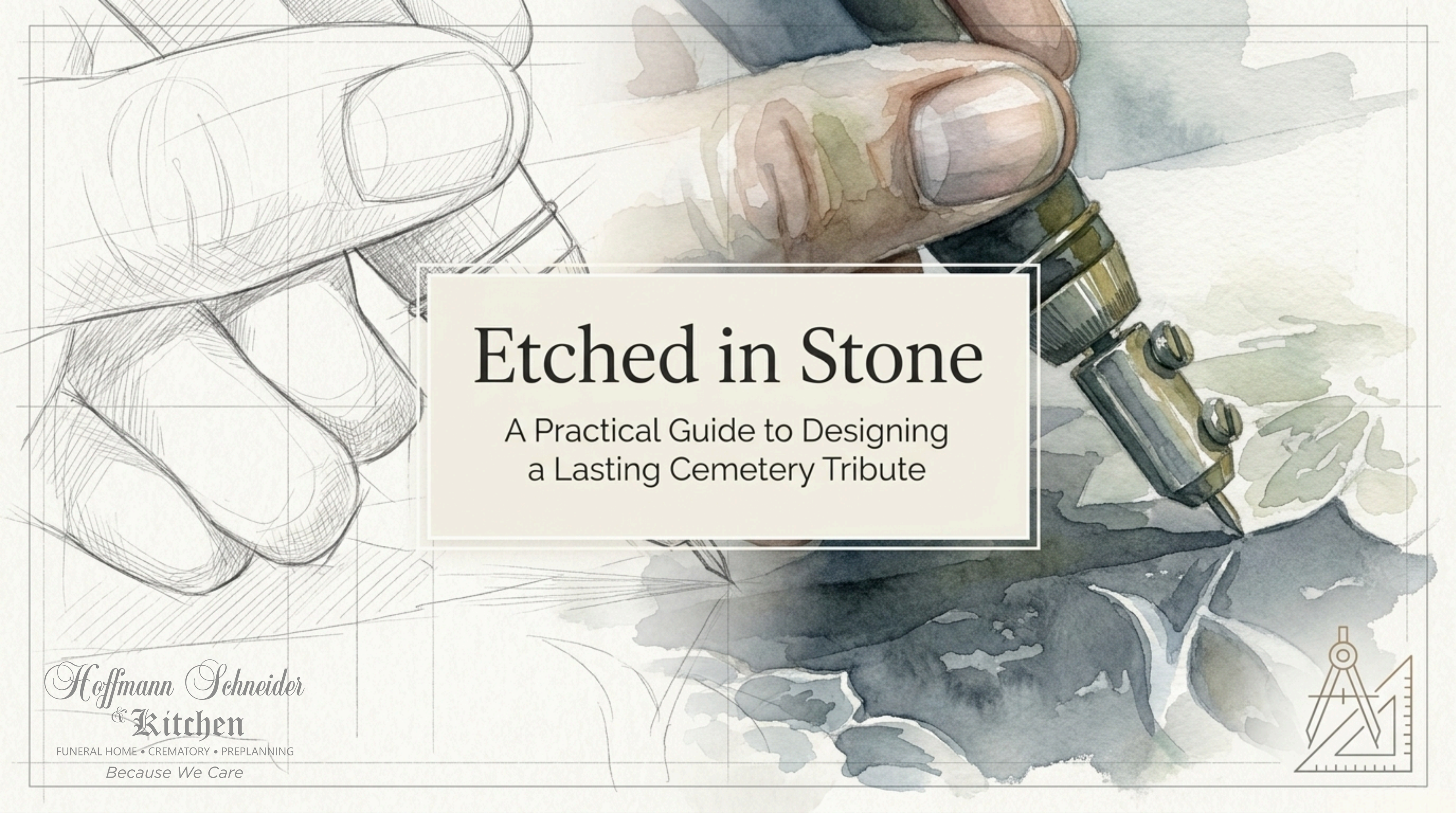




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A Practical Guide to Designing
a Lasting Cemetery Tribute

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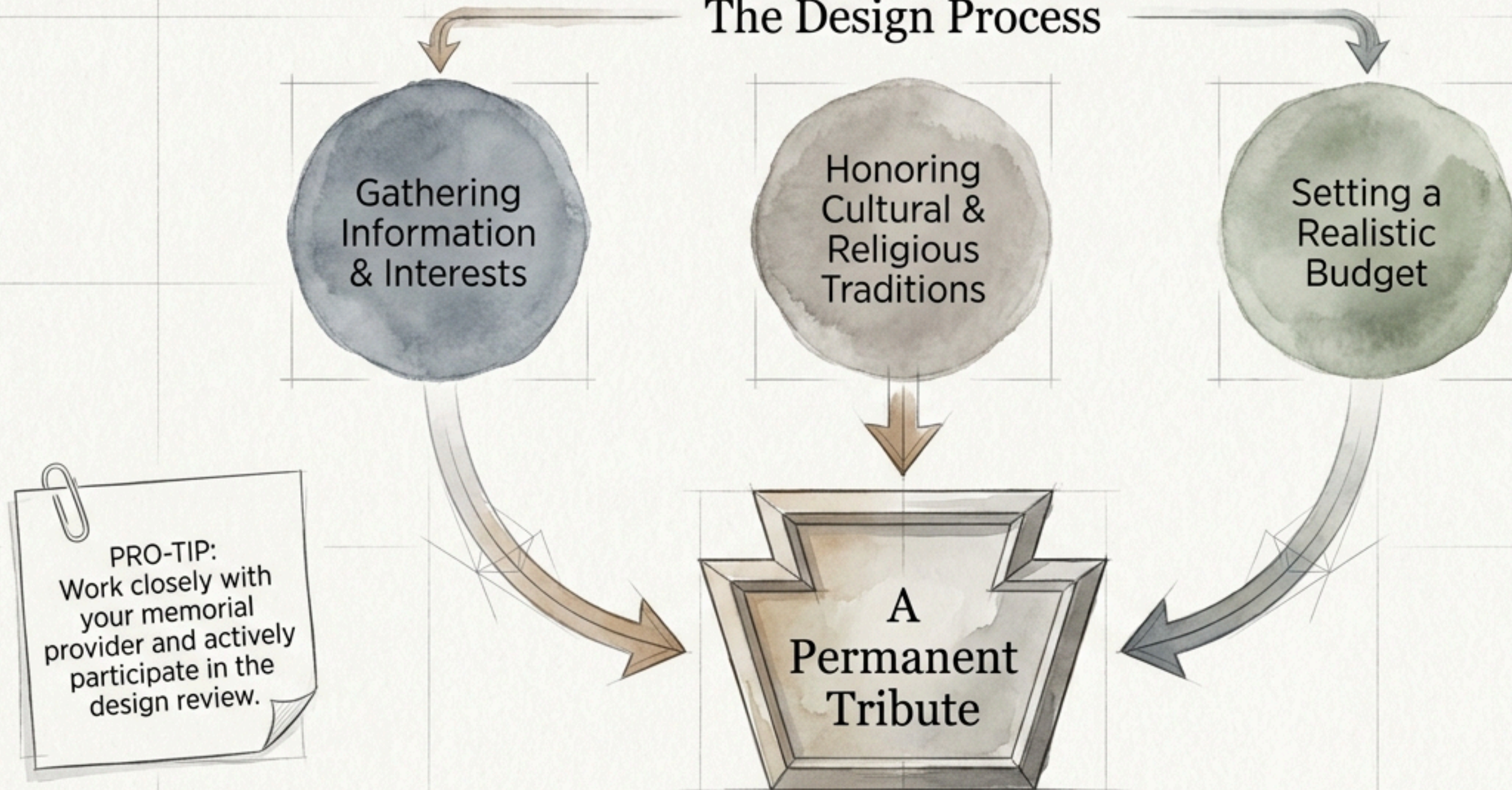
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A Collaborative Canvas for a Cherished Life

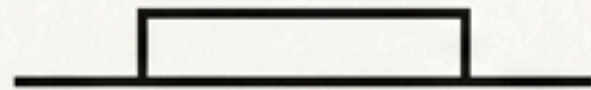
Designing a cemetery monument is a multi-generational family landmark.
Involve the whole family early to create a meaningful tribute.

The Design Process



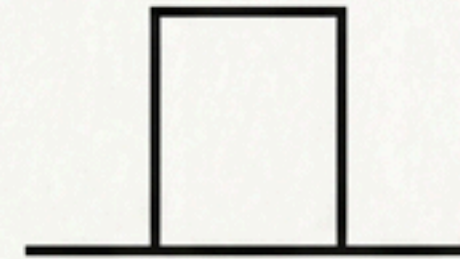
The Foundation: Understanding the Basics

Markers



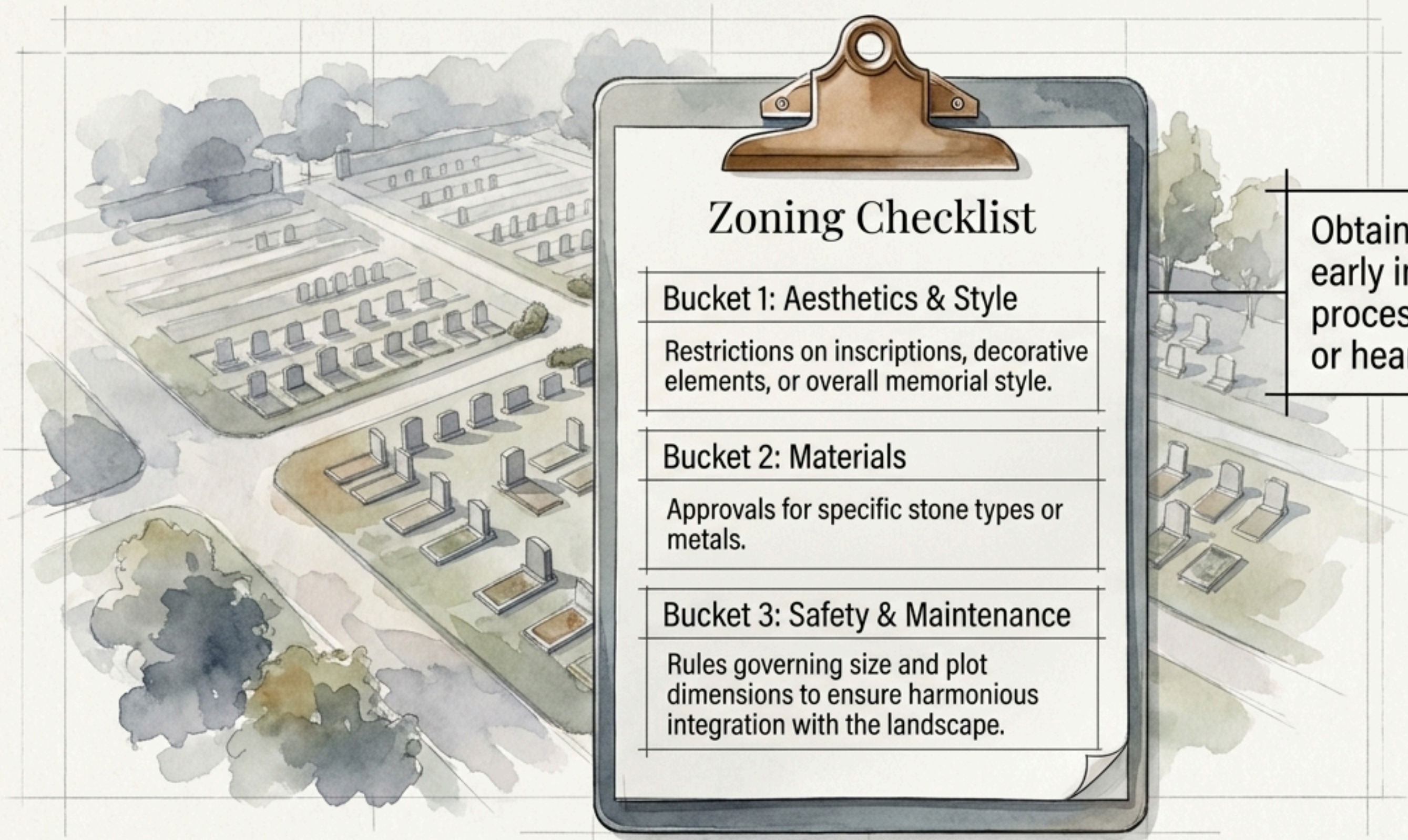
Smaller and simpler. Flat rectangular stone lying on the ground. Includes basic name, dates, and brief inscription.

Monuments



Traditional vertical headstones. Larger, prominent, with more room for customization, sculptures, or statues.

The Site Survey: Navigating Cemetery Regulations



Zoning Checklist

Bucket 1: Aesthetics & Style

Restrictions on inscriptions, decorative elements, or overall memorial style.

Bucket 2: Materials

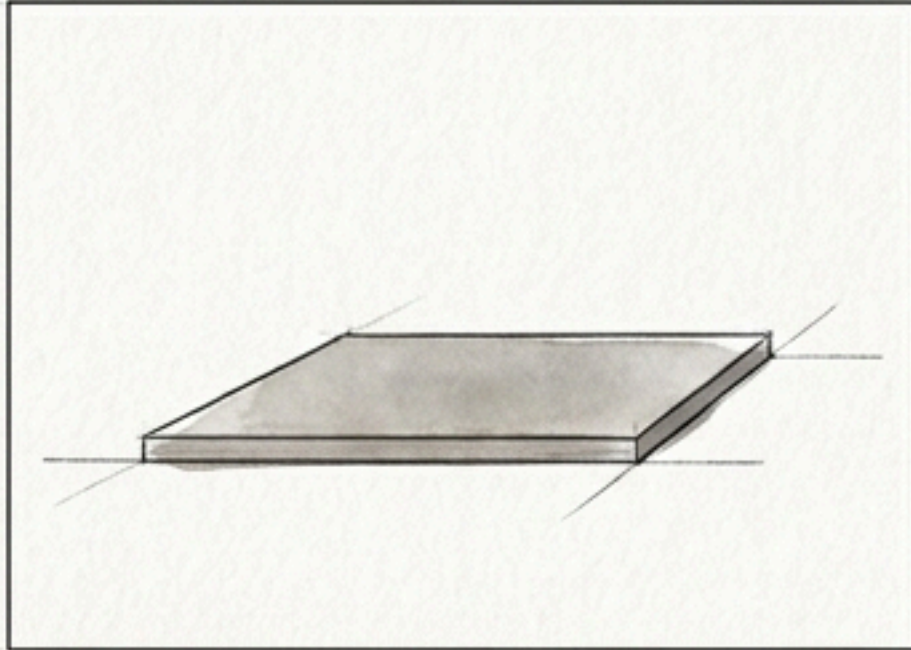
Approvals for specific stone types or metals.

Bucket 3: Safety & Maintenance

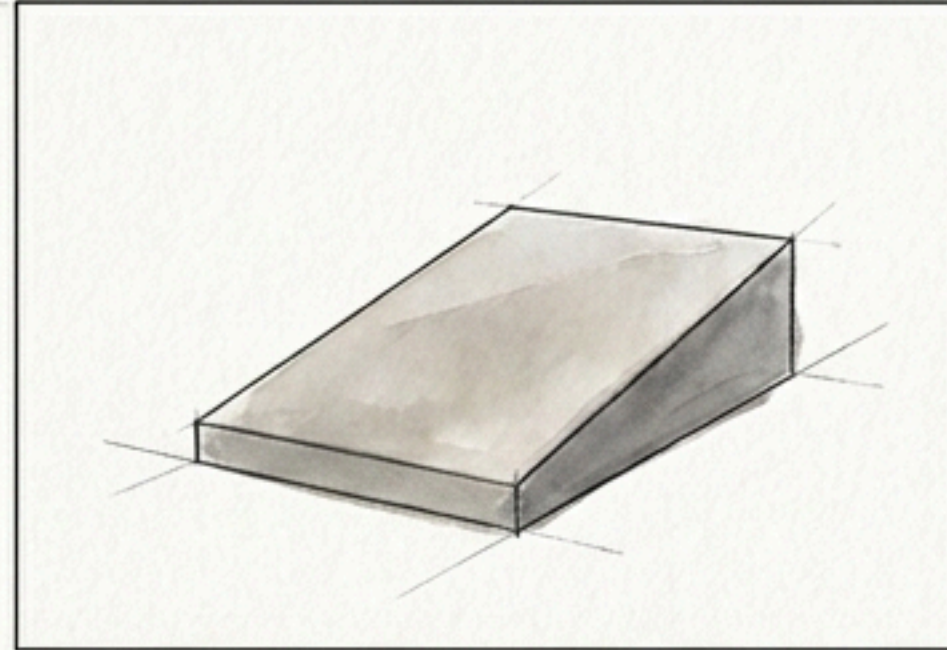
Rules governing size and plot dimensions to ensure harmonious integration with the landscape.

Obtain these guidelines early in the design process to avoid delays or heartbreak.

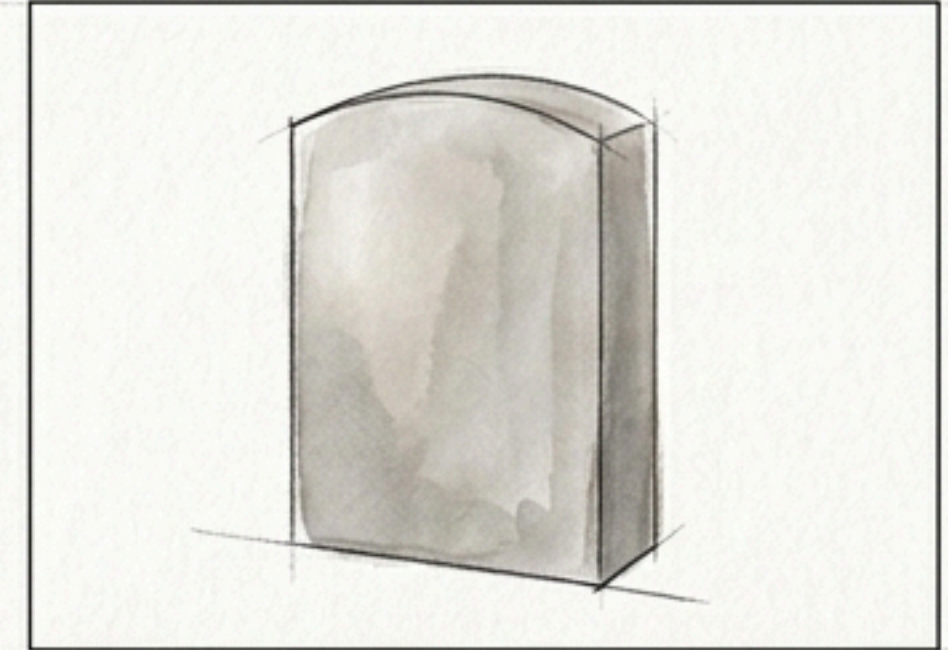
The Silhouette Glossary: Selecting Your Form



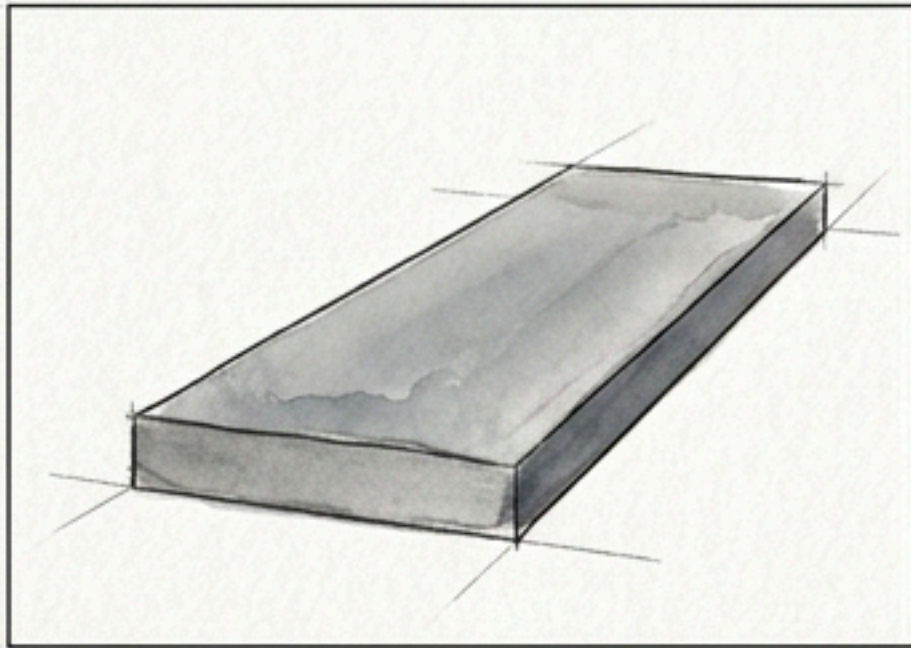
Lawn Level Marker



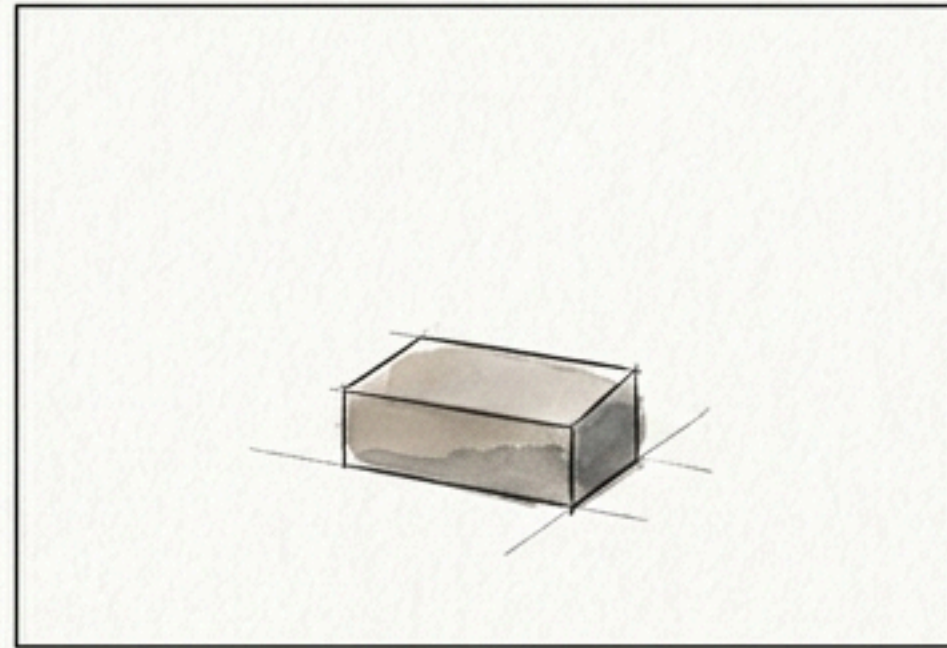
Slant / Bevel Marker



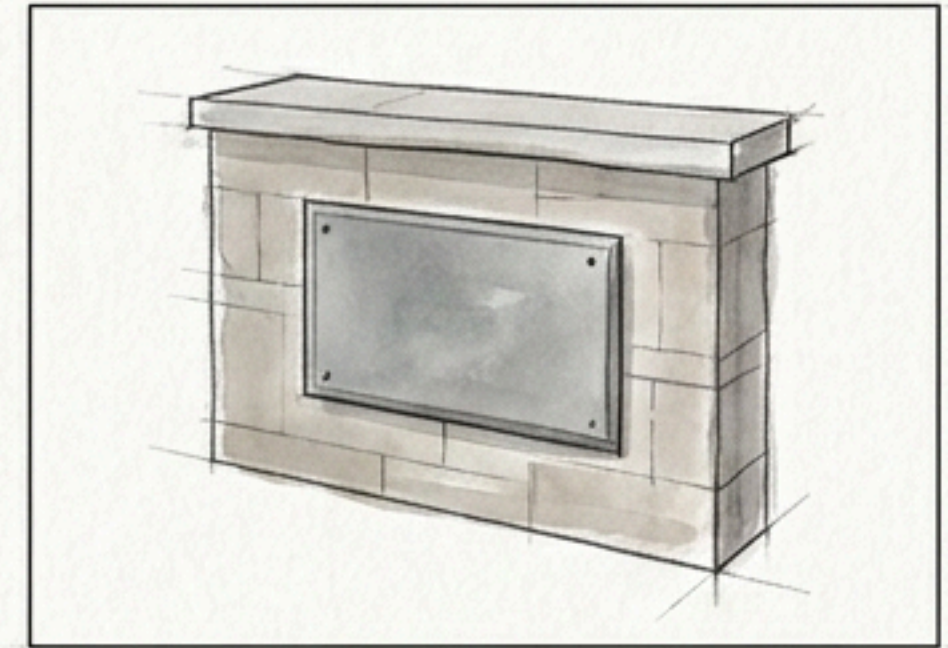
Upright Headstone



Ledge Stone



Footstone

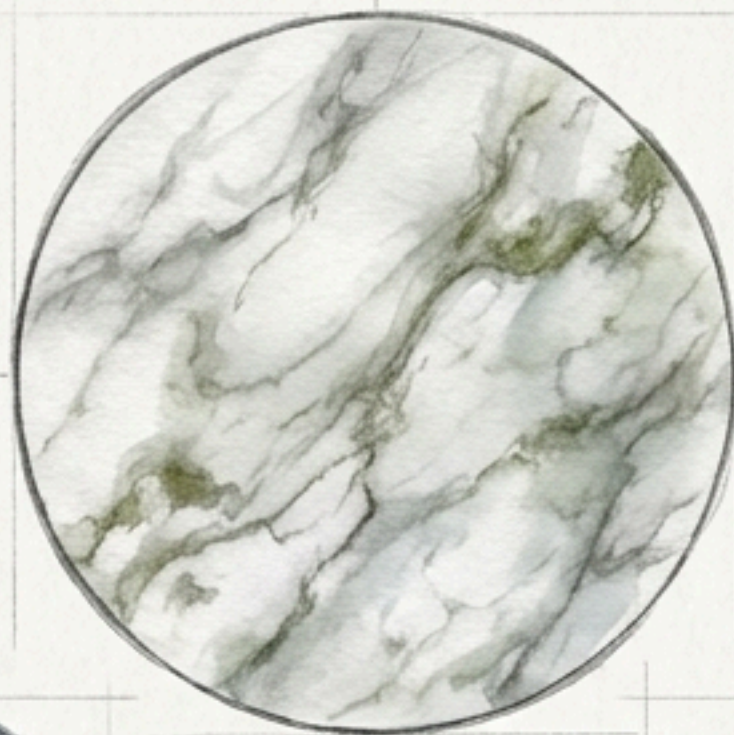


Niche Marker

The Canvas of Time: Material Selection



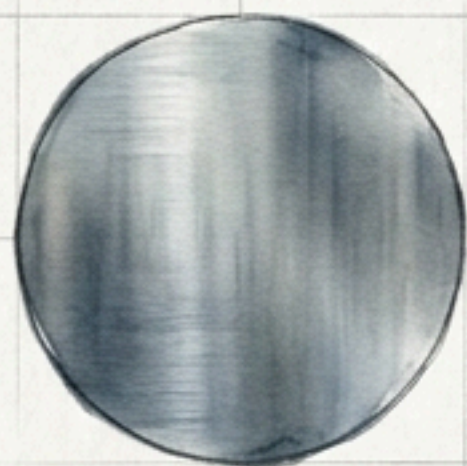
Granite



Marble



Bronze



Stainless Steel



Limestone

Material Durability Scale
Granite: Highly durable, excellent weathering properties.
Marble: Classic aesthetic, distinct weathering profile over decades.
Bronze: Elegant, requires specific upkeep.

MAINTENANCE AWARENESS:

Consider the long-term preservation of the monument. Ask about appropriate cleaning techniques to preserve the memorial's beauty and longevity, and consider eco-conscious design choices.

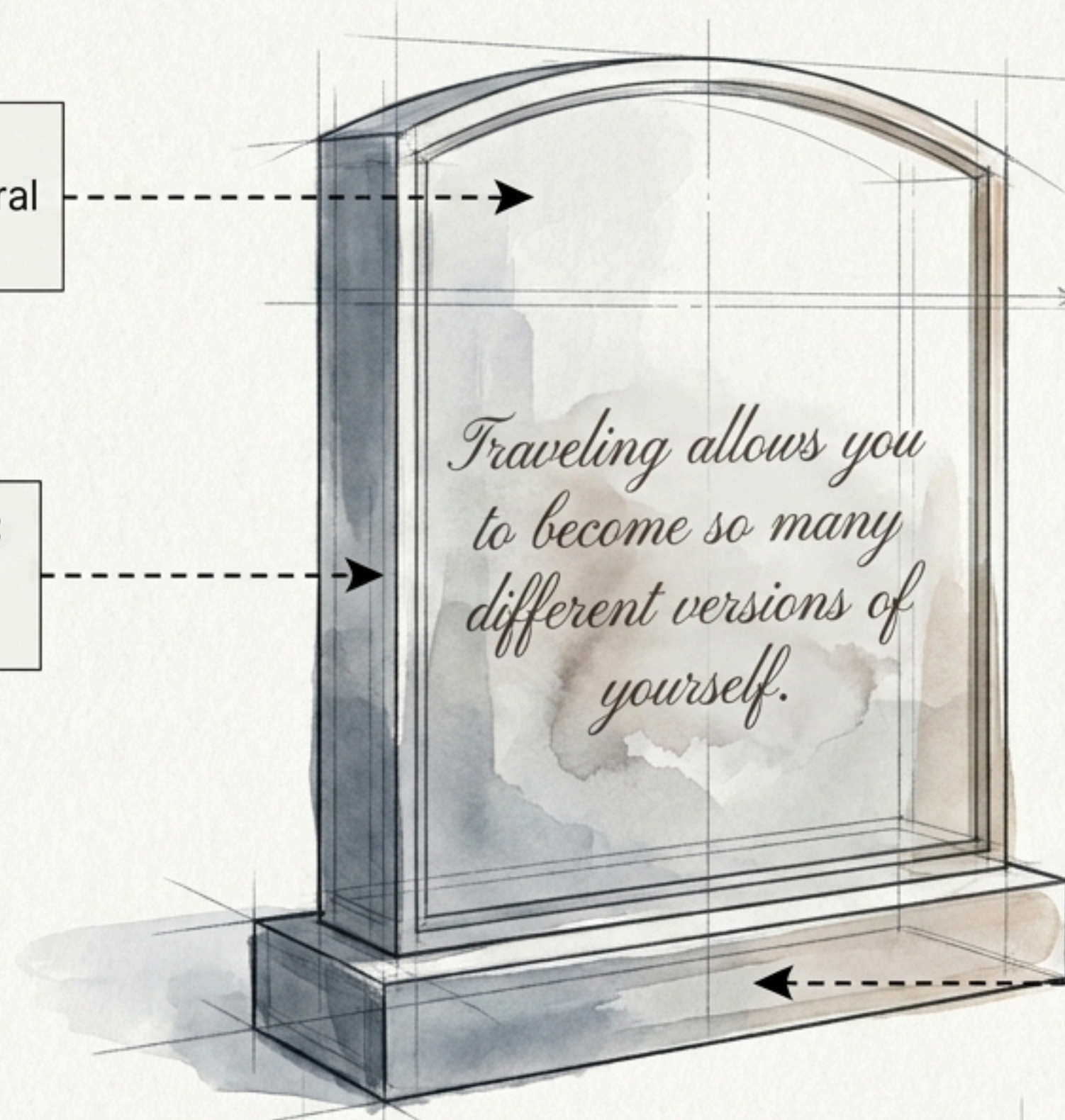
The Facade: Designing The Dash

Symbolism & Imagery:

Religious symbols, natural elements, passions.

Inscription & Lettering:

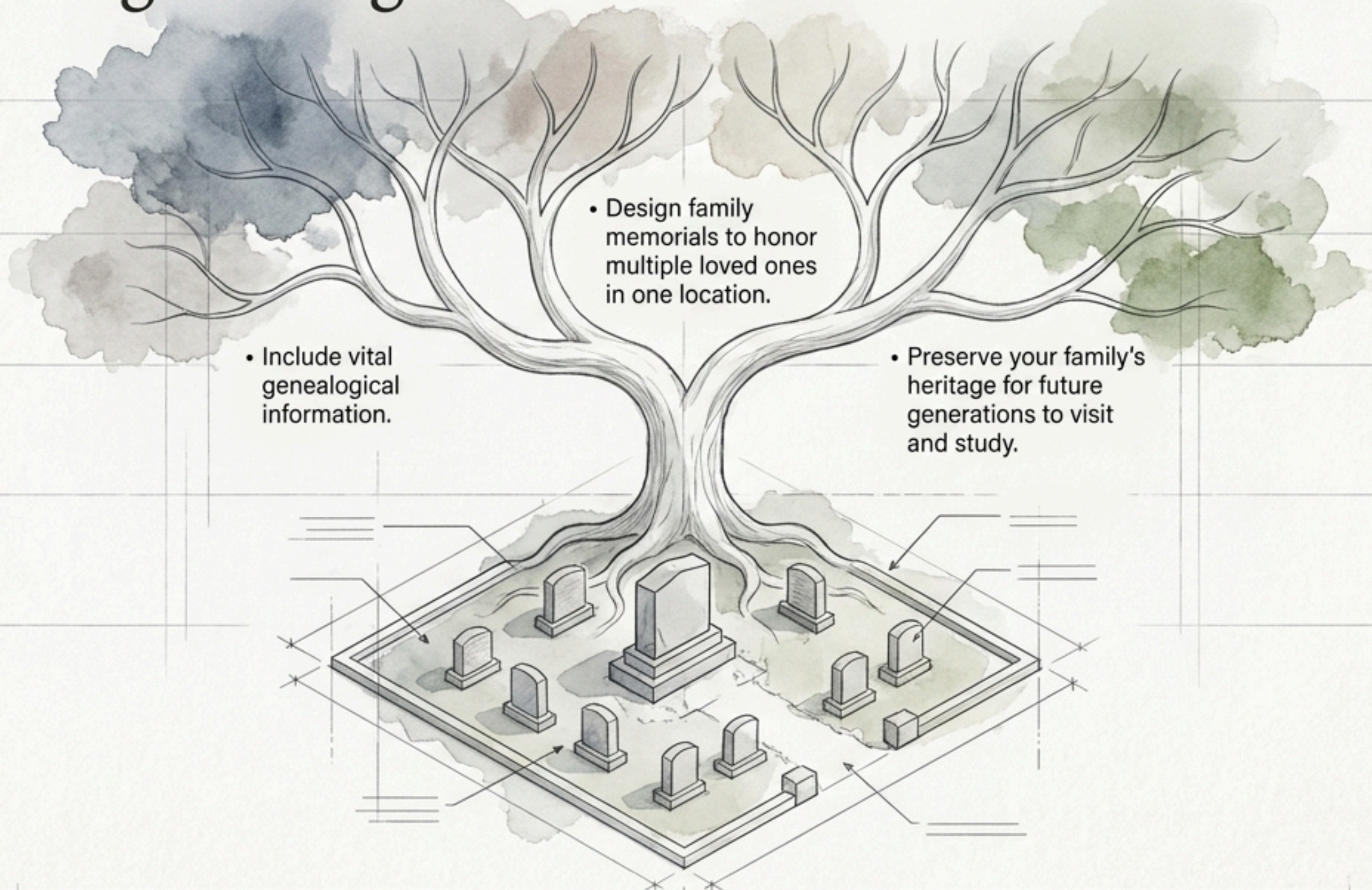
Carefully chosen fonts, name, dates.



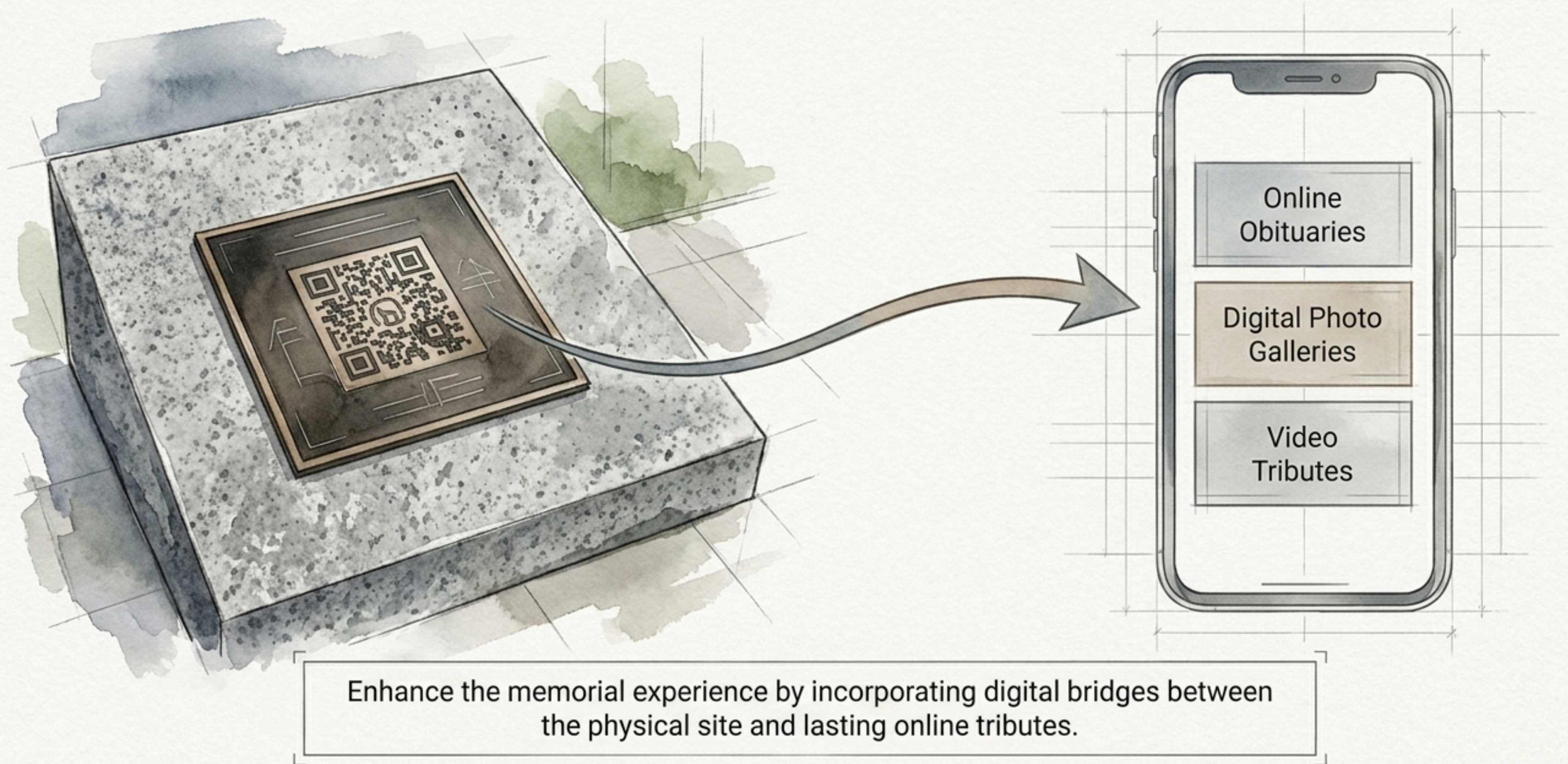
Customization:

Epitaphs, quotes, career achievements.

Preserving Heritage: The Multi-Generational Landmark



The Tech-Forward Memorial



Avoiding Design Heartbreak: Inquiry Guidance



- ☐ What are the exact size and plot dimension limits?
- ☐ Are there any hidden installation or long-term maintenance fees?
- ☐ What are the specific restrictions on laser etching or imagery?
- ☐ Do you offer any available grief support resources or aftercare services?

Don't hesitate to ask cemetery staff any questions throughout the process.

The Blueprint Workpad: Part 1

The Basics

Type (Marker / Monument):

Material (Granite / Marble / Bronze / Limestone / Stainless Steel):

Preferred Shape:

Preferred Colors:

Personalization

Hobbies:

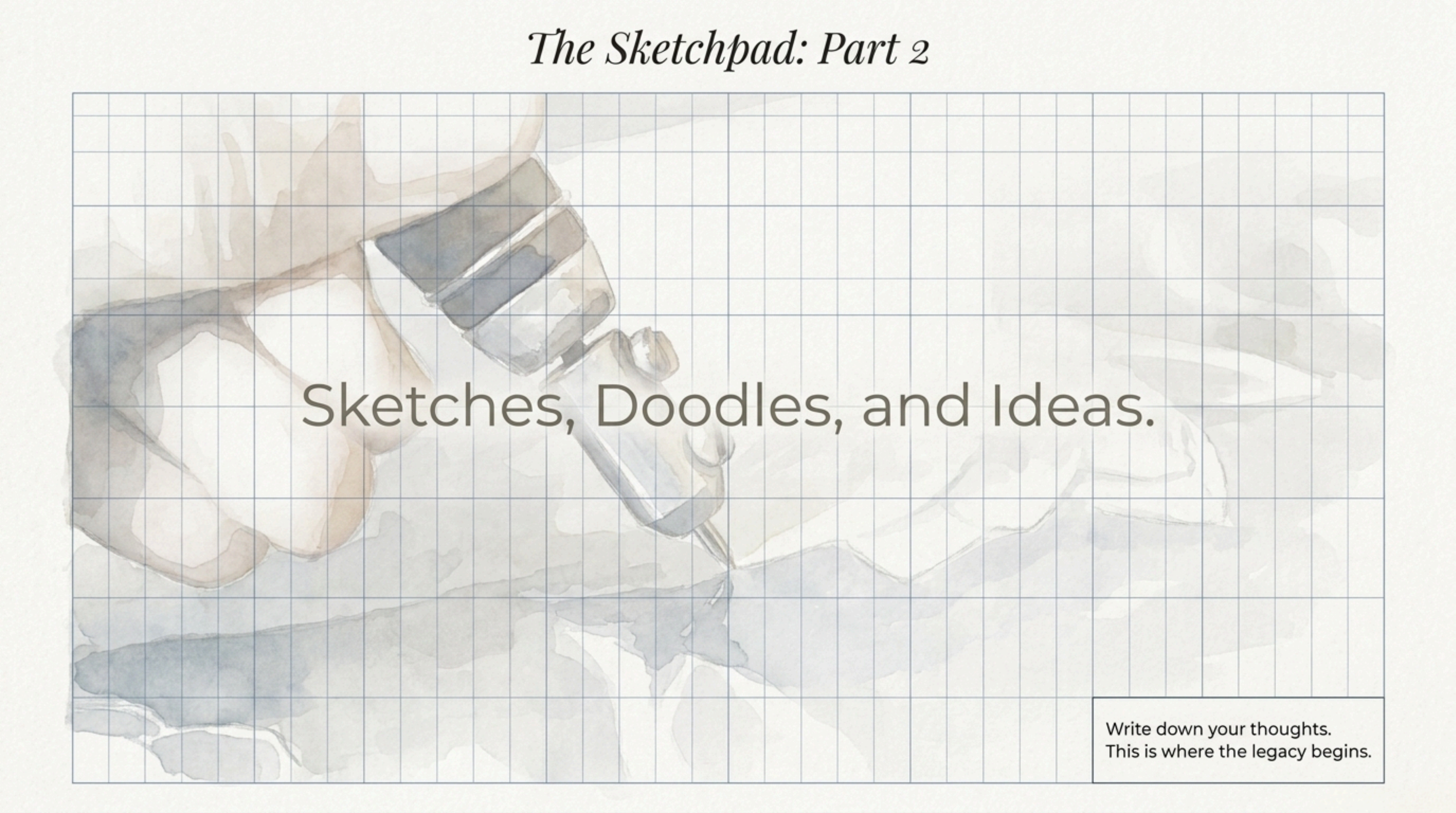
Career:

Passions:

Favorite Quote / Bible Verse:

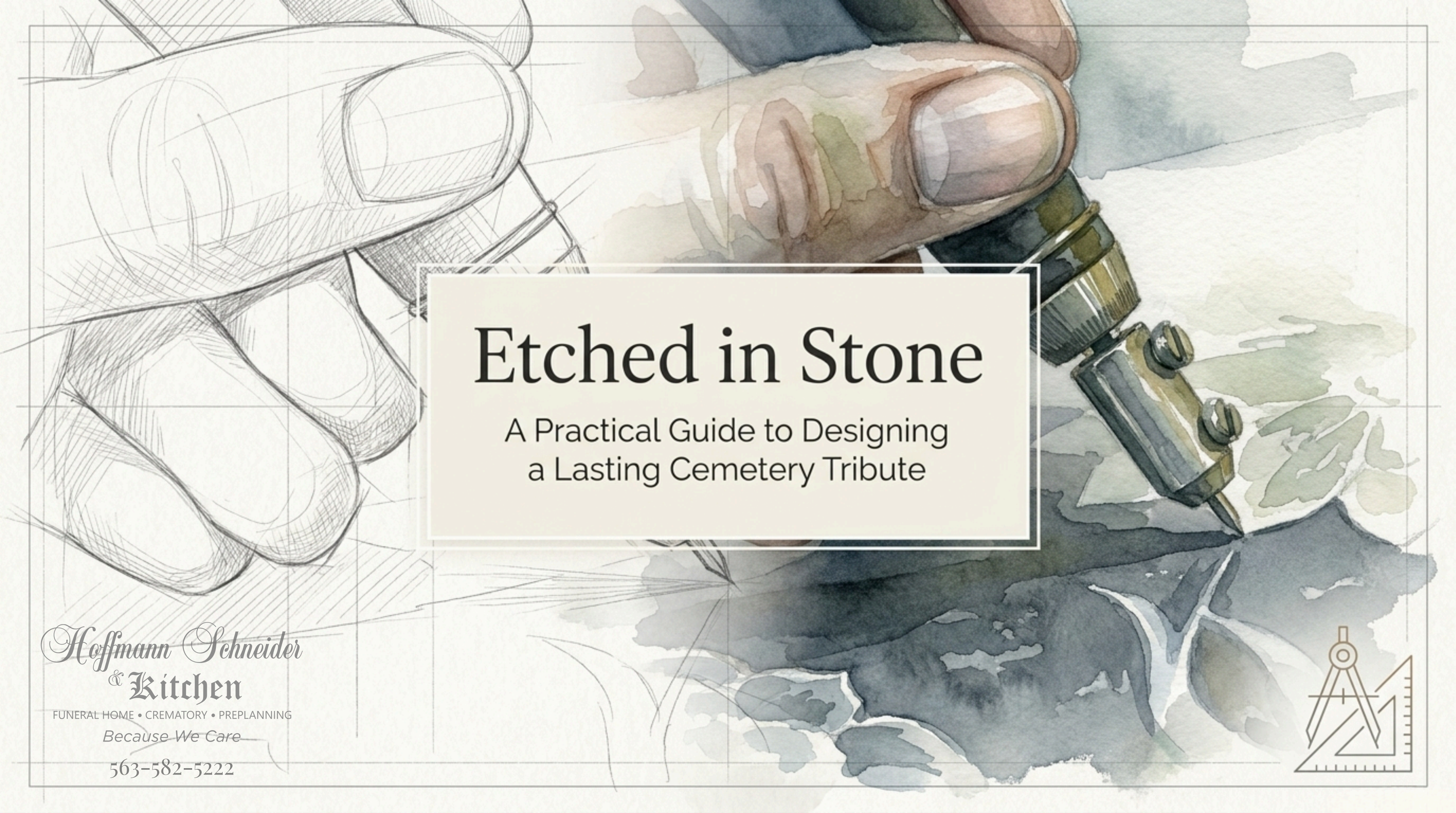
Other Details:

The Sketchpad: Part 2

A watercolor illustration of a hand holding a pen, with a grid overlaying the entire page. The hand is rendered in soft, blended colors of brown, tan, and grey. The pen is a simple, elegant design. The grid is a light blue or grey, composed of thin lines forming a uniform pattern across the page. The text "Sketches, Doodles, and Ideas." is centered in a large, dark, sans-serif font.

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Write down your thoughts.
This is where the legacy begins.



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