



A safe compromise

The WYDOT Roadside Memorial Program was created as a compromise between the conflicting interests of meeting the emotional needs of those who have lost family members in crashes and the department's responsibility to maintain a safe highway system.

The memorial signs WYDOT installs are a safer alternative to private memorials being erected beside roads. The memorial signs are located safely at the edge of the right of way, meet federal highway safety standards and are installed free of charge.

Having WYDOT personnel install and maintain the memorial signs eliminates the dangers of family members erecting or visiting memorials beside a road and the risks of having unregulated obstructions in the highway clear zone.

WYDOT hopes the signs serve as fitting memorials to those killed, and a reminder to drivers to keep safety uppermost in their minds while traveling on the state's highways.



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WYDOT's Roadside Memorial Program



A memorial program for traffic fatalities on Wyoming highways

Program Criteria

- A memorial sign can be erected in memory of any person killed in a crash on a Wyoming highway, except if the crash occurred within city limits or on U.S. Forest Service or tribal lands.
- The request for the memorial sign must be made by a member of the victim's immediate family, and submitted in writing using the form included in this brochure.
- Once an application is made and approved, WYDOT will install the sign as soon as practical and at no charge.
- The signs will be as close to the right-of-way fence as possible at the site where the fatality occurred. No signs will be installed in medians or drainage ditches.
- Signs will be maintained by WYDOT for five years.
- After five years, families have the option of having the

- sign removed and given to them, leaving the sign up without maintenance or having a new sign installed for a \$50 fee to cover the costs of fabrication and installation.
- Original signs left up beyond five years will be removed by WYDOT when it becomes necessary due to deterioration. At that time the family will be given the one-time option of having a new sign installed for the \$50 fee.
- Family members who requested the sign be installed can ask to have it removed and turned over to them at any time.
- Private memorials are prohibited on Wyoming highway right of way, and any that appear will be removed by WYDOT and held for two weeks to allow retrieval by the family.

To mail the form: (1.) cut along dashed line

Wyoming Department of Transportation Roadside Memorial Sign Application		Date memorial requested	
Name of person applying for sign		Relationship to victim	
Address			
City	State	Zip code	Daytime phone number
Date of fatal crash	Location of crash		
Victim's name(s)	Name of driver		
Signature of applicant		Other comments	

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The memorial design

The broken heart on the memorial signs symbolizes the grief and sorrow families experience due to the loss of the crash victim. The dove symbolizes healing and hope for the future.

The two symbols were adopted for the memorials as a result of a statewide design competition for elementary school students.



(3.) tape long edges together (4.) affix a postage stamp.