

10 Steps for Buying a Cemetery Marker

1. Confirm Cemetery Requirements

Get written guidelines on size, material, style, and installation rules before purchasing.

2. Choose the Type of Marker

Options: Flat (flush with ground), Bevel (slightly raised), Slant (angled face), Upright monument (vertical).

3. Select Material

Granite (durable, many colors), Bronze (elegant, low-maintenance), Marble (softer, less durable).

4. Decide on Design & Personalization

Include name, dates, optional symbols, quotes, or emblems. Check cemetery limits.

5. Set a Budget

Flat granite: \$500–\$1,500; Upright: \$1,500–\$5,000+; Bronze: \$1,000–\$3,000. Add installation and engraving costs.

6. Shop Around

Compare cemeteries, monument dealers, funeral homes, and online suppliers. Ensure cemetery approval before purchase.

7. Approve the Layout

Request a mockup showing names, dates, and designs. Double-check spelling and details.

8. Arrange Payment

Ask about payment plans. For pre-need, confirm engraving/storage of final date.

9. Coordinate Installation

Cemetery usually installs the marker. Verify installation/foundation fees and responsibilities.

10. Maintain the Marker

Granite: clean with water/soft brush. Bronze: may need waxing. Avoid harsh chemicals.