

# Salem Nurse Honor Guard

A tribute to Redeem Faller O'Reilly

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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 honored to be here today to recognize you, Redeem, for your contribution to the nursing profession.

Your nursing ambitions started when you were a child, playing medical practitioner with your friends. As a teenager, you were inspired by a picture in a school magazine of a nurse in a cap and cape and knew that you would one day wear that uniform!

As a mere 16-year-old, you left your homeland, the Philippines, to move to the United States. Walla Walla College School of Nursing started you on your way in 1969, initially working as a surgical nurse, then a public health nurse. This experience helped you zero in on your passion, which was preventive care in women's health.

You graduated from the first nurse practitioner class at UCLA in 1976, 50 years ago, and started working in women's health, eventually expanding to men's health too. Your dedication and compassion was felt by all your patients and many followed you when you changed jobs.

One young woman came to your office instead of the hospital to have you deliver her baby because she trusted only you! There are many more heartwarming stories that filled your career that spanned over 40 years.



SNHG from left to right: Dana Hart, Katie King, Lori Phillips, Lorna Dryden, Ginger O'Reilly

