

## FLORENCE 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 drugs.

I will 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.

With loyalty I will endeavor to aid physicians in their work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care. ”



## GET IN TOUCH

The Boone County Hospital Nursing Honor Guard provides services within a 50-mile radius of Boone, Iowa. Family members, friends, or funeral home directors can request the Nursing Honor Guard to honor a nurse at their service. This is a free service, given out of respect and gratitude for their commitment to the profession.

To arrange an honor guard tribute for a loved one who was a nurse, please contact:

**Phone:** 515.433.8489

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## Nursing Honor Guard

*Serving Those Who Have Served Others*



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## WHO WE ARE

The Nursing Honor Guard is a dedicated group of volunteer nurses (RNs, LPNs, active or retired) who recognize and pay tribute to fellow nurses during their final services. Just as military honor guards honor those who have served their country, we honor nurses for their lifelong commitment to caring for others.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE

A nurse's dedication to caring for others extends beyond a career—it is a calling, a lifelong commitment to service and compassion. The Nursing Honor Guard recognizes this devotion by offering a heartfelt tribute during funeral or memorial service. Through a meaningful ceremony, we honor the legacy of each nurse and express gratitude for their years of service.

*The Nursing Honor Guard pays tribute to a nurse's devotion by offering a heartfelt ceremony at their funeral or memorial service.*

### Honorary Pallbearers

The Honor Guard may be requested to attend the visitation and/or funeral service to serve as honorary pallbearers.

### The Nightingale Pledge

The Nightingale Pledge and a nursing sonnet may be read at any time during the services.

### Final Call to Duty

The Final Call to Duty honors the nurse by calling their name three times. With no response, their license is retired, 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.

### Casket Honor Guard

The Honor Guard may be posted at the head of the casket, standing silently to give their last respects. The Honor Guard will be exchanged at predetermined times during the visitation, and the Nightingale Lamp will be passed with each replacement.

### Gift White Rose to Family

A single white rose is presented to the family as a symbol of the nurse's compassion, dedication, and lasting impact on those they served. This final gesture honors their legacy of care and devotion.

