

COLUMBARIA NICHE DOOR ENGRAVING STANDARDS

NORTH VANCOUVER CEMETERY

This guide is intended to assist you in the process of getting your loved one's columbarium niche door engraved.

Please share this handout with the company you choose to engrave the niche door. This guide includes a list of City-authorized companies.

Columbarium Niche Interment

A columbarium is a structure that holds cremated remains in individual compartments, known as niches.

There are various columbaria walls throughout the North Vancouver Cemetery. These walls are made of Sierra white granite and the niche doors are carnelian mahogany granite, each measuring 30.5 x 30.5 cm (12 x 12 in). Each niche can accommodate two urns.

After purchasing the right to use a niche and someone has been interred, you may proceed with having the door engraved.



Columbaria walls, North Vancouver Cemetery

Memorial Inscriptions

A memorial inscription is a short text that is engraved on a memorial marker, such as a niche door. Inscriptions provide a meaningful way to honor and remember your loved one.

At the North Vancouver Cemetery, niche door inscriptions must include the deceased's name in English. You may also choose to include the name in a second language, as well as the birth and death dates. Additionally, there is the option to add a personal message and a small graphic at the top of the door.

Please remember that each niche is designed to hold two urns, so the door engraving should allow space for a second name.

The Cemetery Office must review and approve the inscription before a City-authorized company picks up and engraves the door.



Columbarium niche door engraving, North Vancouver Cemetery

For questions or additional information, contact the Cemetery Office at 604.983.7351 or email cemetery@cnv.org.

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Engraving Standards

You may choose the font, date format, and personal message for your niche door. However, all engravings must comply with the City's standards. We recommend working directly with the authorized companies listed below to ensure your design meets the requirements.

Specific engraving standards include:

- 1 Only sunken lettering with white paint is allowed.
- 2 A small graphic may be included at the top of the door, with a maximum size of 20 cm (8 in) wide by 9 cm (3 ½ in) tall.
- 3 No borders are allowed, and at least a 1.3 cm (½ in) of free space must be maintained around the edges of the door.
- 4 No items may be attached to the door.



Niche Door Engraving

For consistency and quality, only City-authorized companies may engrave the niche door. Before engraving, please ensure the Cemetery Office has approved your inscription. All costs associated with engraving are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Please note that there are a few limited exceptions to these standards for certain columbaria. The Cemetery Office will discuss any variations with you at the time of purchase.

City-Authorized Companies:

Century Monuments Inc.
281 Lynn Avenue
North Vancouver, BC V7J 2C3
778-340-5025
centurymonuments@shaw.ca

JB Newall Memorials Ltd.
5096 Fraser Street
Vancouver, BC V5W 2Y8
604-327-1312
info@jbnewall.com

Stone Power Ltd.
4626 Dunbar Street
Vancouver, BC V6S 2G9
604-728-5216
stonepower99@163.com



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