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Welcome to the Kernow Stone Memorial Collection. We have compiled together just some of our stones and memorials from the vast array that are available. We can create bespoke memorials just for you, the only limit to what we can do is your imagination.

At the turn of the 19th Century a gentleman by the name of William Charles Martin of the Parish of Rame served his apprenticeship with a couple of granite masons in the Penryn area, one of which was located at Rosemanowes Quarry.

In 1906 with few opportunities for work William left for the bright lights of Plymouth. In those days tools were basic and hand held, all he had was a pencil straight edge, a hand drill and a hammer and chisel. A horse and cart was his only means to transport the memorial stones to the cemeteries. There was no electricity and in order to keep warm William would strap straw around his feet in Winter, he was a true Artisan!

Business grew and he built premises at the top of Stangray Avenue just outside the old Ford Park cemetery, the shop was completed in 1924 but in that year William sadly passed away. Bessie his widow carried on running the business with the help of their eldest son William Chrighton Martin. The name of the firm at the time was W.C. Martin.

Right: Geoffrey Martin: 3rd Generation of the family firm, preparing a white Carrara Marble Book Set in the 1970's in preparation for inlaid lead lettering.




In 1933 their second son Rex joined the business and it was at this time they first acquired a form of mechanical transport; a three wheeled Lodemoor truck which was used to carry the memorials into the three Plymouth cemeteries, Efford, Ford Park and Weston Mill. This would now replace the horse and cart.

“We have a long history in a family orientated business, but our true focus is our customer”

In 1937 new premises were built near to Efford Cemetery and the two memorial premises were amalgamated into the new business name of Martin and Sons. William Chrichton who suffered from diabetes was in poor health and died in 1947. Bessie and William Charles third son Murlyn now joined the business and a short time later Bill his nephew also joined. Mechanical advances were made and an air compressor was purchased. This enabled the men to drill with an air hammer which saved precious time. In 1949 Rex's eldest son Geoff entered the business but joined the army soon after and left to perform his National Service in Japan and Korea. Geoff



 Above: From left to right - William Chrichton, Murlyn & Rex



 Above: William Charles Martin's stone masonry certificate in 1895


returned in 1954 and at that time the firm employed 10 men with an average weekly wage of the princely sum of £7!

Rex was the Managing Partner at that time as the health of his mother Bessie was failing. Generally Rex ran the firm with Murlyn the other partner responsible for the Ford Park branch.

Geoff was made a Junior Partner in 1957 and his introduction coincided with the purchase of a bridge saw at the Efford premises alongside a polishing machine, this enabled the firm to carry out more projects with increased efficiency.

In 1972 Rex had a severe heart attack, Murlyn and Geoff stepped up to Senior Partners and were running the day to day business but



 Above: William and Bessie Martin pictured, the first Generation

were now down to 4.

Further advancements were made in 1993 with the purchase of a sandblaster and cabinet, around this time Geoff's health began to deteriorate and in 1995 his son Robert took over as his father's successor. Robert immediately acquired a computer with software that would supply the sandblaster with stencils. This enabled him to show customers the inscription and design layout on their chosen memorial stone. Robert also supplied other Monumental Masons in the area with stencil tapes.

“We have a commitment to the very highest levels of service”

Geoff died in 1997 aged 63 having devoted his life to the family business. Robert had by now taken over the running of the entire business with his younger brother Andrew also employed.

With the increasing popularity of cremations work was difficult to come by so Robert diversified the business to manufacture granite worktops alongside the production of memorials, since then they have made thousands of worktops throughout the South West for the kitchen trade. The memorial and worktop business were split in 2012 and the worktop business was re-named Plymouth Stone Limited. At the same time a unit became available at Rosemanowes Quarry and the business expanded to return to its roots in the Parish of Rame. The new arm of the business was named Kernow Stone.

unfortunately as Ford Park cemetery became run down work at Stangray Avenue became scarce and a number of redundancies were made. In 1975 only 5 employees remained.

Murlyn passed away in 1977 and Geoff was now the sole owner of the business.

In 1980 due to the lack of work the firm reluctantly dispensed of the Stangray Avenue premises. The same year the firm acquired an Incimar lettering machine which could cut inscriptions in a third of the time an artisan could. Employee numbers


At present the three companies; Martin and Sons Ltd, Kernow Stone and Plymouth Stone Ltd employs 22 members of staff. The next generation of the business is represented by Robert's son Tom who has taken on the role of Sales Manager of Kernow Stone. Kernow Stone has now outgrown the unit at Rosemanowes Quarry and in July 2019 will move to bigger premises in Redruth.

Both Plymouth and Redruth have state of the art factory units with CNC technology sitting comfortably alongside handcrafted skills.

We have a long history in a family orientated business, but our true focus is our customers. We have a commitment to the very highest levels of service which starts from your very first point of contact either on the telephone, a visit to our premises or at your request, a home visit. We do our utmost to put you at ease in what can be a very stressful time. Our highly trained staff will take the time to help you through the process of choosing the right memorial for your loved one. Our showrooms both in Plymouth and in our new premises in Pool, Redruth have the most extensive selection of memorials in the South West. We will provide a computerised layout showing how your memorial will look before it is made.

Our time served craftsmen and fitters are all industry **BRAMM** accredited ensuring that you receive a first class service from your initial enquiry to the laying of the memorial.



 Above: Rosemanowes Quarry at the turn of the 19th Century.

Choosing the right headstone material for your loved one

We have many different types of materials to choose from, here is a comprehensive list of some of the stones we have available along with the many services we are able to offer

For many years people have created memorials as a lasting tribute to their loved one. It's a place to visit; to reflect on happy times and to lay flowers. Our experienced team are on hand every step of the way to help you, from choosing and designing your memorial right through to the installation of the memorial in a Cemetery or Churchyard. As the memorials are natural stone, the colours may vary slightly from what is shown in our brochure.

What materials should you be choosing when ordering a headstone?

Granite
This material is the most durable of stones and comes in a variety of colours. This makes it the most popular choice for making headstones. With granite, our artisans can make skilfully carved intricate designs and those designs will stand the test of time.

Marble
This material is an amazing choice for intricate, elaborate and beautiful designs. The down side to marble memorials is that when exposed to the mild acid found in rainwater, the material regresses and then becomes easily stained. So, beautiful but not everlasting.

Slate
We love this material due to its smooth and pleasing nature. It is easy to carve, shape and make intricate designs. Once again however, there is a downside in that it is layered, slightly porous material and can crumble over time.

Finishes
It is important, apart from choosing the material, to consider the finish to the headstone and if there any stipulations from the Cemetery or Churchyard about these.
Polished headstones have a smooth, shiny and reflective look and are the easiest to keep clean. Most Churchyards will not allow this surface because it does not match the antiquity of the surroundings.
Part polished is where the inscription area and top of the base are polished and everything else is a natural finish, either honed, sand blasted or rustic.
Honed is a smooth surface that is not reflective, they are the primary choice for Churchyard memorials. Please note in Devon and Cornwall only grey granite is allowable.

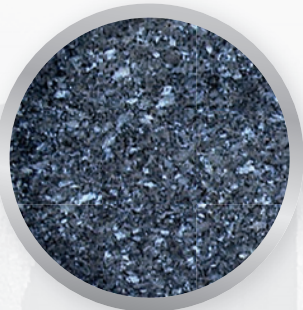
Additional Services
Adding Inscriptions to Existing Memorials
We can add an additional inscription to an existing memorial matching the same style and colour of font.
Restoration
We can offer a complete restoration of the memorial whether it is a clean and repaint or a full restoration to re-erect an unsafe memorial.
Memorial Insurance
We can offer Memorial Insurance to include Subsidence, Vandalism, Theft or Attempted Theft, Impact Damage and Storm Damage.

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Above: For prices of the memorials that can be found in this brochure or our additional services please speak to our Memorial Consultant who will be able to give you a quotation based on your specific needs.



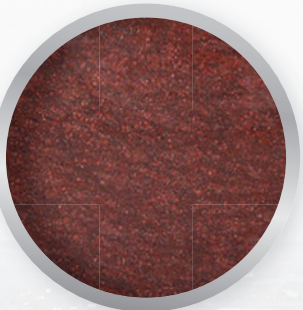
Bahama Blue
Varies slightly in colour depending on light exposure



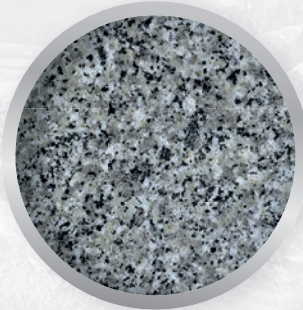
Blue Pearl
Aquatic colours with some Black mottle



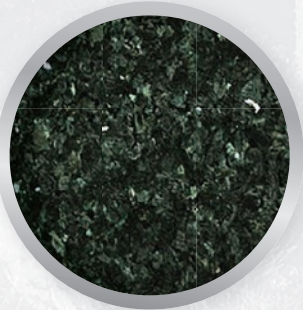
Cats Eye Brown
Quarried in India, this stone is a great choice for memorials



Cats Eye Red
Intrusive igneous rock which is granular in texture



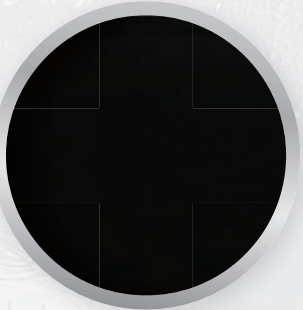
Tarn Moyen
Silver Grey granite quarried in the southern region of France



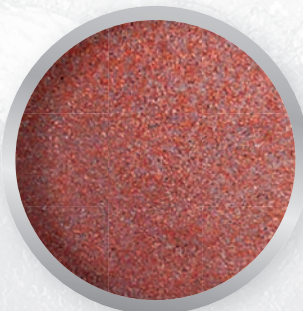
Emerald Pearl
Amazing metallic Green stone that is soaring in popularity



Imperial White
White stone with a Pinkish hue and darker Pink flecks



Black
Beautiful material with a lustre and luxurious aesthetic



Balmoral Red
A type of Red granite quarried in Finland, perfect for monuments



Aurora
A Grey/Red/Black migmotite with striking veins



Karin Grey
Silver Grey granite quarried in Finland, perfect for monuments



Cera Grey
Quarried in India, it has a very fine texture

			
Indian Silver A white granite background with a mix of silver crystals	Dark Grey Hard wearing, durable and a beautiful granite	Paradiso Is a kind of multicolour granite quarried in India	Cornish Silver Grey granite quarried at De Lank Quarry in Bodmin
			
Red Multi A type of Red granite quarried in Venezuela	South African Consistent in colour and quarried in South Africa	Ruby Red A medium grain, dense; deep Red colour with dark grains	Star Galaxy Absolutely stunning, reminiscent of the night sky
			
Steel Grey Coarse-grain with a charcoal-like appearance	Tan Brown Dark Brown with natural clusters of Black and tan	Tropical Green A Light and Dark Green durable granite	Viscount White The Grey/Black veining will vary within the block

Choose your style of headstone

Choosing a style of headstone can be a difficult process, but at Kernow Stone we are experts in what we do and can help guide you in the right direction during this difficult time

To help us quote you accordingly please look at some of the questions we may ask you:

- In the first instance you need to choose whether the memorial will be all **polished**, **part polished** or a **rustic finish**.
- The next step would be the **colour** of the memorial (please see our colour chart or ask for advice).
- The next step is to choose a **shape** for the memorial.
- To personalise your memorial you may like to add a sandblasted design. There are some memorials in this brochure showing design work or you may like to create your own design to reflect your loved one's life. We can also offer porcelain photo plaques.
- The last step is to choose your inscription, please see our examples which can be found under the **'Lettering & Inscription'** section.

Bespoke Memorials

This brochure is just a small selection of what we can do, if there is something that isn't in here, we are more than happy to discuss your requirements. All designs shown in this brochure are easily changed with respect to colour, size and material.

Our team is available to discuss your requirements and provide any assistance that you require. We will advise the total cost of the memorial before you place your order.

After which, a letter of confirmation will be sent to you together with an illustration of the finished memorial. You can then make any necessary changes before we start work.

 KS1 Square Top	 KS2 Checked Top	 KS3 Raised Shoulder	 KS4 Square Topped Scotia Shoulders	 KS5 Rounded Shoulders
 KS6 Peon Top	 KS7 Offset Peon Top	 KS8 Peon with Checks	 KS9 Square Top Splayed Shoulder	 KS10 Square Top Gothic Shoulder
 KS11 Oval, Arcor Chambered	 KS12 Oval with Shoulders	 KS13 Oval with Checks	 KS14 Square Top Double Rounded	 KS15 Half Round
 KS16 Ogee Top	 KS17 Half Ogee Top	 KS18 Serpentine Top	 KS19 Ogee with Checks	 KS20 Oval Topped Scotia Shoulders
 KS21 Square Top Round Shoulders	 KS22 Round Top Round Shoulders	 KS23 Oval Top Checked Round Shoulders	 KS24 Square Top Ogee Shoulders	 KS25 Oval Top Ogee Shoulders
 KS26 Peon Top Tapered Sides	 KS27 Norman	 KS28 Gothic	 KS29 Deep Ogee	 KS30 Peon Top with Splay Sides

Cemetery Memorials

Cemetery Memorials come in all shapes, sizes, materials and styles. We have compiled a concise overview of each one to help you make a decision on which headstone is the right one for you



KSM 001

Half Ogee with barrel sides a traditional favourite featuring bronze praying hands

Product Specifications

Material: Dense Black Granite
Headstone: 30" x 24" x 3"
Base: 30" x 12" x 3"



Above: Other types of ornaments are available



KSM 002

A stunning granite that complements the barrel shape and chamfered sides... never disappoints

Product Specifications

Material: Bahama Blue Granite
Headstone: 30" x 24" x 3"
Base: 30" x 12" x 3"



KSM 003

A lot of time goes into the fabrication of the rope work and it always looks stunning

Product Specifications

Material: Dense Black Granite
Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"
Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



Above: Carved and polished rope work edging



KSM 004

Gothic top and a deep intricate rose carving

Product Specifications

Material: New Dark Grey Granite
Headstone: 30" x 24" x 4"
Base: 30" x 12" x 4"



KSM 005

An elegant angel is a work of art and a fitting tribute

Product Specifications

Material: English Teak Granite
Headstone: 30" x 24" x 3"
Base: 30" x 12" x 3"



KSM 006

A beautiful floral ornamentation is a perfect complement to the heart design

Product Specifications

Material: Ruby Red Granite
Headstone: 30" x 24" x 3"
Base: 30" x 12" x 3"





• **KSM 007**
Intertwined heart and highlighted lily
Product Specifications
Material: Dense Black Granite
Twin Heart: 16" x 28" x 3"
Base: 30" x 15" x 3"
Rest: 12" x 6" x 3"



• **KSM 008**
Black granite with full round top, simple but effective
Product Specifications
Material: Dense Black Granite
Base: 27" x 21" x 3"
Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



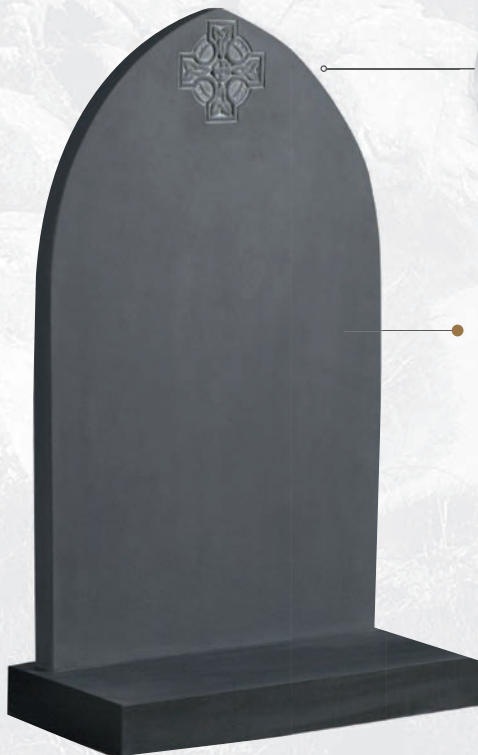
• **KSM 009**
Ogee top with ogee shoulders finished with top and side chamfers
Product Specifications
Material: Tropical Green Granite
Base: 27" x 21" x 3"
Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



• **KSM 010**
Tarn Moyen granite tapered boulder memorial with rustic sides to include a rustic or honed back
Product Specifications
Material: Tarn Moyen Granite
Headstone: 26" x 21" x 5" to 3"
Base: 24" x 12" x 4"



• **KSM 011**
A perfect local memorial using Cornish Silver Grey granite with a local slate inset
Product Specifications
Material: Cornish Granite
Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"
Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



• **KSM 012**
Slate with gothic top, a beautifully traditional memorial
Product Specifications
Material: Slate
Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"
Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



Above: Carved cross, other carvings are available

• **KSM 013**
A traditional Celtic wheel cross creating an imposing monument
Product Specifications
Material: Indian Silver Granite
Headstone: 39" x 21" x 4"
Base: 24" x 12" x 4"



Above: Polished centre to finish all honed cross face





• **KSM 014**

Lavender Blue granite with traditional carved cross detail and rustic features

Product Specifications

Material: Lavender Blue Granite

Headstone: 30" x 24" x 4"

Base: 30" x 12" x 4"



• **KSM 015**

South African Dark Grey granite memorial with ornate top with pin line and bow front base

Product Specifications

Material:

South African Dark Grey Granite

Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"

Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



• **KSM 018**

Emerald Pearl granite with ornate top and floral sandblasted design with pin line and splayed front base

Product Specifications

Material: Emerald Pearl Granite

Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"

Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



• **KSM 019**

South African Dark Grey granite with gilded roses in each corner

Product Specifications

Material:

South African Dark Grey Granite

Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"

Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



• **KSM 016**

A traditional ogee top headstone with a sandblasted and painted lily

Product Specifications

Material: Dense Black Granite

Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"

Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



• **KSM 017**

Blue Pearl granite with highlighted roses in the corners

Product Specifications

Material: Blue Pearl Granite

Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"

Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



• **KSM 020**

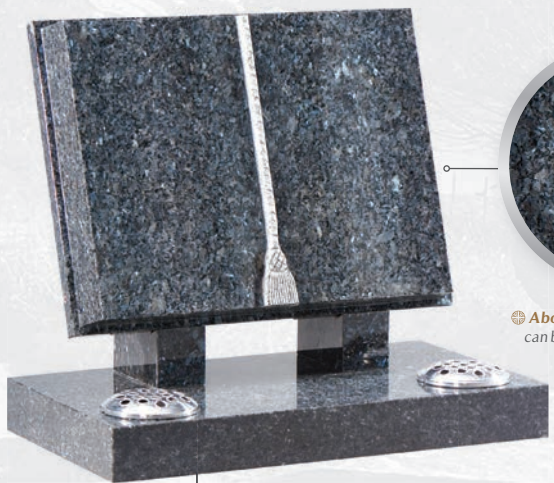
Ogee top with pitched sides and front margin

Product Specifications

Material: Indian Silver Granite

Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"

Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



• **KSM 021**

Blue Pearl granite book memorial with curved pages finished with a sanded and carved cord and tassel

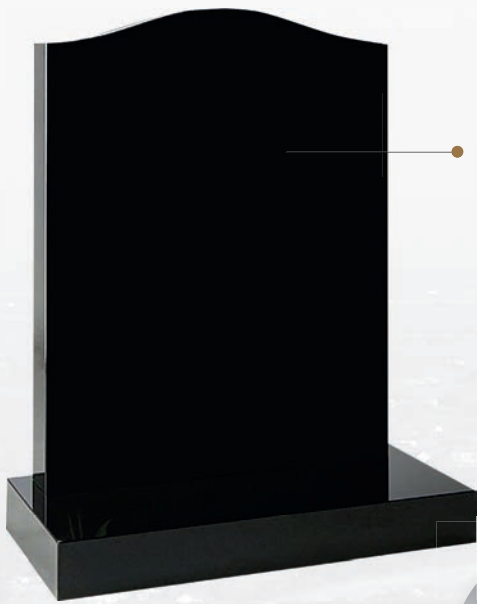
Product Specifications

Material: Blue Pearl Granite **Book:** 28" x 24" x 3"

Base: 27" x 15" x 3" **Rest:** 14" x 12" x 6"



Above: Sanded cord and tassel can be unpolished or polished



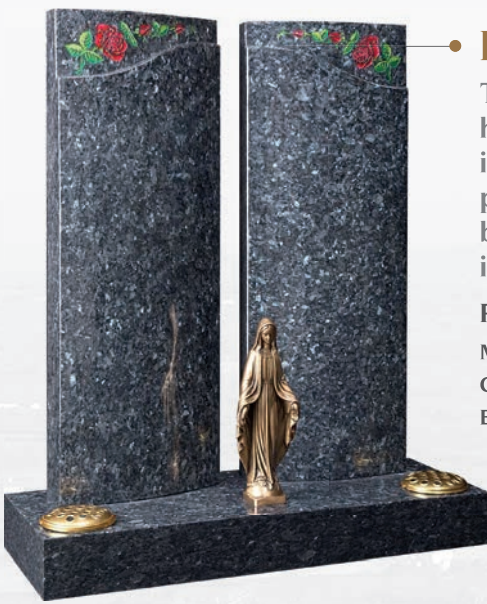
• **KSM 022**
Ogee top memorial is a popular choice
Product Specifications
Material: Dense Black Granite
Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"
Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



Above: A gorgeous Sandblasted Rose design embellishment



• **KSM 024**
New Dark Grey granite with sandblasted book and rose design
Product Specifications
Material: New Dark Grey Granite
Column: 30" x 24" x 4"
Base: 30" x 12" x 4"



• **KSM 023**
The twin columns have an ogee recess in the top with a painted rose design, bronze ornament is optional
Product Specifications
Material: Blue Pearl Granite
Column: 36" x 14" x 4"
Base: 36" x 14" x 4"



• **KSM 025**
A traditional ogee top with rounded corners are also mirrored in the bases rounded corners
Product Specifications
Material: Ruby Red Granite
Column: 27" x 21" x 3"
Base: 24" x 12" x 3"

Cremation Memorials & Vases

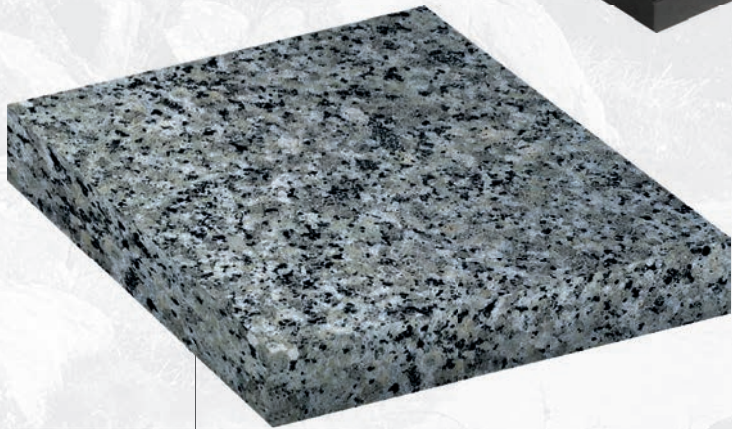
Below are some of our memorials suitable for interment of cremated remains, if you don't see a memorial you like then please contact us and we can discuss your memorial requirements



Above: Carved cord and tassel can be unpolished or polished



• **KSM 026**
Black granite desk tablet with shaped pages and cord and tassel
Product Specifications
Material: Dense Black Granite
Tablet: 18" x 18" x 4" to 2"



• **KSM 027**
Tarn Moyer granite flat tablet
Product Specifications
Material: Tarn Moyer Granite
Size: 24" x 24" x 2"



Right: Shaped pages with polished outer cover

• **KSM 028**
Tropical Green granite sloping tablet with shaped pages
Product Specifications
Material: Tropical Green Granite
Tablet: 18" x 15" x 4" to 2"



KSM 029

Black granite desk tablet with moulding around the edge

Product Specifications

Material: Dense Black Granite

Tablet: 18" x 18" x 4" to 2"



KSM 031

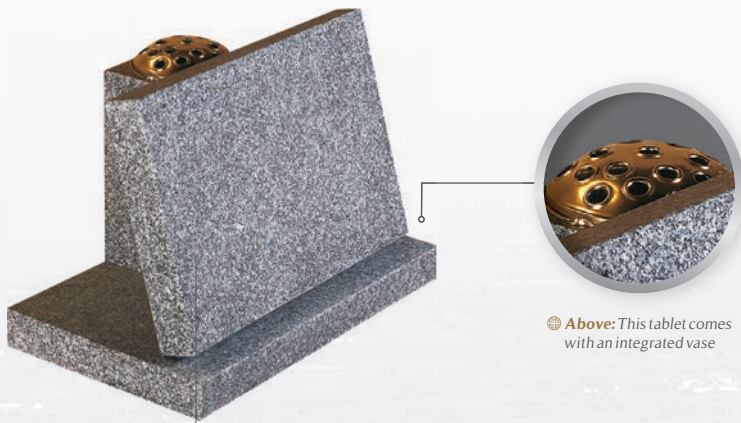
Black granite flat tablet, ornate rose and pin line detail

Product Specifications

Material: Dense Black Granite

Tablet: 18" x 12" x 2"

Above: This tablet comes with a beautiful ornate painted Rose



KSM 030

Silver Grey granite tablet with integrated vase

Product Specifications

Material: Silver Grey Granite **Tablet:** 18" x 12" x 2"

Rest: 10" x 6" x 9" to 6" **Base:** 20" x 14" x 2"

Above: This tablet comes with an integrated vase



KSM 033

Black granite turned vase

Product Specifications

Material: Dense Black Granite

Tablet: 12" x 6" x 6"

“All of the memorial designs in this brochure are interchangeable”



KSM 032

Ruby Red granite square vase available in various sizes and colours

Product Specifications

Material: Ruby Red Granite

Vase: 7" x 7" x 7"



KSM 034

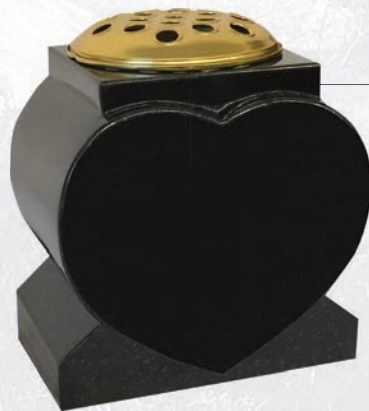
Silver Grey granite square vase with check top & base

Product Specifications

Material: Silver Grey Granite

Vase: 7" x 7" x 7"

Base: 8" x 8" x 2"



KSM 035

Heart shaped vase

Product Specifications

Material: Dense Black Granite

Vase: 10" x 10" x 7"

Base: 12" x 9" x 1"



Children's Memorials

Choosing a memorial to commemorate a young life can be very difficult. One of our caring staff members will gently guide you through the process of selecting a suitable memorial



• **KSM 036**
Blue Pearl granite with teddy bear design
Product Specifications
Material: Blue Pearl Granite
Headstone: 22" x 16" x 2"
Base: 18" x 12" x 2"



• **KSM 037**
Black granite shaped top with child sitting on crested moon
Product Specifications
Material: Dense Black Granite
Headstone: 27" x 21" x 3"
Base: 24" x 12" x 3"



• **KSM 038**
Blue Pearl granite with teddy bear design
Product Specifications
Material: Blue Pearl Granite
Headstone: 22" x 16" x 2"
Base: 18" x 12" x 2"



• **KSM 039**
Ornate top with heavy chamfered edges and fairy alphabet design
Product Specifications
Material: Ruby Red Granite
Headstone: 22" x 16" x 2"
Base: 18" x 12" x 2"

Kerb Set Memorials

Kerb memorials are only allowed in certain cemeteries and have regulations regarding the size. They cover the complete grave space and can have earth or chippings inside the kerb area



• **KSM 040**
Ogee top with rounded corners, cover slab and kerb memorial
Product Specifications
Material: Ruby Red Granite
Dimensions: 72" x 36"



• **KSM 041**
Blue Pearl granite heart, cover slab and kerb memorial
Product Specifications
Material: Blue Pearl Granite
Dimensions: 72" x 36"



• **KSM 042**
Black granite headstone, vases, posts and kerb memorial
Product Specifications
Material: Dense Black Granite
Dimensions: 72" x 36"


















• **KSM 043**
Full Round top headstone with flower carving and stepped cover slab with a turned vase
Product Specifications
Material: Imperial White Granite
Dimensions: 36"h x 30"w x 78"d


Inscriptions & Verses

It can be challenging to find the right words to use on a memorial plaque, so we have listed below a selection of inscriptions and remembrance poems which may help you

Writing a loved ones inscription can be an unbelievably challenging task for almost everyone during such a difficult time of loss. Some people believe that the inscription is the most important part of the memorial and we understand this. We have compiled these examples here to help you with your loved ones inscription and hopefully give you some inspiration to leave a lasting message that's truly fitting. There are some restrictions however in Churchyards and Cemeteries relating to wording, but our team will be able to advise.

-  In loving memory of
-  Sacred to the memory of
-  Remembering with love
-  Treasured memories of
-  In remembrance of
-  Gone are the days we used to share
-  Reunited
-  Together again
-  Gone from us but not forgotten
-  Forever in our thoughts
-  Sadly missed
-  At rest

-  In our hearts you will always stay loved and remembered every day
-  To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die
-  Memories are a golden chain that bind us till we meet again

 **Above:** The above verses are only a guide, if there's something you wish to use but it isn't listed, please get in touch and we will be happy to help you





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