

Salem Nurse Honor Guard

A tribute to Dianne Myers

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This is an excerpt from the service:

Nursing is a calling, a way of life. The Salem Nurse Honor Guard is here today to honor Dianne Myers and her life as a nurse.

To say that nursing was Dianne's passion is an understatement. Starting her nursing education in 1963 and continuing until she obtained her master's in nursing education, she was on a path to becoming a guiding light in the field. She worked in a variety of different settings from pediatrics to surgical nursing and everything in between.

This broad range of experience made her an excellent nursing instructor beginning in 1972 at Solano Community College, California. She became an early voice advocating for socialized medicine, promoting health care as a right for all not just a privilege for some. In 1976 she and her husband moved to Salem and that's when she began her tenure at Chemeketa Community College, spending over 30 years educating and inspiring nursing students and helping to usher them into their careers. Two members of our honor guard today were students of Dianne's!

She was a champion of women and children and an avid supporter of Simonka Place. Compassion for the vulnerable and underserved was her trademark.



SNHG from left to right: Lori Phillips, Lorna Dryden, Cris Hatzenbihler, Mindy Close, Kristie Lawrence, Dana Hart

“Your program was a great blessing to all that were there. I kept thinking ‘*Why hasn’t this been done everywhere before!? Why don’t other professions do this?*’ Your nurses were very classy. Solemn and serious but also emotional. Coming at the end of the service, it was well placed. Each part was very appropriate. All in all, every nurse should have this honor and people need to know about it. Thank you very much.”

—Pastor Jim Cunningham

