THE NIGHTINGALE TRIBUTE FOR SERVICES



The Nightingale Tribute

Nursing is a calling, a lifestyle, a way of living. Nurses here today honor NAME and his/her life as a nurse.

NAME is not remembered by his/her years as a nurse, but by the difference he/she made during those years by stepping into people's lives...

By special moments.

NAME Was There

When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed,

NAME- was there (spoken in unison)

In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery of loss of life,

NAME- was there (spoken in unison)

When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member or friend,

NAME- was there (spoken in unison)

At those times when the unexplainable needed to be explained,

NAME- was there (spoken in unison)

When a gentle touch, a firm push, or an encouraging word was needed,

NAME- was there (spoken in unison)

In choosing the best one from a family's "Thank You" box of chocolates,

NAME- was there (spoken in unison)

To witness humanity-its beauty, in good times and bad, without judgment

To embrace the woes of the world, willingly, and offer hope,

NAME- was there (spoken in unison)

And now, that it is time to be at the Greater One's side,

NAME- IS there (spoken in unison)

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

NAMW 9ring triangle) NAME (ring triangle) NAME (ring triangle) ...We officially release you of your nursing duties (extinguish lamp and give to family member with quiet condolences)