



Shetland Memorials

A HELPFUL GUIDE TO CHOOSING A HEADSTONE

A grave marker gives you an opportunity to memorialise a loved one who has passed away, it is a tribute to their life that will remain for many years to come and therefore important to choose the right one.

Shetland Memorials is a local company who can assist you in this process from initial contact through to installation of your memorial. Please take some time to look the catalogue and if you can't see something you like then we can have a memorial made up to any shape or granite colour to suit your needs. (note our suppliers only supply to trade and not to individual customers. We do all the inscription and painting work locally and will install the memorial in accordance the SIC installation permit conditions the Memorial Masons 'Blue Book' and to British Standard 8415.

In our Showroom we have over 30 Headstones and Memorials in stock for you to come and look at, if you don't see anything you like we can normally get something from the catalogue delivered quite quickly or if you want something more bespoke we can have that made up for you and delivered to us in around 8-10 weeks, which is amongst the fastest in the industry.

When considering the type of memorial to buy, you should also consider the ground conditions i.e. how flat the ground is etc. A very thin base may be half buried on sloping ground and may require a sub base. You can't encroach on neighbouring lairs and the local authority no longer allows large kerbs all around the grave. A permit will be required from the SIC we will arrange this for you if required.

You should consider the inscription and amount of words required on the memorial, some memorials do not have the space require for larger inscriptions, also if there is likely to be an additional inscription added at a later date. You should also consider the colour of the stone and lettering to ensure a good contrast. Standard lettering colours are Gold, Silver, Black and White.

Whilst you can choose from hundreds of available fonts, the type of font used should be clear and readable, attached is a separate list of commonly used fonts, but please feel free to chose one of your own liking, we will advise on its suitability. Also consider if you wish to add a verse, large

initial or large surname etc. Plain Block is normally used for the wording except names and epitaph.

Using our bespoke Memorial Designer software we can provide you with a scale drawing of your headstone and show you it in various colours of granite and font. This way you can have a good idea of what the completed item will look like. We can also email this to other family members if required, whilst you are in the showroom office.

Pictures can be added in several ways.

- Ceramic Plaque. Stuck on or recessed into the stone, with or without a frame
- Diamond etched onto the stone. Cuts deeper than Laser.
- Basic line type drawings i.e. a cross, rose etc can be sandblasted to same depth as letters

Diamond etched pictures can be coloured/part coloured if required.

Photos need to be of a reasonable size and quality and may require to be enhanced prior to being suitable for adding to the stone.

Remember the SIC as the burial authority could refuse wording or pictures that would not be deemed appropriate in a churchyard or cemetery.

Flower pots can look nice, but if left unattended tend to blow/rot away in the winter leaving an empty hole which silts up and fills with stagnant water. Flowers in the pot can also cover some lettering on the stone. If you want flower pots in the base you need to consider the positioning. (Centre, Left, Right, Or both Left and Right). We have replacement pots available at our showroom along with a selection of artificial flowers and vases to stick into the soil next to the headstone if you don't want a vase hole in the headstone base.

Maintenance. We offer a full maintenance service for all types of memorials, including the following:

- Cleaning
- Ground Tidy
- Replace Flower Pots
- Re-painting/gilding
- Additional inscriptions
- Existing laser picture enhancements
- Adding Pictures
- Re-Setting/Straightening fallen/leaning stones
- Replacing bent/loose pins
- Installing Memorials not purchased through ourselves
- Winter or permanent covers for vase holes in matching granite also available

Prices

The exact cost of a memorial will vary according to size, material, colour, finish, lettering and design. While a small slant/wedge can be purchased from as little as £220 the average cost of an upright headstone is usually between £600-£1800 and prices for carved stones can be more expensive. Bespoke work or very large stones can only be priced once we have a full brief.

Our prices are very competitive and our aim is to beat other suppliers on both price and service.

In addition, there is also the Installation and Council permit costs.

We will always go through a full process of identifying your needs and providing a full quotation prior to you agreeing the order.

When Ordering we will require a 50% deposit payable by Bank Transfer, Credit/Debit Card Cheque or Cash. The Balance is due following installation and payable within 14 days.

We hope this guide has been helpful, but remember as local suppliers we are always on hand to provide answers to any questions you may have.

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SOME FONT STYLES AND LAYOUT EXAMPLE:

<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN SMITH DIED 20th MAY 1964 AGED 74 YEARS LOVING HUSBAND OF JILL SMITH</p> <p><i>LOVINGLY REMEMBERED</i></p>	<p>< Caption < Name < Dates</p> <p>< Description</p> <p><Space for additional Inscription</p> <p>< Epitaph</p>
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Some examples of fonts

Schoolbook	JOHN SMITH
Bookman	JOHN SMITH
Rockwell	JOHN SMITH
Serif	JOHN SMITH
Times New Roman	JOHN SMITH
Gramond	JOHN SMITH
Hand	JOHN SMITH
Sans	JOHN SMITH
Chancerly	<i>JOHN SMITH</i>
Arial	JOHN SMITH

Basically you can choose your own font and we will endeavour to match on our lists of fonts

CAPTIONS:

WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER.
 IN MEMORY OF.
 CHERISHED MEMORIES OF.
 PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF.
 IN REMEMBRANCE OF.
 FOND MEMORIES OF.
 EVERLASTING MEMORIES OF.
 OUR BELOVED.
 TO THE DEAR MEMORY OF.
 HAPPY MEMORIES OF.
 FOREVER IN OUR THOUGHTS.
 ALWAYS REMEMBERED.
 FOND MEMORIES OF.
 TREASURED MEMORIES OF.
 SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF.
 REMEMBERED WITH LOVE.
 HAPPY MEMORIES OF.

WE LOVE AND REMEMBER.
OUR GOOD FREIND

DESCRIPTIONS:

A MUCH LOVED HUSBAND/WIFE OF
A DEAR FATHER/MOTHER TO
BELOVED HUSBAND/WIFE OF
A DEAR MUMMY/DADDY TO
LOVING HUSBAND/WIFE OF
OUR DEAR MOTHER/FATHER
A DEVOTED MOTHER/FATHER/DAUGHTER/SON
LOVING MUM AND GRANNY AND DEVOTED WIFE OF
TRAGICALLY LOST TAKEN TOO SOON
WHO PASSED AWAY FAITHFUL COMPANION
WHO DIED PEACFULLY TRAGICALLY KILLED

EPITAPHS:

LOVINGLY REMEMBERED
ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS
LOVED AND MISSED BY ALL THE FAMILY
TOGETHER AGAIN
SO MISSED SO LOVED or DEARLY LOVED DEARLY MISSED
GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM/HER
REMEMBERED WITH A SMILE GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
SON, BROTHER, FRIEND or DAUGHTER, SISTER, FRIEND
REUNITED REST IN PEACE
AT REST TAKEN SO YOUNG
SADLY MISSED

Longer epitaphs or bible verses can be added with a smaller font

We are here to help

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