

Bronze Grave Marker Questions To Ask Your Cemetery, Funeral Home Professional

A List Of Questions To Ask To Make Sure You're Ordering The Correct Bronze Grave Marker

Before placing an order with us, our customers must first meet with or call the cemetery, memorial park or funeral home's sales, family service or marker administrator staff to determine the rules, policies and fees regarding grave markers at the location where it will eventually be installed.

When you talk with their staff, tell them you are going to purchase a bronze grave marker through us—with unlimited "text-that-fits" at no extra charge—and that you need to confirm what kind of marker you need according to the cemetery or park's rules, the type and size of grave space you have (or will) purchase, etc.

Note: As part of our service, we will contact the cemetery, memorial park or funeral home directly (based on the information our customers give us during the online ordering process) to double-check with them that the marker being purchased meets their requirements.

If the cemetery or memorial park indeed allows bronze grave markers, here is a list of questions you are encouraged to ask their staff so you can then know which marker to purchase from us.

– Example Introduction –

Explain to the cemetery or funeral home staff, *"We intend to purchase a bronze grave marker online and we need to confirm exactly what kind of marker we need and what rules or limitations we should know before ordering. Do you have a few minutes for me to go down a list of questions and take notes to make this easier for us?"*

– Sample Questions To Ask –

1). The foundry requires signed approval from a cemetery before an order is placed with them and will be calling, and/or faxing a form, to you to confirm that the bronze marker we're buying from them meets requirements. What is the full name, phone and fax numbers of the person they should talk to?

Contact's Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

2). What is the cemetery's official name and actual street shipping address if we decide to ship the bronze marker directly there by FedEx Ground instead of having it delivered to our residence?

Name of Cemetery/Memorial Park: _____

Street Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code : _____

3). Can we get a copy of the cemetery's rules and regulations for our review and records?

4). Given the grave space we own (or are purchasing), what size(s) of bronze marker can, or should, we be ordering?

Bronze Marker: Width _____" Height _____"

5). We're just ordering the bronze grave marker from the online retailer. What type of base or foundation is required for it to be mounted on (i.e. granite or concrete)? _____

6). Given the size of the bronze marker for our grave space, what is the minimum or maximum size of the base or foundation for the bronze marker to be mounted on?

Base/Foundation: Width _____" Height _____" Maximum or Minimum Thickness? _____"

7). Since we're ordering the bronze marker separately, who mounts it on the base or foundation and installs it at the grave site? The cemetery staff? A monument company? What is the fee charged for this service?

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8). If a granite base is required, do you sell them or have the name and phone number of a local company from whom we can purchase one? _____

9). If a granite base for the bronze marker is required, are there restrictions on the color of granite allowed? _____

10). If a concrete base is required, are pre-made slabs available or is the marker set into wet concrete? What fees are charged? _____

11). Since we're buying the bronze marker separately from the base, we want to make sure the four threaded studs or lugs on the back of the bronze are placed in the right location by the foundry so they match exactly with any pre-drilled holes in the granite base or concrete slab. What do we need to know so we can tell the bronze foundry precisely where the four threaded studs or lugs need to be placed on the back of the marker?

No preference for placement of threaded studs/lugs on the back of the bronze marker
(Typical when the marker will be mounted in wet concrete or if the holes in the granite or concrete base are going to be drilled after the marker is received by the cemetery or monument company).

Place threaded studs/lugs according to these specifications to match the holes in the base:
_____ " in from right and left sides
_____ " up from bottom and down from top

12). Are there any restrictions on the bronze marker's: Background color? Type of edge (i.e., bevel)? Style, size or type lettering for the names and epitaph (i.e., only all capitalized letters allowed)? _____

13). What kind of paperwork, permit or application do we need—if anything—to sign and submit for the marker and installation? Who needs to sign the forms (i.e., the lot owner or next of kin)? _____

14). Do you have to see and approve a layout of the bronze marker design prior to its installation? Yes ____ No ____

15). The foundry doesn't like selling markers with bronze flower vases due to incidents of theft, but if we still wanted to order a vase in our marker does the cemetery allow it? Yes, they're allowed ____ No, they're not allowed ____

16). Do you require the bronze marker design to include a Christian symbol such as a cross or image of Jesus? If so, what kind of symbols are suggested? *(This question is normally only applicable to Catholic cemeteries)* _____

17). *Note: This question is only for customers who own or are purchasing a double grave space, are interested in purchasing one double or companion bronze marker with two names that covers both graves, and at least one of the individuals is still living.*

Do you allow double bronze markers with one or two replaceable date-of-birth/death scrolls or plates which can be updated in the future with the date of death? Yes ____ No ____

Does the name of the husband or wife have to be on a certain side as you look at the marker from the foot of the grave? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, explain: _____