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years if pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

(2) *Unavailable remains.* An individual's remains are considered unavailable if they:

- (i) Have not been recovered or identified;
- (ii) Were buried at sea, whether by the individual's own choice or otherwise;
- (iii) Were donated to science; or
- (iv) Were cremated and the ashes scattered without interment of any portion of the ashes.

(3) *Placement of memorial headstones or markers.*—(i) *Veterans.* A Government memorial headstone or marker to commemorate a veteran may be placed in a national cemetery, in a State veterans cemetery, or in a private cemetery.

(ii) *Other eligible individuals.* A Government memorial headstone or marker to commemorate a veteran's spouse or surviving spouse, who died after November 11, 1998, may be placed in a national cemetery or in a State veterans cemetery. A Government memorial headstone or marker to commemorate a veteran's dependent child who died after December 22, 2006, may be placed in a national cemetery or in a State veterans cemetery.

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(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

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§ 38.631 Graves marked with a private headstone or marker.

(a) VA will furnish an appropriate Government headstone or marker for the grave of a decedent described in paragraph (b) of this section, but only if the individual requesting the headstone or marker certifies on VA Form 40-1330 that it will be placed on the grave for which it is requested or, if placement on the grave is impossible or impracticable, as close to the grave as possible within the grounds of the private cemetery where the grave is located.

(b) The decedent referred to in paragraph (a) of this section is one who:

- (1) Died on or after November 1, 1990;

(2) Is buried in a private cemetery; and

(3) Was eligible for burial in a national cemetery, but is not an individual described in 38 U.S.C. 2402(4), (5), or (6).

(c) VA will deliver the headstone or marker directly to the cemetery where the grave is located or to a receiving agent for delivery to the cemetery.

(d) VA will not pay the cost of installing a Government headstone or marker in a private cemetery.

(e) The applicant must obtain certification on VA Form 40-1330 from a cemetery representative that the type and placement of the headstone or marker requested adheres to the policies and guidelines of the selected private cemetery.

(f) VA will furnish its full product line of Government headstones or markers for private cemeteries.

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§ 38.632 Headstone and marker application process.

(a) Headstones and markers for graves in national cemeteries shall be ordered from the Record of Interment (VA Form 40-4956) prepared by the national cemetery superintendent at the time of interment. No further application is required.

(b) Submission of VA Form 40-1330, Application for Headstone or Marker, is required for the purpose of:

(1) Ordering a Government headstone or marker for any unmarked grave of any eligible veteran buried in a private or local cemetery.

(2) Ordering a Government headstone or marker for any unmarked grave in a post cemetery of the Armed Forces.

(3) Ordering a Government memorial headstone or marker for placement in a national cemetery, in a private or local cemetery and any post cemetery of the Armed Forces.