

Salem Nurse Honor Guard

A tribute to Cheryl Luth

Tribute date: March 13, 2026

This is an excerpt from the service:

Nursing is more than a profession, it's a calling, a way of life. The nurses here today honor the life and legacy of Cheryl Luth, RN in the nursing profession.

Cheryl began her career at Sacred Heart Nursing School in Eugene, OR, in 1968. She would graduate with her RN degree in August 1970. Her first nursing job was at Salem Hospital where she would work in the pediatric unit for three years. She would later transition from acute care nursing to the office of Dr. Gene T. McCallum until his retirement in 1986.

In 1989, she joined Farmer and Servais Retina Consultants as an ophthalmology RN. She loved her time at Dr. McCallum's office but decided to retire when the office transitioned to a computerized system. After years of service to others, Cheryl and her husband Daniel could finally focus on her interests in travel.

Cheryl is not remembered by her years as a nurse, but by the difference she made during those years by stepping into the lives of others.



SNHG from left to right: Kelly Peterson, Lorna Dryden, Brenda Burnett, Lori Phillips, Ginger O'Reilly, Dana Hart, Mindy Close, Lisa Burk, Cris Hatenzbihler, Tracy Thompson

“We were standing in the parking lot getting ready to leave when Cheryl's brother approached us and said he made it through the entire service just fine, but when we did our tribute, he broke down and said it was just beautiful and that completely captured who his sister was. He was very grateful.”

— Dana Hart,
SHNG volunteer

