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**The Connecticut Nurses' Foundation proudly presents:**

# The Nightingale Tribute

*A tribute to any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for their years of service, to be given during the nurse's funeral by a nurse colleague or friend.*



**"Nursing is a calling, a way of life. Nursing is a service profession that cannot be lived in isolation. Nurses rely on each other for the synergistic effort of teamwork in our efforts of care giving. It is appropriate that we honor our colleagues not only during their career, but also at the end of life's journey."**

## How do I arrange for this tribute for my loved one?

- Choose a nursing colleague or friend, active or retired, of the deceased to present the tribute.
- If you are unable to contact a nursing colleague or friend to present the tribute, contact the Connecticut Nurses Foundation to assist you.
- The nurse who gives the tribute should send the name of the deceased to the Connecticut Nurses Foundation for recognition in an annual memorial ceremony.
- Ask the nurse presenting the tribute to visit with you. Provide them a brief synopsis of your loved one's life as a nurse.
- Use the words included in the brochure as a creative reading to follow the synopsis of their career. Adapt the reading to fit the recipient.
- Discuss with and schedule the tribute in the service in collaboration with the family, funeral home or place of worship.
- Decide if you would like a rose placed with your loved one in tribute and honor. If so, notify the nurse present and any other friends or colleagues who are nurses and will be attending to bring a rose.

## Suggested Format for the Nightingale Tribute

The Nightingale Tribute begins with a short synopsis of the nurse's career. A creative reading follows the synopsis. A rose is placed with the nurse with the statement "\_\_\_\_\_, we honor you this day with a rose to symbolize our honor and appreciation for being our nursing colleague."



## The Nightingale Tribute Reading

Nursing is a calling, a lifestyle, a way of life. Nurses here today, we honor \_\_\_\_\_ and his or her life as a nurse.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not remembered by his or her \_\_\_ years as a nurse, but by the difference he or she made during those years. Stepping into peoples lives, sharing special moments ....

\_\_\_\_\_, we honor you this day and give you a rose to symbolize our honor and appreciation for being our colleague.

## Suggested Reading

### *"She Was There"*

When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed  
She was there  
In the excitement of a miracle, in the mystery and loss of life  
She was there  
When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member of  
friend  
She was there  
When the situation demanded a swift foot and a sharp mind  
She was there  
When a gentle touch, a firm push, an encouraging word was  
needed  
She was there  
In choosing the best one from the family's "thank you" box of  
chocolates  
She was there  
To witness humanity—its beauty, in good times and bad,  
without judgement  
She was there  
To embrace the woes or the world, willingly, and offer hope  
She was there  
And now, that is time to be at the Greater One's side  
She is there

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