

Cataraqui Memorials

Monuments and granite countertops, made in Kingston

Mark Tomlinson loves his work, even though it nearly killed him when a 1,300-pound monument fell on him this summer. The accident did nothing to diminish Mark's love of his business.

The 27-year-old has an impressive track record of working in the monument business, from his summer job at Campbell Monuments in Belleville six years ago, to his position at Luesby Memorials in Newmarket, to his job with Kingston Monuments.

Eventually he decided to open his own monument business, and in May 2002, Cataraqui Memorials was born. It's difficult, breaking into a business in which the competition is many decades old, but Mark is up to the challenge.

Cataraqui Memorials services all cemeteries in Ontario, including Cataraqui, St. Mary's, and Memorial Gardens here in Kingston. The business also deals in granite countertops, for which there are hundreds of colours in stones coming from all around the world.



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Mark personally does all the lettering and design of Cataraqui's monuments. "We do etchings, foundations, death dates and restoration work here on site," he explains. "We do all the etching by hand. The end result is much clearer than when it's done by machine."

Cataraqui Memorials is located just two minutes from Highway 401. For more information, call 389-3998, visit the web site at www.cataraquimemorials.com or drop in to 1381 Midland Avenue, McAdoo Park.