softness.

### Stone

In this country we have some excellent stone such as York and Portland. Stone's natural appearance is often well-suited to country churchyards.

## Design and wording

When you have chosen your memorial you will need to consider the wording you would like. Again, there may be local regulations and we'll advise you. If you like, our stonemasons can create a personal design for you. They are skilled in cutting, polishing and engraving to ensure the memorial is of the highest standard.

## Insuring the memorial

We recommend that you insure the memorial against any accidental damage or vandalism. Please ask us for more details.

## How we can help

We can help you with your decision and can answer any questions you might have. Please don't hesitate to contact us. We will let you know when your memorial is finished, and arrange for it to be put in place.

If you would like to find your nearest Dignity funeral director to help you please call 08000 344 6489 and we will put you in touch.

## About this brochure

*We have included in this brochure a variety of memorial designs for both burial and cremation. These are examples of a wide range available from skilled stonemasons and many of the designs can be made in different materials. But some of the memorials shown may not be permitted by your local cemetery. We will be able to advise you.*



# Lawn Memorials

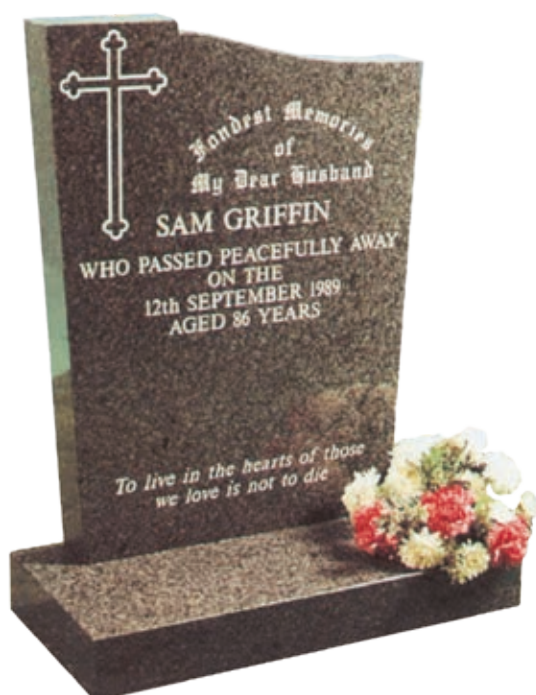
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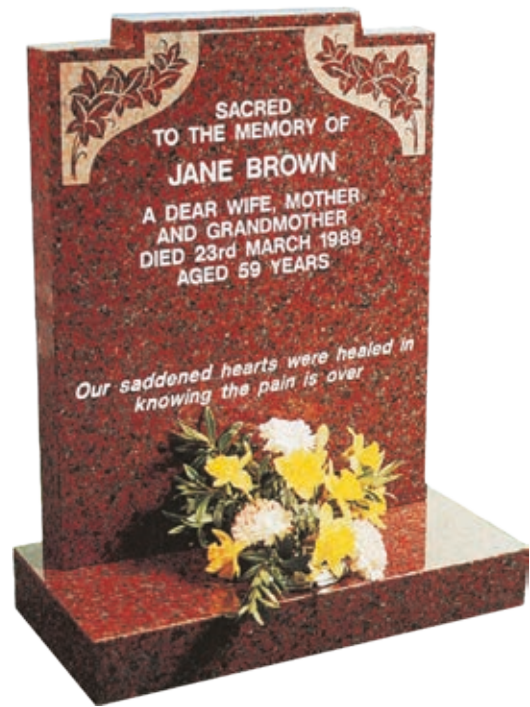
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Durham in Granite





# Lawn Memorials

Wells in Granite



Ipswich in Granite



Norwich in Granite



Warwick in Granite





Leicester in Granite



Hereford in Granite



Boston in Granite



Yarmouth in Granite



# Lawn Memorials

Chingford in Stone



Clacton in Stone



Cardiff in Stone



Worcester in Stone





Folkestone in Granite



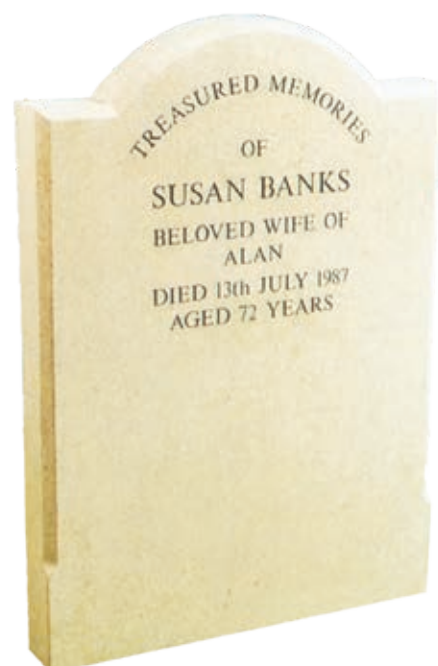
Windsor in Stone



Selby in Stone



Bedford in Stone



# Lawn Memorials

Matlock in Stone



Redcar in Marble



Plymouth in Marble



Retford in Marble





Richmond in Marble



Barnsley in Marble



Cheam in Marble



Hyde in Marble



# Lawn Memorials

Daisy



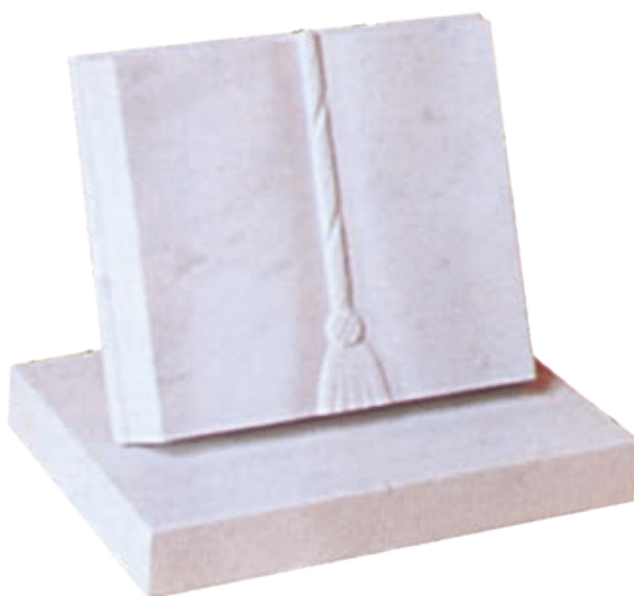
Fuchsia



Tulip



Bluebell





Ayr in Marble



Romsey in Marble



Arundel in Marble



Marlborough in Marble



# Traditional Memorials



Rose



Forget-Me-Not



Primrose





Oban in Granite



Malton in Granite

# Traditional Memorials



Hastings in Granite



Surrey in Granite





Bath in Granite

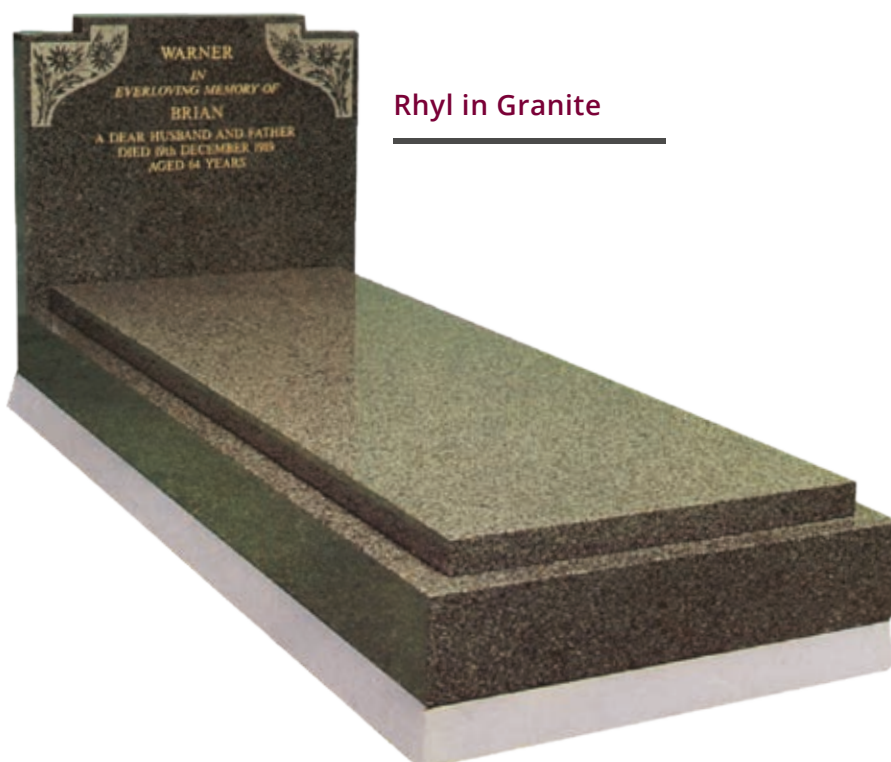


Kingston in Granite

# Traditional Memorials

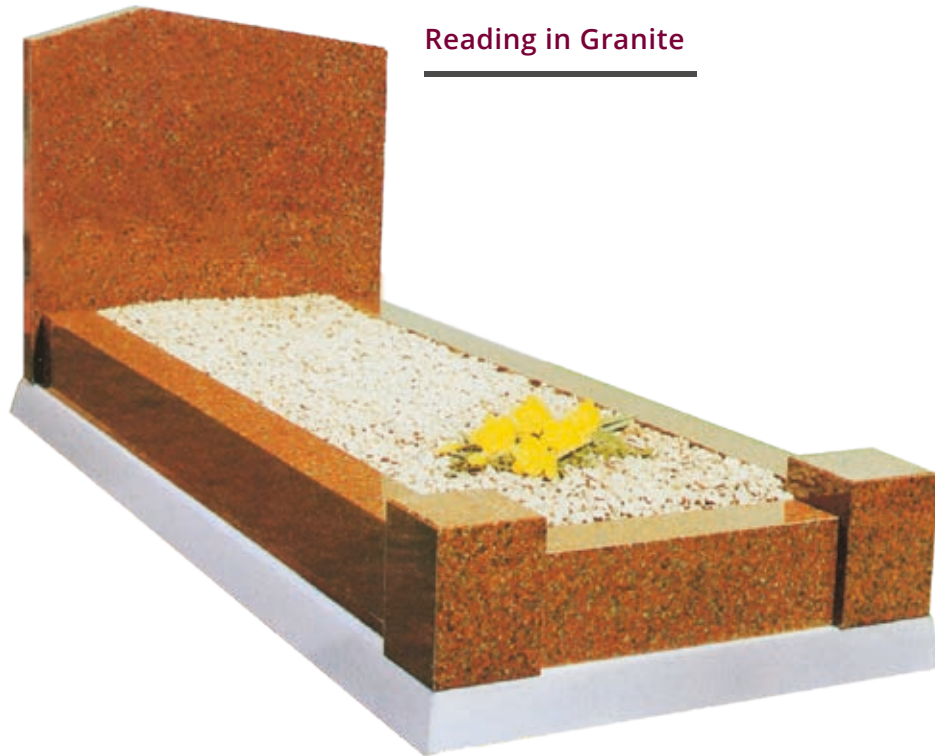


Oxford in Granite



Rhyl in Granite



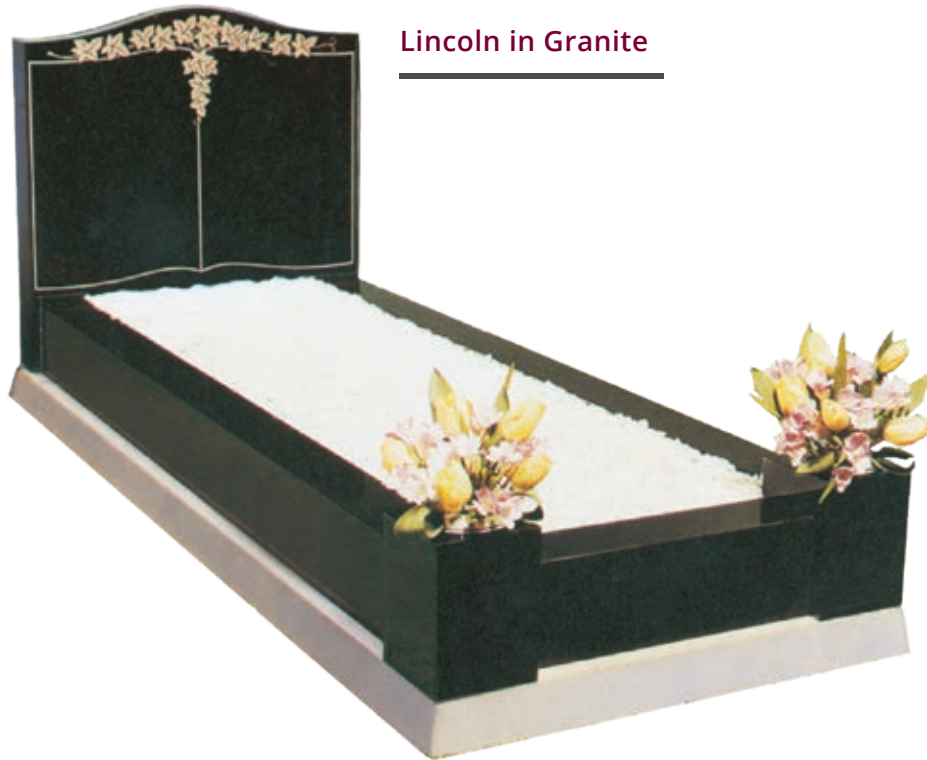


Reading in Granite



Perth in Granite

# Traditional Memorials



Lincoln in Granite



Falkirk in Granite





**Cambridge in Granite** (also available in Marble)

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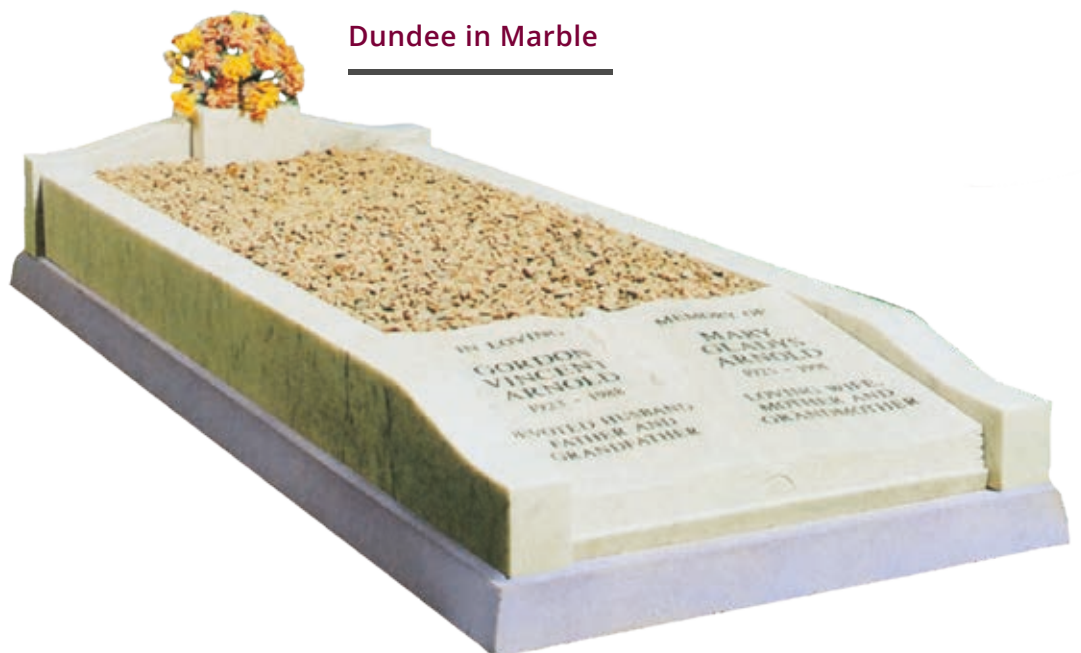
**Blyth in Marble**

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# Traditional Memorials



Taunton in Granite



Dundee in Marble



Spalding in Marble



Paisley in Marble



# Cremation Memorials

Coventry in Granite



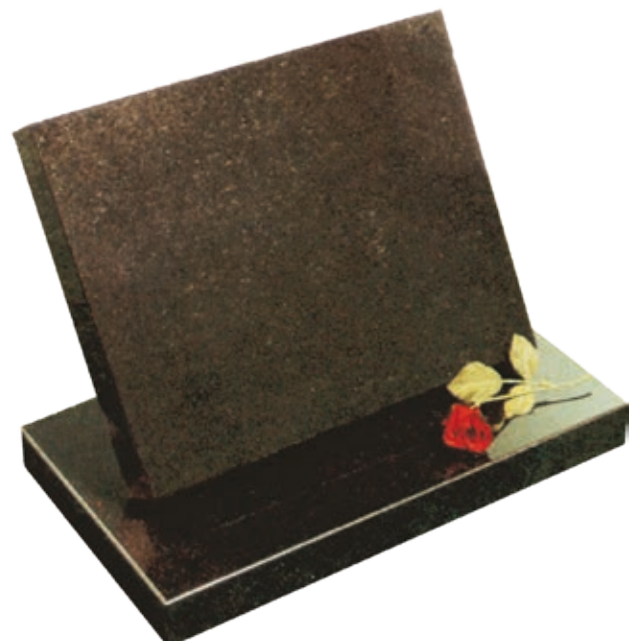
Wimbourne in Granite



Guildford in Granite



Ashford in Granite



Newport in Granite



Canterbury in Marble



Ely in Marble



Salisbury in Marble





# Vases



1. Carnation

2. Violet

3. Lily

4. Petunia

5. Lupin

6. Poppy

7. Daffodil

8. Lavender





# Plaques

A copy of your favourite photograph can be recreated to form part of the memorial, and will forever remain a lasting memento. If the photograph is of sentimental value, we would recommend that you provide us with a copy of the original, which can be obtained from any good photographers.



# At Dignity we are funeral people it's all we do

We are proud, and consider it a privilege to serve local families and to be part of local communities. Our teams of funeral experts come from the towns and cities they serve, and many have been in the funeral profession for generations.

We understand local traditions and can help families every step of the way. We pay attention to every little detail to ensure that the funeral you create, to celebrate the life of your loved one, is perfect on the day.

## **Dignity Funeral Directors take the greatest care.**

There are more than 800 Dignity Funeral Directors located right across the UK. Each one committed to setting the highest standards in the industry for facilities, service and care.

Our funeral directors are among some of the finest in the UK. We are funeral specialists, it's all we do. Our teams are trained to meet our very high standards of service, and we do everything we can to make a difficult time easier.

Our care for the deceased is of the greatest importance to us. Once in our care, they are laid to rest in a climate controlled mortuary in one of our funeral homes.

We continually invest in these facilities, as well as our funeral vehicles, to ensure that we can care for your loved one as if they were a member of our own family.

## **Exceeding your expectations**

And whilst arranging the funeral for a loved one is a deeply distressing time for the families we serve, it's so important to us that our clients are happy with the service we provide. And they are.

We ask the families we serve to tell us how we performed, and year after year thousands of families tell us that we have exceeded their expectations. The personal words of thanks that are expressed by our clients make every single person at Dignity very, very proud.

- 99.0% said that we met or exceeded their expectations
- 97.7% of respondents said that they would recommend us

By selecting a Dignity Funeral Director, you can be sure you're choosing the ultimate funeral professionals.







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