

# THE HOUSTON POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL

**Title:** The Houston Police Officers Memorial

**Artist:** Jesus Bautista Moroles

**Date:** 1990

**Type:** Monument

**Medium:** Chiseled Granite

**Location:** Buffalo Bayou Park



The Houston Police Officers Memorial is a public recognition of the sacrifices made by police officers as they carry out their duties and, in particular, those who have died in the line of duty. It is the location of an annual procession and wreath-laying ceremony honoring them. The memorial is laid out in the form of a 120' by 120' Greek cross with a stepped pyramid in the middle. A reflecting pool is surrounded by pink granite slabs incised with the names of over one hundred fallen police officers. Officers voluntarily guard the monument all day and night.

Fundraising began for this monument in 1985. It was installed in view of Memorial Drive in 1990. It was given to the city by Houston Endowment, the Wortham Foundation, the Linbeck Foundation, the Knox Foundation, the Cullen Foundation, Fayez Sarofim and Company, the Rockwell Fund, the Brown Foundation, the M.D. Anderson Foundation, the Scurlock Foundation, Neva West, and Albert and Margaret Alkek.

[Jesus Bautista Moroles](#) designed the monument. He was a Prix de Rome laureate who earned an international reputation for abstract, chiseled granite sculptures and contrasting polished surfaces with rough-cut ones. His background included studies in Italy. He was born in Corpus Christi in 1950 and maintained a studio in Rockport. He was a recipient of the prestigious Awards in the Visual Arts fellowship in 1982 and was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2011. Moonscape Bench in Hermann Park marks a stark contrast in Moroles's work in Houston. He died in June 2015.

