

Honoring those who have dedicated their lives to the profession of nursing.



St. Luke's Nurse Honor Guard

Currently serving Lehigh, Luzerne, Northampton, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Montgomery, Monroe and Schuylkill counties in Pennsylvania and Warren and Hunterdon counties in New Jersey.

To arrange for a tribute and verify availability, please contact:

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Option 4, then Option 1, and leave a message or email mystlukes@sluhn.org



**Honor Presentation at
Funerals or Memorial Services**

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Nursing is a profession steeped in tradition. We use these traditions as symbols, which reflect honor and respect for those who have given so much and who have served so well in our community.

St. Luke's University Health Network has established a Nursing Honor Guard to recognize men and women who have dedicated their professional lives to nursing. The honor guard will pay tribute to any retired or active nurse at the time of their death.

Services Provided by the Nursing Honor Guard

Any of the traditions listed below can be requested for the visitation, Service of Remembrance, funeral or burial service. Services are performed by one to four members of the Nursing Honor Guard and are offered **free of charge**.

Honorary Pallbearers

The Honor Guard may be requested to attend the visitation and/or funeral services to serve as honorary pallbearers.

Casket Honor Guard

The Honor Guard may be posted at the head of the casket, standing silently to give their last respects.

The Nightingale Tribute

The Nightingale Pledge and a nursing sonnet may be read during the services followed by the person placing the rose says, "(Name), we honor you this day and give you a white rose to symbolize our honor and appreciation for being our nursing colleague."

Final Call to Duty

The Final Call to Duty may be performed during the services or at the gravesite. During the Final Call to Duty, the Nightingale Lamp is lit in the nurse's honor, and the nurse's name is called out as a request to report to duty. With no response, the nurse's name is repeated twice more with the name request. After the third and final call, the nurse is announced as retired, and the lamp's flame is extinguished.

Florence Nightingale was known as the "Lady With the Lamp," the nurse in the 1850s who saved many wounded soldiers during the Crimean War with her pioneering nursing work. In many ways, she laid the foundation for professional nursing. Florence Nightingale lamps are considered a symbol of comfort and courage and of lighting the way to modern, professional nursing.

This is the final call for those who have served selflessly and given their lives for the good of their fellow man; their tasks are complete, their duties are done, they are going home.

"Nursing is an art; and if it is to be made an art, it requires an exclusive devotion as had a preparation, as any painter's or sculptor's work; for what is having to do with dead canvas or dead marble, compared with having to do with the living body, the temple of God's spirit? It is one of the Fine Arts, I had almost said, the finest of Fine Arts."

Florence Nightingale

