

Sale of Grave Markers Supports The Cemetery

Morning Rose, Blue Pear, and Red Wausau might be the names of flowering shrubs found in the Masonic Cemetery. Instead, they are the names of a few of the colorful choices of granite available for grave markers.

EMCA is now able to provide patrons directly with a selection of attractive granite monuments, polished and engraved to order. We can help with the selection of color, size and choice of wording, making it easy for you to focus on the appearance of the memorial and words of sentiment.

Why granite and not marble? Although marble was sometimes used for markers in the past, we now know it to be soft, easily breakable and prone to deterioration in Oregon's climate, reasons why it is not commonly used today. Granite is the most durable and workable material you will see in our cemetery.

A granite marker may have a polished surface, a rough surface, or a combination of the two. Letters engraved into granite withstand our weather and remain legible and clear. A variety of granite colors are readily available and several more can be special ordered. Because we are working with a large stone supplier, we have dependable options.

When it is time to order a grave marker, we can help you with the selection of color, size and choice of wording. We submit this information to the stone company, which then presents a sample layout of how the memorial will look. This preview gives you a chance to make changes in color, finish, or wording prior to the marker's actually being made.

Every marker is set in a concrete foundation, providing stability on our challenging hillside. We also work with installers who are familiar with this site and can ensure proper placement of monuments.

Our intention, as always, is for the marker selection process to be smooth, even for patrons who choose to work with a different memorial company. An advantage of dealing directly with us is that the money we earn for the services we provide will be invested in the future of the cemetery—just one more way in which the EMCA seeks to ensure the cemetery's ongoing sustainability while providing a service that is useful now.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our new service.