

# Salem Nurse Honor Guard

A tribute to Ann Katafias

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Tribute date: April 10, 2025

*This is an excerpt from the service:*

Nursing is a calling, a lifestyle, a way of living. Nurses here today honor Ann Katafias for her life as a nurse. She served as a nurse for 34 years. She graduated from Linn Benton Community College in 1987 with a degree in nursing.

That same year, she started working at Salem Hospital in special care nursery, orthopedics and float pool before finally settling into psychiatric medicine, where she retired in 2021. Ann was an excellent teacher and preceptor and was known for her kindness and patience. She was an absolute fixture at the PMC for many years and graced so many people with her knowledge, her stories and her wonderful sense of humor.

Ann is not remembered by her years as a nurse but by the difference she made during those years by stepping into people's lives, by special moments, she was there.



SNHG from left to right: Kristie Lawrence, Mindy Close, Dana Hart, Lorna Dryden, Nancy Dunn

“I am so glad I was able to participate in my first ceremony this week. It is truly an honor and I’m so proud to be a part of this. The ceremony was small but was very impactful. Most of those in attendance were coworkers of Ann, who worked in health care, so they were especially touched by our presence. A few knew some of us in the honor guard. I think about all the nurses I’ve known that have passed away, they all would have loved this.”

— Lorna Dryden,  
SHNG volunteer

