



## Nightingale Pledge

I solemnly pledge myself before God  
and in the presence of this assembly,  
to pass my life in purity and to  
practice my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is  
deleterious and mischievous, and will  
not take or knowingly administer any  
harmful drug.

I shall do all in my power to maintain  
and elevate the standard of my  
profession, and will hold in confidence  
all personal matters committed to my  
keeping and all family affairs coming  
to my knowledge in the practice of  
my calling.

I shall be loyal to my work and  
devoted towards the welfare of those  
committed to my care.

## Our Service Area

We serve the entire area of York County.  
If you would like a nursing honor guard  
tribute for your loved one or an upcoming  
funeral, please contact us.



## A Nurse's Prayer

Give me strength and wisdom,  
when others need my touch;  
a soothing word to speak to them,  
their hearts yearn for so much.

Give me joy and laughter,  
to lift a weary soul;  
pour in me compassion,  
to make the broken whole.

Give me gentle, healing hands,  
for those left in my care;  
a blessing to those who need me,  
this is a nurse's prayer.



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## What is a Nurse Honor Guard?

The nurse honor guard pays tribute to nurses after their death by providing the Nightingale tribute at their funeral or memorial service. This service is similar to a military tribute and officially releases the nurse from their nursing duties.

The nurse honor guard dresses in the traditional white uniform complete with cap and cape. The ceremony is brief; it takes about five minutes, and consists of reciting the Nightingale tribute and laying of a white rose on the casket or next to the urn, symbolizing the nurse's dedication to the profession. After the Nightingale tribute is recited, a triangle is rung after roll call for the nurse. The nurse's name is called three times and the triangle is rung after each call of the name. After the roll call, the words are spoken that the nurse is officially released from their nursing duties. A lit Nightingale lamp is carried up at the beginning of the ceremony and is then extinguished.

## What is a Tribute Ceremony?

A tribute ceremony includes:

- A white rose display (presented to family)
- Nightingale tribute
- Final call of duty
- Nightingale lamp lighting

## Who is Eligible for a Tribute?

We will provide a nurse honor guard tribute to any active or retired registered, licensed practical, or advanced practice nurse whose funeral or memorial service is within our service area.

Nurse honor guard tributes are always free of charge and based on the availability of our volunteer members.



## How to Make Arrangements

Contact us via email or via your funeral director.



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## Mission

To recognize and honor the everyday heroes who dedicated their lives to the nursing profession.

## Vision

To offer a nurse honor guard tribute to fallen nurses in the York County, Pennsylvania region.

## Membership

Any active or retired registered, licensed practical, or advanced practice nurse in good standing is welcome to join the nurse honor guard. Participation is strictly voluntary.