Vietnam War Memorial

The Iowa Vietnam War Memorial is similar in design to the national memorial in Washington, D.C. The Iowa Vietnam Commission and Jacqueline Day from Des Moines, whose son was seriously wounded in Vietnam, were able to raise over $85,000 for the project. Ms. Day was a former secretary to Governor Norman Erbe and former receptionist for Governor Robert Ray.

The monument was dedicated on Memorial Day in 1984. At a separate ceremony on Veterans Day in 1984, bronze plaques and missing names were added. Inscribed on the memorial are the names of the 869 Iowa veterans of the Vietnam War who lost their lives.