



***Nursing is a profession steeped in tradition. We use these traditions as symbols which reflect honor and respect for those who have given so much and who have served so well.***

#### **The Nightingale Tribute**

The Nurses Honor Guard performs a brief ceremony, similar to a military tribute. At the beginning of the ceremony, the nurses light a small lamp that symbolizes a nurse's dedication to the profession. Nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale would carry this lamp while making rounds through the hospitals in the 1800s. A white rose is placed near the casket or urn. The person placing the rose says, "(Name), we honor you this day and give you a white rose to symbolize our honor and appreciation for being our nursing colleague."

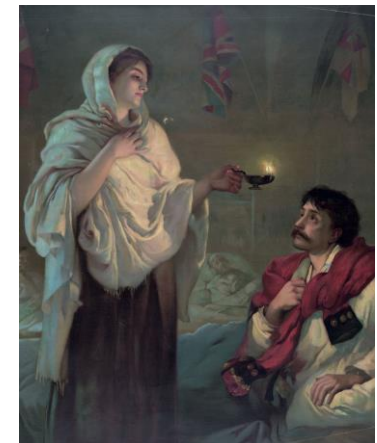
#### **The Final Call to Duty**

During the Final Call to Duty, the nurse's name is called out as a request to report to duty. With no response, the nurse's name is called a second and third time with the same request. After the third and final call, the nurse is announced as released from their nursing duties, and the lamp's flame is extinguished.

This is the final call for those who have served selflessly and given their lives for the good of their fellow man; their tasks are complete, their duties are done, they are going home.

**The Nurses Honor Guard is composed entirely of volunteer nurses giving back to their profession in this final tribute. Please encourage other nurses to contact one of the parish nurse organizations listed on the back page to become a volunteer.**

The Nurses Honor Guard was formed by the Kansas State Nurses Association in 2003. One of their nurses wrote the Nightingale Tribute which honors the contributions made by Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Florence Nightingale was instrumental in insuring the safe, compassionate care of soldiers during the Crimean War in the 1800's. She also established schools of nursing. To this day, nurses recite the Nightingale Pledge during their training, promising to devote themselves to the welfare of those committed to their care.



Florence Nightingale  
*"The Lady With The Lamp"*

If you would like the Nurses Honor Guard to perform the Nightingale Tribute, please talk to your funeral director or clergy. They will contact the parish nurse organization in your area. The family will be contacted regarding the availability of the Nurses Honor Guard volunteers. The tribute is free of charge and can be done at any time you wish during the visitation, funeral, memorial service, or at the graveside.

Donations to the parish nurse organization performing the tribute are welcomed and appreciated. They are 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations.

Donations may be sent to either:  
**Northern Waters Parish Nurse Ministry**  
3500 Tower Ave  
Superior, WI 54880  
715-817-7635  
**Arrowhead Parish Nurse Association**  
PO Box 16328  
Duluth, MN 55816  
218-722-5451

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## *Remembering a Nurse*

A tribute to any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for their years of service; to be presented by the Nurses Honor Guard.



Nursing is a calling, a way of life. Nursing is a service profession that cannot be lived in isolation. Nurses rely on each other for the synergistic effect of teamwork in all efforts of care giving. It is appropriate that we honor our colleagues not only during their career, but also at the end of life's journey.