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Roman Marble Cinerarium Lid



An ancient Roman marble funerary inscription with central recession for pouring libations, reading, DIS MANIBVS P. STATIO STATILIO VIXIT ANNIS VIIII FECIT TEDIA RESTITUTA FILIO SVO PIENTISSIMO; “To the Shades of the Dead, for Publius Statius Statilius (who) lived 9 years, Tedia Restituta made (this monument) for her most pious son."

Ca. 1st - 2nd century AD.
Length: 14 in. (35 cm).

Cineraria which held the cremated remains of the deceased bore inscriptions naming the individual and often those who provided for the the funerary monument. Some cineraria had recesses a the top through which libations were poured, often wine, honey, milk or olive oil. The cinerarium was often placed in a family vault or columbarium.

Formerly in the J. Saladino collection, Santa Barbara, California.

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