

24" wide x 30-32" high

EDGAR FINLEY SHANNON

1919-1997

A native Virginian, Edgar Finley Shannon, Jr., was a former Rhodes Scholar, decorated World War II naval officer, and recognized expert on Alfred, Lord Tennyson when he joined the University's English department in 1956. He was elected as the fourth president of the University in 1959, a position he held until 1974, when he returned to the English department as the Commonwealth Professor of English. His leadership tenure encompassed both racial integration and coeducation, and he steadied the University through turbulent times of social and political upheaval. Under Mr. Shannon's leadership, the library system underwent significant expansion, including increases in staffing, collections, and physical space. With his strategic direction, the University matured into a nationally recognized research institution. The original building, opened in 1938, was a Public Works Administration project that relocated the main library from the Rotunda to a larger state-of-the-art facility designed by Taylor and Fisher. In 1966, J. Russell Bailey designed a stacks addition to the original building. The 2020-2023 renovation replaced the stacks and restored the historic building. The building was renamed The Edgar Shannon Library in 2024 in recognition of Mr. Shannon's leadership of the University of Virginia.

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Typical thickness is 3/4". The outer 3/4" of the stone shall have a bevel to 1/4" depth.

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