

# Salem Nurse Honor Guard

A tribute to Brenda Myatt

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Tribute date: April 25, 2026

*This is an excerpt from the service:*

We are here today to celebrate Brenda Myatt and the legacy she leaves behind as an oncology nurse.

Brenda graduated from Good Samaritan School of Nursing in 1982 and began her career at Legacy Good Samaritan hospital on the oncology unit, where she cared for patients with compassion and dedication until her health no longer allowed her to continue in 1999.

But for Brenda, nursing was never just a job, it was who she was. Even after retiring, she continued to care for others.

When someone close to her faced cancer, Brenda was there as a steady source of comfort. As one person shared, “Brenda was a great comfort during my daughter’s cancer journey.” Once a nurse, always a nurse.

Her coworkers and patients remembered her as loving, caring, and full of warmth—qualities that stayed with her throughout her life. And even after leaving the hospital, she found ways to continue caring for others, including her time at Camp Crestview, where she touched the lives of many children who simply didn’t want to leave her side.

Brenda’s life reminds us that the heart of a nurse is not defined by tasks or titles, but by the compassion and connection shared with others.

Nursing is a calling, a lifestyle, a way of living. Nurses here today honor Brenda Myatt and her life as a nurse.



SNHG from left to right: Lorna Dryden, Nancy Dunn, Kristie Lawrence, Brenda Burnett, Katie King, Dana Hart



“I wanted to let you all know that the ceremony you held for my sister-in-law, Brenda Myatt, was so wonderful, and we received nothing less than excellent and very positive feedback about all your work!! Thank you from all our family.”

— Laurie Mather