

# Salem Nurse Honor Guard

A tribute to Terrie Ross

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Tribute date: February 10, 2026

*This is an excerpt from the service:*

Nursing is a calling, a lifestyle, a way of living. Nurses here today honor Terrie Ross and her life as a nurse. After graduating from Chemeketa with a nursing degree in 1968, Terrie began her remarkable career as an LPN at Salem Hospital. She worked in the ED for two years and transferred to pediatrics in 1 West B, where she dedicated over 40 years of compassionate care to children and their families.

She retired in 2008 at the age of 60, but her commitment to our community didn't end there. On her retirement day, she signed up to be a volunteer in pediatrics, a role she cherished for an additional 17 years.

Terrie touched countless lives through her exceptional care, empathy and kindness. She provided not only medical support to the children she cared for but also shared words of comfort with their families. She frequently could be found sharing her knowledge through precepting and creating the next generation of pediatric nurses.

Her influence extended beyond her professional duties; she remained deeply connected to our hospital family, checking in on colleagues — whether they were at the bedside, retired, facing health challenges, celebrating milestones, or sitting with them at the end of life.

Terrie believed in the power of caring and made sure everyone knew they were remembered and valued. Terrie 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: Jennifer Chanthalangsy, Chis Hatzenbihler, Tami Wheeldon, Lori Phillips, Lori Ernie, Nancy Dunn, Dana Hart, Katie King, Ginger O'Reilly, Kristie Lawrence, Lorna Dryden

