

ROSE CITY MEMORIALS - TIMELINE

Rose City Memorials Ltd. is a family owned and family run monument company. The Waldner family has been serving Alberta and Saskatchewan since 1961 when two brothers, Harold and Art Waldner, started doing cemetery work in the Lethbridge, AB area. They began by installing concrete grave covers with metal letter inscriptions for Jensen Memorials. In 1962, Town & Country Memorials was established by Harold and Art Waldner in Lethbridge, AB.

In 1963, Harold Waldner moved to Rycroft, AB and in 1964, Art Waldner moved to Westlock, AB, both continuing to work under the name of Town & Country Memorials. In 1966, Art Waldner opened a small sales office in Westlock while Harold Waldner continued to operate out of Rycroft. From 1968 to 1971, Art's son, Alvin Waldner, worked for the company during the summers.

In 1973, Peace Country Memorials in Rycroft, AB was established by Harold Waldner, where it continues on today, owned and managed by Debbie Waldner, the wife of the late Hal Waldner, Harold's only son. This left Art Waldner as the sole owner of Town & Country Memorials.

In 1974, Art's daughter, Lydean Leimert, started working in the art department of Town & Country Memorials cutting out designs. In 1976, Art Waldner sold Town & Country Memorials to Remco Memorials and continued to work as one of their Sales Managers. In 1977, Alvin Waldner, while working for Remco Memorials, introduced his brother Robert to the monument business. In 1978, RKR Monument Installations was established by Art's three sons, Robert, Ken and Rick. It was in operation until 1982.

In 1983, Rose City Memorials Ltd. was established by Robert Waldner in Camrose, AB with Art Waldner as Sales Manager. This office is still in full operation in Camrose, today. In 1986, Rose City Memorials Ltd. expanded by building a production plant and showroom in Cut Knife, SK. It is here that Robert and Alvin formed a partnership and, it is here, where the monuments are designed and sandblasted. In 1991, the office and showroom in Westlock, AB was opened and in 1995 the office and showroom in Lloydminster, SK, was opened, both of which are fully operational today.

In 2008 Rose City Memorials Ltd. celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a community Open House.