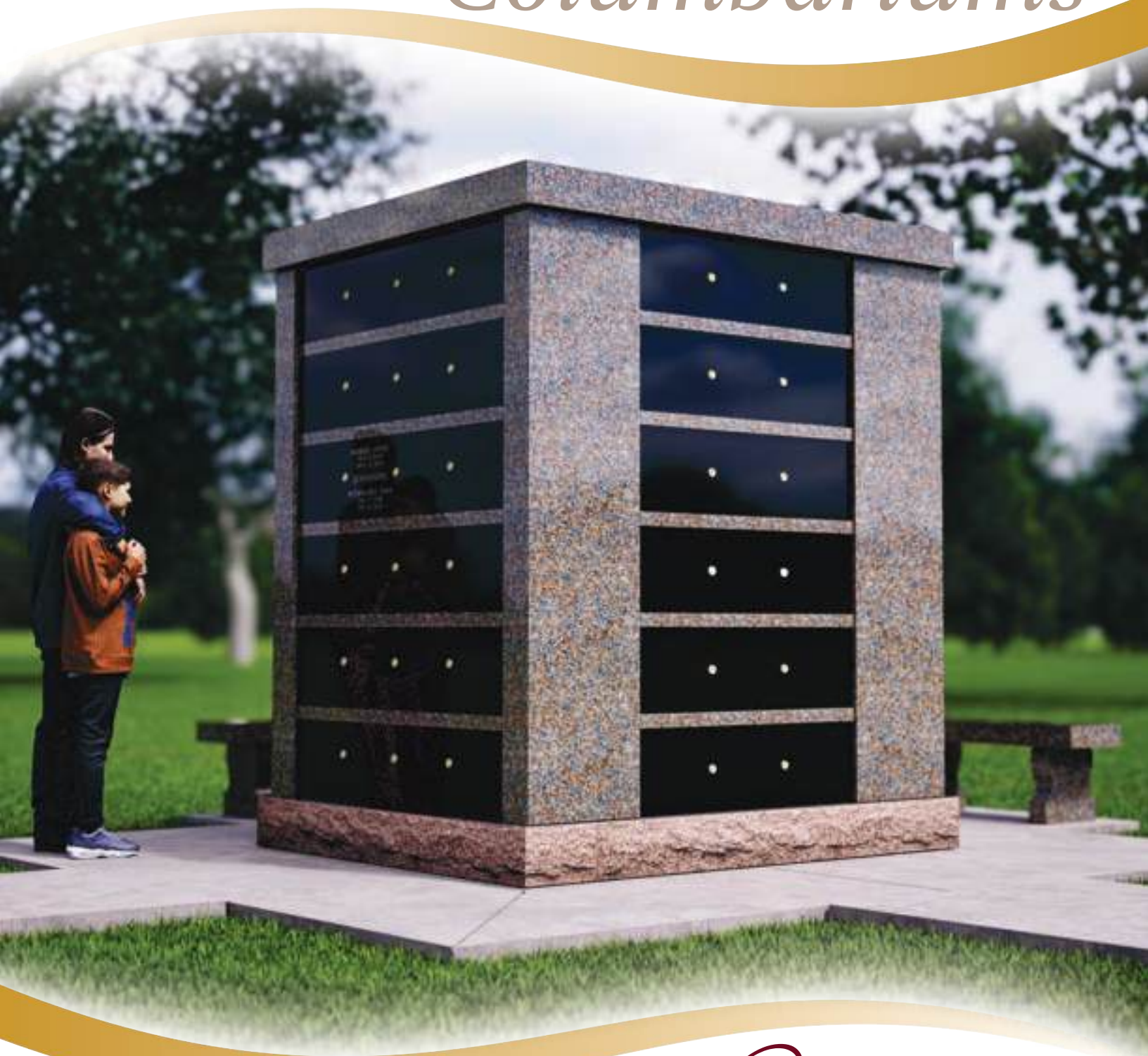


Community Columbarium



Creating everlasting stories in stone,
for people who matter, by people who care.

Honor · Celebrate · Remember
Create
a
LEGACY

Creating Sacred Spaces

A Guide to Community Columbariums

A columbarium is a beautiful granite structure designed to gently and securely hold cremation urns within individual spaces called niches. Niches come in different sizes and can hold one or two urns, offering families a peaceful and dignified place for remembrance.

As more families choose cremation without a traditional cemetery placement, many churches and cemeteries are considering a community columbarium as a meaningful way to provide a permanent, and sacred space for honoring their loved ones.

We are here to guide you through every step of the journey. From planning, design, construction, and installation, we assure the process is smooth, thoughtful and centered on caring for your community and the families you serve.

Frequently Asked Questions

Key Factors That Shape Your Price

We want you to feel confident and supported as you explore your options. Here are a few simple factors that can influence the overall cost.

- 1. Color:** Granite comes in a beautiful range of colors, each one has its own unique character. Some colors may be more expensive, while darker tones often offer the most striking contrast for engraving—helping your memorial look beautifully clear and timeless.
- 2. Size:** Larger units – A columbarium with more niche spaces may cost more upfront. However, it may result in a lower cost per niche. Think about the population of your community or parish to determine what size may be appropriate for your needs. Smaller Units – A smaller columbarium with less niche spaces may save you money upfront, however, the cost per niche may be higher. In this case, we recommend planning the overall site for possible future units.
- 3. Style:** A columbarium can come in many styles, allowing for a more unique setting. Consider adding benches, a prayer altar, or a memorial pavilion to provide families a meaningful place to gather.



Other Considerations

Land Usage: Choose an open setting with enough room for possible growth which may include landscape features, benches or future columbarium units.

Foundation & Landscaping: We offer foundation, excavating and landscape services, however, some choose to work with local businesses or dedicated volunteers to help reduce cost.

Warranty: All granite is guaranteed against fading, cracking or deterioration from exposure to elements of nature, excluding lightning, fire, accidents and vandalism.

Interiors: Columbarium interiors vary by manufacturer—some use concrete or aluminum, while other models are built with solid granite. The columbarium you choose will determine the type of interior used.

Design Services: We will design detailed renderings giving you a clear visualization of your project. Once the final render is determined, detailed dimensional drawings will be provided to aid with site-preparation and construction, though project completion.

Engraving VS Bronze: Your committee will want to decide whether to engrave each niche front or use bronze niche plaques. Bronze is easy to order and install. They also give a consistent appearance throughout. If engraving is chosen, this can be done on-site or at our facility. While on-site engraving provides a greater convenience, it comes at a higher cost and longer wait time. If timing is of most importance physically bringing-in or shipping the niche to one of our locations will provide the quickest turnaround.

Down Payment: We require a 60% deposit, however, we can accommodate to meet your needs.

Timing: Timing varies depending on manufacturer, time of year, and site preparation. We do not install during winter months.

Why Create A Legacy?

We are grateful for the opportunity to support your cemetery or church as you look toward future growth. With cremation rates continuing to rise across the country, Create A Legacy is here to assist you through this transition with thoughtful, long-term guidance.

Our team would be honored to craft a personalized plan that helps your cemetery or church confidently meet the needs of families choosing cremation. When you partner with Create A Legacy, you gain skilled craftsmanship, reliable project planning, and a caring advisory team committed to helping you steward your sacred space and create meaningful memorial options for generations to come.

Columbarium Terminology Guide

Columbarium: A granite or stone structure that houses cremation urns within individual compartments called niches.

Niche: A compartment inside a columbarium that holds one or two urns; available in single or companion capacity.

Niche Panel / Niche Door: The granite front panel that seals the niche; also used for engraving or attaching bronze nameplates.



Rosette: A decorative metal fastener used to secure a niche panel, unless the system uses concealed hanging hardware.

Ossuary: A shared chamber for commingled cremated remains, typically paired with a memorial plaque listing names.

Inurnment: The act of placing a cremation urn into a niche.

Niche Key / Access Tool: A key or tool supplied with certain systems to allow families or staff to open the niche for inurnment or keepsakes.

Capacity (Single / Double / Companion): Indicates whether a niche holds one urn (single) or two (companion/double).

Foundation / Concrete Pad: A level, engineered concrete base including frost footings, required for proper installation of the columbarium.

Memorialization (Engraving / Bronze Plate): How names and dates are displayed: engraved directly into granite or attached via a bronze plaque.

Niche Size: The interior measurements determining how many urns fit and what style of urns are compatible.

Double-Sided Unit: A columbarium with niches on both front and back sides, maximizing capacity within a small footprint.



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Jet Black



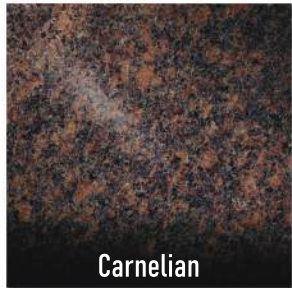
Light Gray

Granite Colors

These granite colors reflect our most frequently chosen options for columbariums, additional varieties are available upon request. Each supplier offers their own unique selection of colors, a specific granite choice may guide where the columbarium is sourced.



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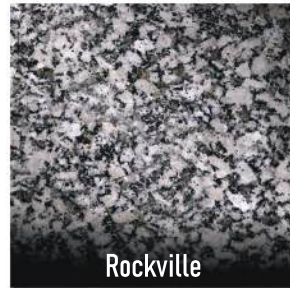
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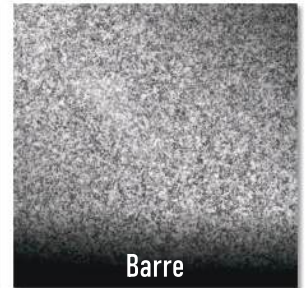
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St. Cloud Gray



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Barre



NELSON GRANITE



Canadian Mahogany



Morning Rose

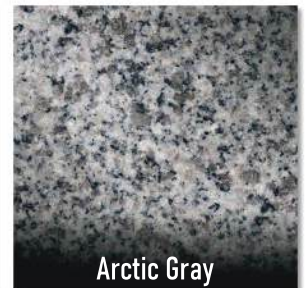


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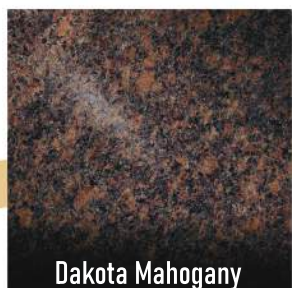
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Pine Green



Arctic Gray

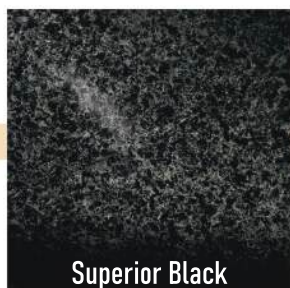


Dakota Mahogany



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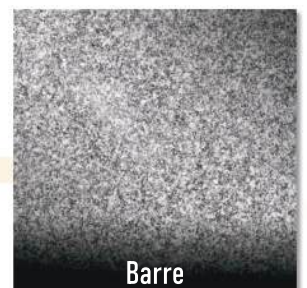
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Superior Black



Dakota Gray



Barre



Traditium 48-Niche Double-Sided

(Up to Four Traditium Urns Per Niche)

Overall Size

6'-0" x 3'-6" x 5'-4"

Interior Niche Size

14" x 14" x 14"

Image Shown In

Light Gray Unit
Jet Black Niche Doors
(Lexan Glass Door Option Available)



Lexan Glass Niche Doors

Traditium columbariums have a lexan glass option available allowing urns to be visible.

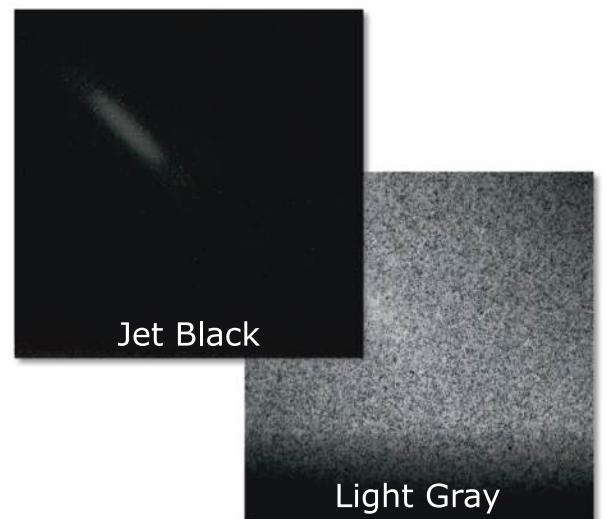


Traditium 72-Niche Round
(Up to Four Traditium Urns Per Niche)

Overall Size
8'-0" Ø x 12'-4"

Interior Niche Size
14" x 14" x 14"

Image Shown In
Light Gray Unit
Jet Black Niche Doors
(Lexan Glass Door Option Available)





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ColdSpring 96-Niche Double-Sided

144 Urn Capacity - 48 Single | 96 Double

Overall Size

9'-10" x 4'-2" x 7'-8"

Interior Niche Size

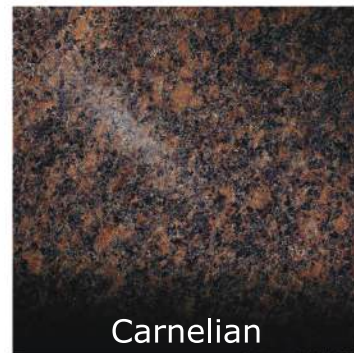
10½" x 10½" x 11½" - Single
10½" x 10½" x 23⅞" - Double

Image Shown In

Rockville Unit
Carnelian Niche Doors

Weight

22,500 lbs



Carnelian



Rockville



Coldspring 48-Niche Double-Sided

72 Urn Capacity - 24 Single | 48 Double

Overall Size

9'-10" x 4'-2" x 4'-5³/₄"

Interior Niche Size

10¹/₂" x 10¹/₂" x 11¹/₂" - Single

10¹/₂" x 10¹/₂" x 23⁷/₈" - Double

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Rockville Unit

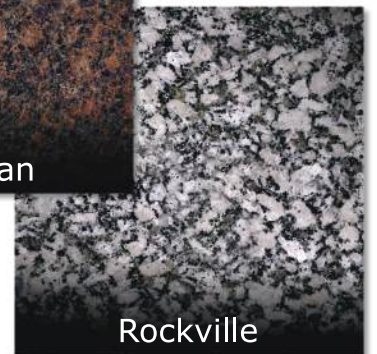
Carnelian Niche Doors

Weight

15,000 lbs



Carnelian



Rockville



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ColdSpring 4-High Octagon

96 Urn Capacity

32 Single or 16 Double (Side-by-Side) - 32 Double

Overall Size

7'-3" x 7'-3" x 5'-7"

Interior Niche Size

24" x 14" x 11½" - Single/Double (No Wall)

10½" x 10½" x 23⅞" - Double

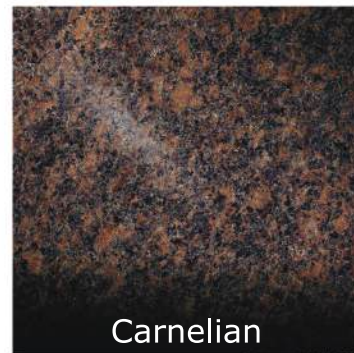
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Rockville Unit

Carnelian Niche Doors

Weight

19,500 lbs



Carnelian



Rockville



Coldspring 104 Niche - 4 Sided

104 Urn Capacity - 40 Single | 32 Double

Overall Size

8'-7" x 6'-7" x 5'-7"

Interior Niche Size

10½" x 10½" x 11½" - Single

10½" x 10½" x 23⅞" - Double

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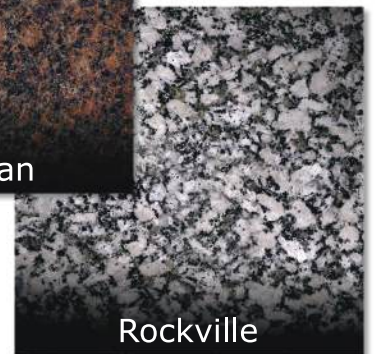
Rockville Unit
Carnelian Niche Doors

Weight

20,000 lbs



Carnelian



Rockville



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Nelson 48-Niche Double-Sided
96 Urn Capacity - 48 Double

Overall Size
8'-2" x 3'-4" x 5'-6"

Interior Niche Size
12½" x 12½" x 14"

Image Shown In
Morning Rose

Weight
11,000 lbs



Morning Rose



Nelson 100-Niche Double-Sided

200 Urn Capacity - 50 Double

Overall Size

13'-3" x 3'-4" x 6'-8"

Interior Niche Size

Single: 11½" x 11½" x 11½"

Double: 11½" x 11½" x 15"

Image Shown In

Canadian Mahogany

Weight

17,500 lbs



Canadian Mahogany



Nelson 24-Niche Double-Sided

48 Urn Capacity - 24 Double

Overall Size

8'-7" x 3'-4" x 5'-6"

Interior Niche Size

12½" x 12½" x 14"

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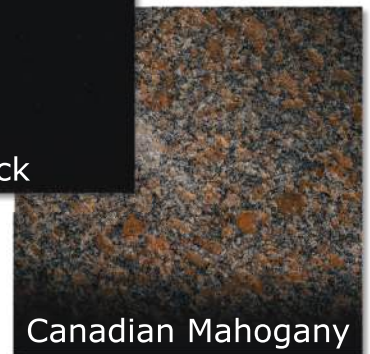
Canadian Mahogany Unit
Jet Black Niche Doors

Weight

7,000 lbs



Jet Black



Canadian Mahogany



Nelson 84-Niche 4-Sided

204 Urn Capacity - 48 Double | 36 Triple

Overall Size

6'-1" x 7'-2" x 8'-3"

Interior Niche Size

12½" x 12½" x 14"

12½" x 12½" x 18"

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Canadian Mahogany Unit

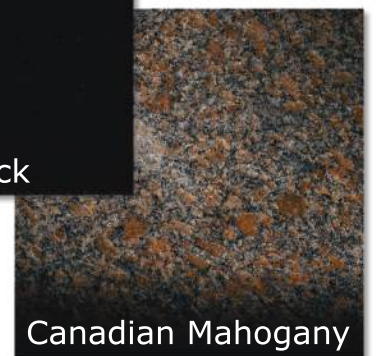
Jet Black Niche Doors

Weight

30,250 lbs



Jet Black



Canadian Mahogany



Nelson 48-Niche Curved Double-Sided

96 Urn Capacity - 48 Double

Overall Size

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Interior Niche Size

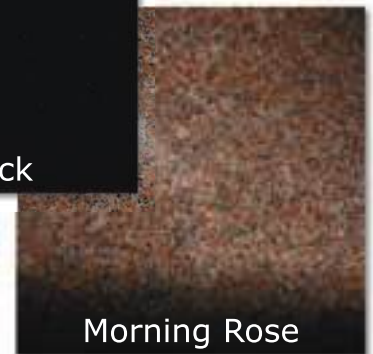
12½" x 12½" x 14"

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Morning Rose Unit
Jet Black Niche Doors

Weight

12,900 lbs





Nelson 72-Niche Round
144 Urn Capacity - 72 Double

Overall Size
8'-7" \varnothing x 8'-3"

Interior Niche Size
12½" x 12½" x 14"

Image Shown In
Canadian Mahogany Unit
Arctic Gray Niche Doors

Weight
32,000 lbs



Arctic Gray



Canadian Mahogany



Dakota 48-Niche Double Sided
48 Urn Capacity

Overall Size

8'-3" x 2'-6" x 5'-9"

Interior Niche Size

11³/₈" x 10¹/₄" x 11³/₈"

Image Shown In

Dakota Mahogany Unit
Jet Black Niche Doors

Weight

12,500 lbs





Dakota 48-Niche Double-Sided Full-Face

48 Urn Capacity

Overall Size

8'-3" x 2'-6" x 5'-9"

Interior Niche Size

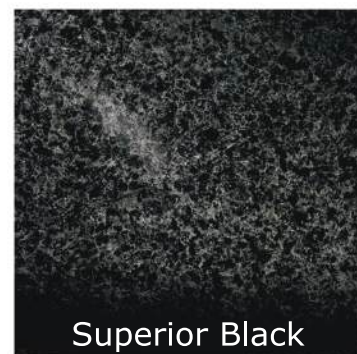
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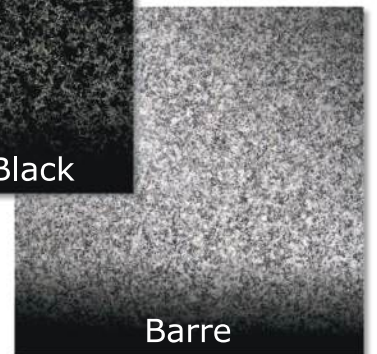
Barre Unit
Superior Black Niche Doors

Weight

12,500 lbs



Superior Black



Barre





Dakota 96-Niche Octagon

144 Urn Capacity - 48 Single | 96 Double

Overall Size

7'-8" x 7'-8" x 7'-6"

Interior Niche Size

Single: 12³/₄" x 10" x 12"
Double: 12³/₄" x 17" x 12"

Image Shown In

Superior Black Unit
Dakota Mahogany Niche Doors

Weight

25,000 lbs





Dakota 96-Niche 4-Sided

96 Urn Capacity

Overall Size

7'-5" x 7'-5" x 8'-2"

Interior Niche Size

11³/₈" x 11³/₈" x 11³/₈"

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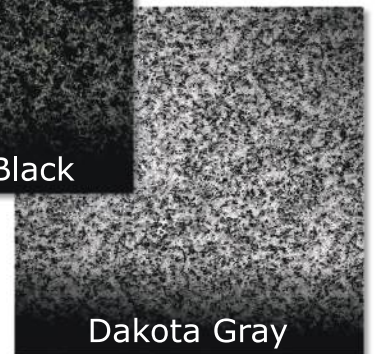
Dakota Gray Corners
Superior Black Niche Doors, Base & Cap

Weight

24,000 lbs



Superior Black



Dakota Gray



Bench & Altar Options

Adding benches to your columbarium creates a welcoming space where visitors can pause, sit comfortably, and reflect on cherished memories. Quiet resting places encourage longer, more meaningful visits and offer comfort to family and friends as they honor their loved ones.



B003



B001



B011



B012



B007



B008

Altars may be incorporated into any columbarium project, providing a dedicated setting for masses, prayer services, and remembrance gatherings. Together, these thoughtful additions enhance the beauty and purpose of the space, fostering peace, reflection, and spiritual connection.



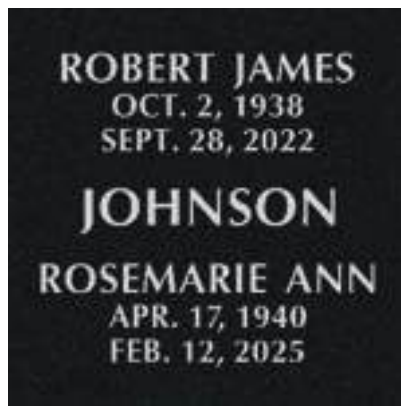
Niche Layout Options

When planning for a columbarium, a variety of niche layout options can be designed to achieve the right balance of function, clarity, and aesthetics. The layouts shown here serve as examples of what is possible. Custom templates will be created for each columbarium project to ensure the design aligns with any requirements you may have. Small accessories—such as Hero Medallions or Veterans Affairs Bronze Medallions—can be incorporated to add meaningful personalization while still maintaining a clean, well-balanced appearance across the entire columbarium unit.



Light to Medium granite columbarium niche fronts often require the use of a sanded panel. The sanded panel creates a stronger contrast, allowing the lettering to stand out clearly against the granite and making each niche easier to read.

Jet Black granite columbarium niche fronts can be engraved directly into the polished surface, eliminating the need for a panel. The naturally high contrast between the dark granite and the engraved lettering keeps names and dates crisp and readable, offering a clean, modern appearance.



Accessories



Hero Medallions offer a diverse collection of beautifully crafted, heavy-bronze medallions designed to honor the legacy, service, and personal passions of loved ones. These high-quality pieces represent meaningful themes such as community involvement, family heritage, international origins, military and public service, religious devotion, vocational achievements, and more. Each medallion is made with a durable enamel and protective coating, creating a lasting tribute that helps families celebrate the unique stories and accomplishments that defined a life. Reach out to us to explore the full selection of Hero Medallions.



Veterans Affairs Bronze Medallions can be a meaningful addition to a columbarium niche, especially in its smallest size, which is the recommended fit for a niche door. Each medallion features a dignified folded burial flag framed by laurel wreaths, with the word "Veteran" inscribed at the top and the branch of service displayed at the bottom. This medallion offers a respectful way to honor military service while maintaining the clean, proportional appearance preferred for niche installations.

Bronze Niche Plaques

Additional Options Available

Individual



NS-55



NS-56



NS-57



NS-58



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NS-31

A bronze vase can be added to select niche fronts.

Below: NS-16



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Companion



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NS-60



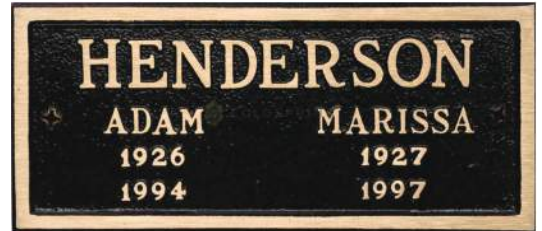
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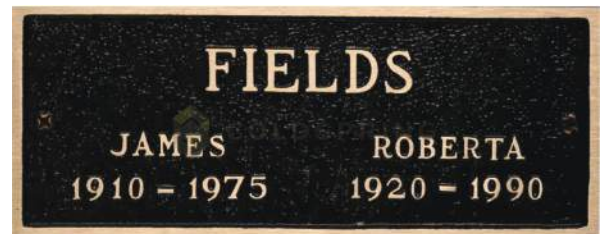
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NS-49



NS-32



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NS-3

Sample Customer Order Form

We'll create a customized order form tailored specifically to the design options available for your columbarium. Customers can effortlessly choose their preferred layout, enter all engraving details, and select any offered accessories—all in one streamlined experience allowing clear and simple ordering.

Bemidji Calvary Lutheran Columbarium Niche Ordering Form

Template Choice
A B C

Optional 2" Bronze Emblem - Space Must Be Available
Over the Left Corner of Between Dates

Template A

LASTNAME
FIRST NAME
XXX XX XXXX
XXX XX XXXX
FIRST NAME
XXX XX XXXX
XXX XX XXXX

Template B

FIRST NAME
LASTNAME
XXX XX XXXX
XXX XX XXXX
FIRST NAME
LASTNAME
XXX XX XXXX
XXX XX XXXX

Template C

FIRST NAME
LASTNAME
XXX XX XXXX
XXX XX XXXX
FIRST NAME
LASTNAME
XXX XX XXXX
XXX XX XXXX

Last Name _____
First Name _____
Birth Date _____
Death Date _____

Last Name _____
First Name _____
Birth Date _____
Death Date _____

Engraving Location - Side, Row Column

Family Contact Information:

Church Contact:
Corrent Fulla
Calvary Lutheran Church
2508 Washington AVE SE
Bemidji, MN 56401
318-751-1893
ghuts@calvarybemidji.org

CLOVERLEAF MEMORIAL PARK COLUMBARIUM
Niche Engraving Ordering Form

Template Choice: Please Check One.

Companion A Companion B Single

NAME / First / Last / Middle Initial
Date of Birth
Date of Death

NAME / First / Last / Middle Initial
Date of Birth
Date of Death

Niche ID: _____

Field Side (South) Previous Side (North)

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
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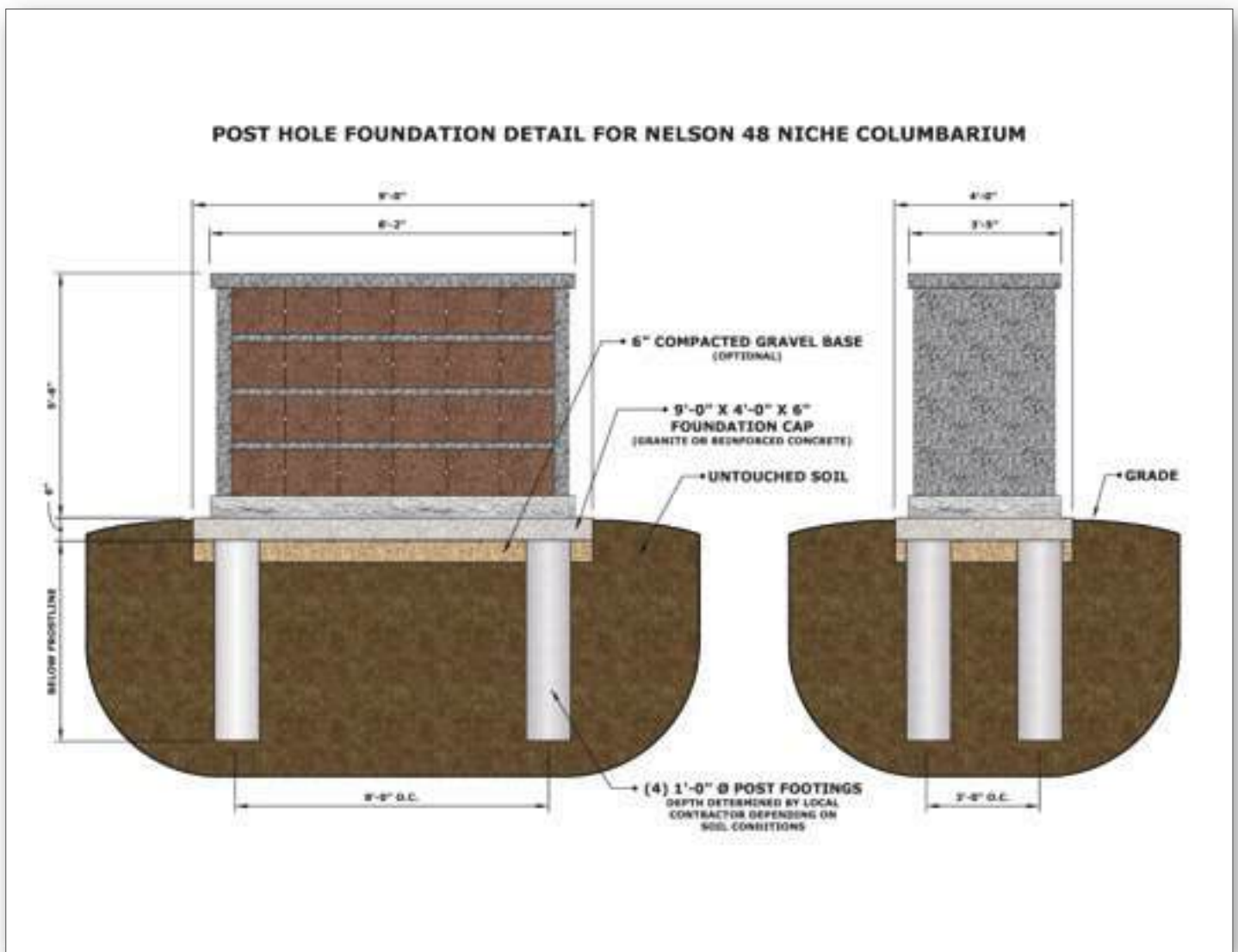
Signature _____
Date _____

(By signing, you confirm the names, spelling, dates & location are correct)



Foundation Planning

Post hole foundations are individual, deep-set concrete posts, poured down below the frost-line to support the structure. This approach provides a firm and stable foundation which minimizes movement caused by soil shifting or frost heave. We will provide a detailed plan illustrating quantity, size, depth, spacing, and dimensions for your columbarium unit to ensure a secure, level and structurally sound framework.



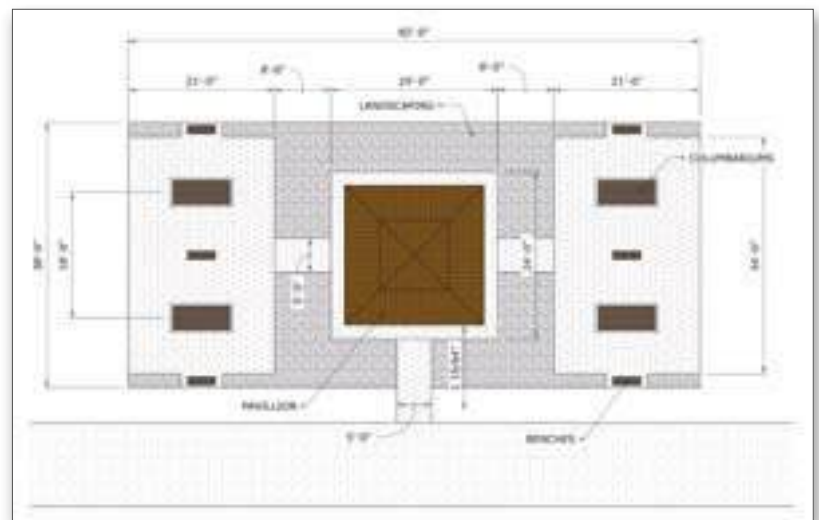
Design - Planning to Completion

Design Renders and Dimensional Drawings

The rendering below was provided for the Pleasant View Cemetery in Annandale, MN.



All projects will include detailed, to-scale, realistic renderings designed to help you clearly envision the completed project. In addition, each project will also receive comprehensive dimensional drawings with critical information ensuring a full understanding of scaling, proportions, and overall final appearance of the project before construction begins.



Project Completion

The photo below shows the finished project in Pleasant View Cemetery, Annandale MN.



The Pleasant View Cemetery Columbarium Project in Annandale began as a call from the city for meaningful cemetery expansion and evolved into a space that feels timeless and rooted. Through close collaboration with city staff—from early concepts to construction—the project thoughtfully honors its setting and community. The columbariums and pavilion create a quiet, respectful place for remembrance along Pleasant Lake, reflecting the power of collaboration, craftsmanship, and purpose.



Proven Track Record

We have had the honor of partnering with many communities, cemeteries, churches, and organizations to create columbarium spaces that offer peace, reflection, and a lasting place for remembrance. Each project reflects our commitment to thoughtful design, structural integrity, and the emotional needs of the families who will visit these sacred spaces. Below is a partial list of columbarium projects completed in recent years—shared so you may feel confident in our experience, our stability, and our deep respect for the meaningful work we do.

- **Faith Lutheran Church**
Little Falls, MN
- **St John's University Cemetery**
Collegeville MN
- **Zion Lutheran Church**
Grand Rapids, MN
- **Crosier Community**
Onamia, MN
- **Town of French Cemetery**
Side Lake, MN
- **Elim Lutheran Cemetery**
Scandia, MN
- **Crow River Cemetery**
Belgrade, MN
- **Paynesville River Cemetery**
Paynesville, MN
- **St Michaels**
Buckman, MN
- **Chisholm City Cemetery**
Chisholm, MN
- **Maple Hill Cemetery**
Hibbing, MN
- **Evergreen Cemetery**
Long Prairie, MN
- **Summit Cemetery**
Morris, MN
- **St Joseph Cemetery**
Pierz, MN
- **Wildwood Cemetery**
Pillager, MN
- **Cloverleaf Memorial Park**
Willmar, MN
- **Calvary Lutheran Cemetery**
Bemidji, MN
- **Church of the Epiphany Cemetery**
Coon Rapids, MN
- **St Andrews Cemetery**
Fairfax, MN
- **Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery**
Mound, MN
- **Greenwood Cemetery**
Superior, WI
- **Zion Lutheran Cemetery**
Cologne, MN
- **St Thomas of the Pines Cemetery**
Brainerd, MN
- **St Joseph Cemetery**
Waconia, MN
- **St Johns Nepomuck Cemetery**
Lastrup, MN
- **North Immanuel Cemetery**
Pelican Rapids, MN
- **Sts Peter & Paul Cemetery**
Richmond, MN
- **City of Litchfield - Ripley Cemetery**
Litchfield, MN
- **Graceland Cemetery**
Superior, WI
- **Hillside Cemetery**
Sheffield, IA
- **Parkview Cemetery**
Hawthorne, WI
- **St Francis Cemetery**
Superior, WI
- **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**
Hancock, MI
- **St James Cemetery**
Jacobs Prairie, MN
- **Hanover City Cemetery**
Hanover, MN
- **Calvary Cemetery**
Perham, MN

Our Legacy

At Create a Legacy, our work is rooted in something deeper than craftsmanship—it's rooted in compassion. For generations, our family of memorial companies has stood with families and communities during some of life's most tender moments, helping them honor the stories, memories, and legacies of the people they love.

Our history stretches back to 1898, when Little Falls Granite Works began as a small monument shop dedicated to serving its community with care and dignity. Over the decades, that single shop expanded to include additional locations—Murphy Granite Carving in Richmond, Hibbing Monument, and Duluth Monument. Together, these four long-standing companies now form what is collectively known as Create A Legacy.

Today, we are blessed with a dedicated team of full-time employees and Authorized Memorial Consultants who approach their work with empathy, skill, and heartfelt purpose. Together, we assist thousands of families each year—guiding them through design, crafting each piece with artistry, and ensuring installations that stand the test of time. Our strength as a company comes not only from our experience, but from the kindness and humanity we bring to every interaction.

Just like the granite we shape, our purpose is steadfast. We see ourselves not only as craftsmen, but as caretakers of stories. Every name, every date, every inscription represents a life deeply loved—and it is our privilege to help preserve those memories for generations to come.

We would be honored for the opportunity to support your community, cemetery or church in creating a columbarium that reflects peace, reverence, and lasting remembrance. It would be our pleasure to partner with you in shaping a space where families can find comfort and connection, and where the legacies of loved ones can be cherished for generations. Whenever you're ready, we stand prepared to serve with sincerity, experience, and heartfelt dedication.

Your Dedicated Team

Pictured Left to Right
Royce, Jon, Willy, Don



Community Columbarium



Creating everlasting stories in stone,
for people who matter, by people who care.

Honor · Celebrate · Remember
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