

10 Reasons to Use Quincy Memorials over Cheap Do-it-Yourself Websites

1. Granite – There is usually a reason something is cheaper and upon even first glance at some of these cheap, make-your-own websites, it is evident that the granite is lighter, cheaper and not very good. Quincy Memorials uses the highest quality granite that is more resilient to moisture and discoloration and has much less imperfections.
2. Size – The sizes are not up to standards for most cemeteries. Most cemeteries require an 8” thick tablet and an 8” tall base. Most of the monuments sold on these websites have 6” thick tablets and 6” tall bases. Flat markers should be 4” thick to prevent machinery from breaking them in half, but these websites use 3” thick markers.
3. Design – Quincy Memorials uses drafters that have over 30 years of experience, so we can advise as to what can and should be done for various reasons. If you design your own on these websites, you are the designer and they will make it as you design it with little to no advice about future considerations and lay-out.
4. Coordinating – Quincy Memorials acts as the general contractor to the design, approval and installation of the memorial. If ordering from these sites, you take on this coordinating role with little to no experience. People hire contractors to coordinate complicated and expensive projects and a memorial is one of those projects.
5. Delivery and Installation – Pricing on the website may or may not include the delivery charge, but it definitely does not include the price to install. You will still need to contact a local company that can install the monument correctly. Many companies do not like to take on the liability of installing other companies’ products, so sometimes it is difficult to find a reputable company to install the work. If you do, many companies will charge more than what they would normally because of the added liability.
6. Cemetery Regulations – If you order from these sites and take on the role of contractor, you need to make sure that what you order fits the design and size regulations of not only your cemetery but also the section within that cemetery. Quincy Memorials has all local cemetery regulations and permits and if we make a mistake, we replace it. The online companies put the approval process on you.
7. Foundations – Most upright monuments should have a foundation under the monument to prevent sinking and tipping of the monument. Markers sometimes should have these as well. These foundations need to be properly ordered to the right dimensions through the cemetery and paid for, generally through the cemetery. However, if the cemetery does not install them, you need to find someone. You also need to make sure the foundation is complete before install or your installer will not be very happy.
8. Engraving - To sell for less, it is unavoidable that these sites must cut corners. In this case, engraving is not cut very well. Engraving tends to not be as deep and to mask this, black spray paint that will eventually flake off is applied to give the illusion that it is deeper than it appears. Quincy Memorials does not skin frost any of our work.
9. Carvings - Another way to cut corners is to only provide flat carvings and not shaped carvings that add elegance to the memorial. Quincy Memorials will give you all your options and let you know when one is recommended over another. Quincy Memorials prices includes most shape carving.
10. Peace of Mind – If you purchase a monument through these sites and later find out that the size, style, etc is not allowed, you still own it. Quincy Memorials takes on the responsibility if there are any issues.