Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens
Service Building

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General Contractor
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PLANNING

The Chapel was the main problem. The shape of this space was finally decided by several requirements. (1) The size of space being limited by budget, (2) people never want to get close to the coffin, and (3) fitting the building to the site. The splayed shape with the ceremonial space at the narrow section saved space and allowed more people to be accommodated without getting too close to the coffin. Provision for extra large funerals was accomplished by making the entrance wall completely of doors, which could be opened, and the remainder of the people would be accommodated under the portico. The shape of the Chapel and the need of emphasis resulted in the type and style of roof. Windows with a view of the cemetery were made a feature of the Chapel. The office windows kept simple to provide the necessary views.

A sound system was included in the Chapel with speakers in the portico for large crowds, also an amplifying system to provide music over the cemetery.

MATERIALS

Manitoba limestone and Norman type brick were used inside and outside of the Chapel. Roof over Chapel has two scissor trusses with wood joints, hung acoustic plaster ceiling following the line of the trusses. Roof over other areas has wood trusses. Wood cedar shingles were used in random pattern.