

**MEMORIAL
INSCRIPTIONS**

After the Memorial has been chosen, careful thought should be given to the composition and arrangement of the Inscription. Whilst our experience is at your service, it is hoped the following may be helpful.

Types of Letters recommended for:

GRANITE

Incised letters, finished in enamel paint or gold leaf according to the colour of granite. There are a variety of lettering styles which can be cut on granite.

The raised lead letter, in a block style capital letter is best suited on a fine axed surface.

MARBLE or NABRESINA

Incised letters, finished in enamel paint, in a modern block or Roman style letter.

Alternatively the letters can be cut and inlaid with lead, but only suitable with modern block style letters.

STONE

Incised letters, finished in enamel paint, and more suited to a modern block or Roman style letter.

Lead is discouraged from stone as hammering and fixing bruise the material.

SLATE

Incised letters, left unpainted, or finished in enamel paint or gold leaf. Like granite, there are a variety of lettering styles which can be cut on slate.

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Although an inscription should be legible it should form part of the general design rather than 'stand out'. It should be intimate rather than an advertisement.

The actual layout must normally be left to the lettering craftsmen; the composition will largely rest with the bereaved. If requested a draft layout of the inscription can be provided for approval before the letters are cut. It is hoped these suggestions will form a guide:

THE COMMENCEMENT

In loving memory
Cherished memories
Treasured memories
In Memoriam
In Remembrance of
To the memory of
A garden of memory to
To the dear memory of

In memory of
Pray for
With fond memories
In everlasting memory
Sacred to the memory
In ever loving memory
Sincere memories
In sincere memory of

RELATIONSHIP (if desired)

A dear (devoted, etc) husband (wife, father, mother, etc.)

NAME

In full usually

DATE AND AGE (the latter is sometimes omitted)

Who died who passed away who passed on who fell asleep
..... suddenly called to rest

Aged 80 years
or
Born 1897
or simply 1897 - 1978

in his 80th year
Died 1978

TEXTS (if desired)

The following is part of our own collection and we can advise you on the best use of these texts or any of your own selection which you may have in mind.

SELECTION OF TEXTS

- 1 At Rest
- 2 R.I.P.
- 3 Rest in peace
- 4 Sleeping
- 5 Beloved by all
- 6 Thy will be done
- 7 For ever with the Lord
- 8 A treasured memory
- 9 Until the day break
- 10 In sure and certain hope
- 11 Peace, Perfect Peace
- 12 Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven
- 13 In the midst of life we are in death
- 14 So dearly loved, so greatly missed
- 15 He giveth His beloved rest
- 16 Gone to be the guest of God
- 17 Not lost, but gone before
- 18 Unseen but ever near
- 19 In Thy presence is fullness of joy (Ps 16 v 11)
- 20 God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts
- 21 The parting lies behind, the meeting lies ahead
- 22 The gift of God is Eternal Life
23. Blessed are the pure in heart
- 24 Absent from the body, at home with the Lord
(II Cor. v 8)

- 25 With Christ, which is far better
- 26 We thank our God upon our every remembrance of him (her)
- 27 Sincere, true in heart and mind
A beautiful memory left behind
- 28 I shall remember while the light lasts
And in the darkness I shall not forget
- 29 There is sweet fragrance in remembrance
Which no sorrow can dispel
- 30 In our minds a constant thought
In our hearts a silent sorrow
- 31 Behind the sorrows of life
Stands the everlasting love of God
- 32 Lost awhile our treasured love
Gained in Heaven safe above
- 33 A sweet soul deeply mourned, but in
God's own time we shall meet again
- 34 Father in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now our loved one sleeping
- 35 None knew thee but to love thee
Nor name thee but to praise
- 36 Sunshine passes, shadows fall
Love and remembrance outlasts all
- 37 Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest
- 38 For with Thee is the fountain of Life;
In Thy light shall we see light
- 39 Farewell, sweet spirit! Thou shalt ever be
A star to guide me up to Heaven, and to thee
- 40 God takes our loved ones from our home
But never from our hearts

- 41 Just a token of love and remembrance,
To the one we shall never forget
- 42 To the world he was just a part,
To me he was all the world
- 43 On earth one gentle soul the less
In Heaven one angel more
- 44 Thou art with Jesus, He with me;
And so, in deep reality
'Tis still together - I with thee
- 45 Sleep on beloved, sleep and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best,
Goodnight.
46. Peace, peace, he is not dead, he doth not sleep
He hath awakened from the Dream of Life
He has outsoared the shadow of our night
He is secure -
He is a portion of the loveliness which once he made lovely
(*Shelley*)

Nos. 45 and 46 may be separate lines, two lines, or the complete verse

- 47 Though her smile has gone for ever
And her hand we cannot touch,
We shall never lose sweet memories
Of the one we love so much
- 48 God found the path was growing rough,
The hill too steep to climb
So he gently closed her eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine"
- 49 We loved her - yes! no tongue can tell
How deep, how dearly, and how well;
Christ loved her too, and thought it best
To take her home with Him to rest.

No. 47, 48 and 49 may be the complete verse or the last two lines only

TEXTS

(Suitable for Children)

C1 Suffer little children to come unto me
 For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven

C2 Safe in the arms of Jesus

C3 He shall gather the lambs with His arm
 And carry them in His bosom

C4 An Angel in the book of life
 Wrote down an infant's birth,
 Then added, ere he closed the book
 "Too beautiful for earth"

C5 There's a home for little children
 Above the bright blue sky

C6 Death claimed the precious treasure
 To us so lately given:
 It took away our lovely flower
 And planted it in Heaven

C7 God gave the treasure for a while
 To fill us with His love,
 And then He took our darling child
 To dwell with Him above

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is intended as a guide and does not by any means cover the whole subject. Our experience and study of Inscriptions and Lettering will be gladly passed on.

Advice in choosing the memorial and inscription can be obtained from the following Memorial Masons:

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