

Why Buy a Memorial in the Winter Time

Many people in New England do not like the winter. Probably because the air is colder and drier, days are shorter and darker, and snow can be fun for kids but a pain for the local commutes. People are under the impression that spring or summer is the best time to purchase a memorial. There are many reasons why winter can be the best time to buy a memorial. It is true that many cemeteries in the area do not install cemetery foundations (solid concrete footing) in the winter. But that does not mean you cannot order your family memorial so that when they start to again, yours will be the first one on the list and done for early spring.

Many people order a memorial when the weather starts to get warmer around April and May and hope that it will be completed by Memorial Day. Many times it can be but to make sure it is done for this time, the earlier you order the better. That way the stone will be ready to be installed as soon as the foundation is done. The weeks leading to Memorial Day are very busy for Memorial Dealers. Things can be rushed in order to beat the Memorial Day deadline and because there are so many orders for this time of the year it is sometimes impossible to get all orders done for that day. It can take several weeks to have a memorial made depending on the detail of the stone so if there is a date that you would like a stone in the cemetery by, make sure to order you stone at least 8 weeks in advance.

- Many dealers will have sales during the winter as it is a slow time of the year for them. They may also be more likely to give a deal when they are less busy than during the busy season. Also keep in mind that if all you need is lettering done to a stone, many lettering jobs can be completed in the winter.
- If money is an issue in the winter, some dealers will ask for only 50% deposit and bill the rest out upon completion in the spring. Some also take credit cards as well to further delay the payment. Some even offer payment plans.
- Peace of Mind – Why not pick out a stone as soon as possible so that you do not need to overwhelm yourself with it anymore.

It is important to keep in mind that it may make sense to buy in winter, but if you and your family are not ready to buy for emotional or financial reason then it is always best to wait no matter what. If it your first time buying a memorial as this is not a purchase that people make many times in their lives, try to familiarize yourself with the process. www.QuincyMemorials.com has a new and improved website that outlines the process of buying a memorial. It also has a helpful Information section that gives some helpful hints.