

Greetings from the President



David Falci

On behalf of the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our profession. During these times, nurses have been a beacon of light in an otherwise dark time. There is comfort in knowing that we are all part of this, and we are all in this together.

As nurses, one of our strengths has always been reimagining and reinventing. Our resolve has been tested and we have showed, time and again that together, we are capable of conquering any task. We are learning new ways of connecting with one another. We have leveraged technology as a more powerful tool than we perhaps thought possible. We have learned, that in the absence of a smile, we engage in stronger eye contact. We have learned that peace and protest do go hand in hand. We have learned that the human connection has not faded; we will not allow it to.

As we forge ahead, we recognize that many aspects of our lives have changed. The Alumni Association is no exception and we have had to rethink our usual plans. This included the cancellation of our annual luncheon this past spring. While these decisions are difficult, they are meant to keep us and those we love safe. Now, we are looking to the future and establishing new ways to connect. Please look for our first annual Alumni Association Service Day, to be scheduled in 2021. We hope this event will allow us to give back to the community. We are excited to begin a new adventure!

David Falci, DNP, RN, CNE

Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Association
President

News from the College

by Patricia Morgan

Dean, Pomeroy College of Nursing



Patty Morgan

I hope this message finds you and your family well. As you can imagine, it has been a challenging and demanding six months that has required every individual to adapt during this unprecedented time in response to the pandemic.

One thing that was compelling throughout these past months of uncertainty was the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff, as well as Crouse Health senior leadership to support our students as they adjusted to an online learning environment, which included a shift to virtual clinical learning during the spring semester. They did a great job working together as a team to make it as seamless a transition as possible for our students. Our students demonstrated flexibility, resilience and courage during this time – character traits that will serve them well in their careers.

As we planned for the fall semester, our commitment to provide academic continuity and quality of instruction for our students remained at the forefront of our decision making while keeping everyone in our PCON community healthy and safe. We implemented a hybrid-teaching model this semester where the theory portion of each nursing course is taught remotely and each cohort of students has one dedicated weekly onsite day on campus.

We recently welcomed 59 new students to our traditional, weekday program. They have settled into classes now and have started their first clinical experiences at the Hospital. Thanks to the continued generosity of Bill and Sandra Pomeroy, our students are able to practice psychomotor skills in the nursing lab with newly acquired lab equipment: 9 new manikins, 7 blood pressure training arms, 7 IV training arms, 1 stretcher and 4 mobile work stations with laptops and MAK scanners. This summer our classrooms were upgraded with new smartboards thanks to the generosity of the S.I. Newhouse Foundation. Although this academic year is unlike any in our history, we will strive to make our college a special place to discover, practice and work.

Please visit the Pomeroy College of Nursing Facebook and Instagram pages for photos and updates on student activities throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support of our students and the College.

Please stay safe and healthy!

Patty

December 2019 Convocation; May and June 2020 Graduate Celebrations

Ryan Barker, Assistant Dean for Students

The College celebrated the accomplishments of 33 December 2019 graduates during a Convocation ceremony taking place on December 13, 2019 at Northminster Presbyterian Church in North Syracuse, New York. Assistant Dean for Students, Ryan Barker welcomed graduates and their guests to the ceremony. The evening included remarks by interim Crouse Health Chief Nursing Officer, Lynne Shopiro and Dean, Patricia Morgan. Honors graduates were recognized and graduate Laura Taber represented her class as student speaker. A new tradition, the reading of the Nightingale Pledge was led by Assistant Professor, Kathleen Fisher. David Falci, Assistant Dean for Faculty and President of the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni welcomed graduates to the Alumni Association.

The May 2020 and June 2020 celebration of graduates took a unique turn due to COVID-19 directives and restrictions. The typical graduation ceremony held each May at Hendricks

Chapel on the campus of Syracuse University was cancelled. The College planned and successfully executed two “drive-through” celebrations for each cohort. Graduates were able to fill their vehicles with family and friends and drive through their respective event that took place in the Marley Education Center parking garage. Graduates were greeted by College faculty and Hospital staff with loud cheers, signs, noise makers and smiles under masks. Kimberly Boynton, Crouse Health President and CEO and Dr. Seth Kronenberg, Crouse Health CMO/COO were also onsite to celebrate and support the graduates. Graduates were handed a bag through their vehicle window containing their diploma and College pin by Dean Morgan. Graduate awards were handed to award recipients. Graduates also received a rose from College faculty as a gesture to welcome each graduate to professional nursing.



HONORING OUR 2020 GRADUATES



Applicant Referral Program Still in Place

by Francine Wojcik, Crouse Hospital
Recruitment and Retention Coordinator

We continue to aggressively recruit to fill open nursing positions. Please keep in mind that we still offer the Applicant Referral Program. We are always looking for innovative ideas and ways to recruit talented staff to our hospital. If you have ideas, please let us know! Contact me at (315) 470-8088. Thank you!



Have you included the Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Health in your will?

If you have, please let us know. We'd like the opportunity to say "thank you."

For more information on how to make a charitable bequest, save on estate taxes, or set up a life income plan for a spouse, child or loved one, please contact:

Carrie Berse, Crouse Health Foundation
(315) 470-7004 or
carrieberse@crouse.org.

All responses are kept confidential and information is provided without obligation.

Newsmakers

Meredith Boss, RN, Class of 2013, has been promoted to Director of Nursing at Loretto Health and Rehabilitation. Previously, she served as Assistant Director of Nursing and participated in the planning and opening of the Restorative Care Unit. Meredith received her BSN from Keuka College and will complete her Master's Degree in Nursing and become a Family Nurse Practitioner. ***Congratulations, Meredith!***



Theresa Fitzgibbons, Class of 1998, has been promoted to Director of Clinical Quality and Patient Safety at Oswego Health. ***Congratulations, Theresa!***

In November 2019, **Brenda Harrington, Class of 2005**, graduated as a member of the Future Leaders Program at Crouse Hospital. The Future Leaders Program, now in its second year, provides a pathway for leadership to those in the organization who aspire to enter supervisory or management roles. Those who apply and are accepted into the program attend monthly classes, led by members of the Crouse Management Team, in areas ranging from finance to emotional intelligence.

"Our goal is to provide as much support and opportunities to our employees as possible," said Kimberly Boynton. "The Future Leaders Program helps prepare interested individuals for the responsibilities that come with leading an organization."

Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Board

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Carrie Berse

News from the Crouse Health Foundation

by Carrie Berse, President, Crouse Health Foundation

Pomeroy College of Nursing Scholarships

Through the generous support of Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni, sixteen scholarships totaling \$8,000 were recently given to Pomeroy College of Nursing students for the 2020-2021 academic year. These awards came from investment income earned by the endowed Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund, and recipients were selected by the school based on academic achievement and financial need. In January, another eight scholarships will be awarded for the 2021 calendar year in the name of Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni from an outright donation of \$5,000 made by the association. These “split” scholarship disbursements – academic year versus calendar year – represent the College’s goal to have monies available for students entering our program in both the fall and spring semesters. Our students are deeply grateful for this meaningful support, and our heartfelt thanks go to all the alumni whose continued involvement and generosity make these awards possible.

If you would like to learn more about how you can personally assist our students through an outright or estate gift, contact Carrie Berse at the Crouse Health Foundation at (315) 470-7004 or CarrieBerse@Crouse.org. All information will be provided in confidence and with no obligation.

Tribute Evening – CrouseStrong

Due to current limitations on public gatherings, the Crouse Health Foundation’s 44th annual Tribute Evening celebration took place virtually on Friday, October 2. This 75-minute online broadcast honored Crouse’s frontline healthcare heroes, and it featured

inspirational interviews with staff, patient and family testimonials, messages of appreciation from celebrities with ties to Central New York, and very special musical performances. The event netted more than \$350,000 for Crouse Health’s COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund; donations can still be made by visiting Crouse.org/Heroes. If you would like to watch the production, it can now be accessed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/GUkoGiHGON0>

Addiction Treatment Services Project

Crouse Health is in the process of constructing a new home for its Addiction Treatment Services Program. The new facility is being built on Erie Boulevard East in the City of Syracuse, and it will significantly increase the amount of space available for day treatment, counseling, and other much-needed services. The Crouse Health Foundation is now working to raise \$2 million to assist with the purchase

of furnishings, special equipment and programmatic support.

If you would like more information about the project or opportunities to contribute, contact Kim Pietro in the Foundation Office at (315) 470-7056 or KimberlyPietro@Crouse.org. All information will be provided in confidence and with no obligation.

Other Updates

The Crouse Hospital Auxiliary’s 2020 Lights of Love fundraising campaign will begin in late October, with a virtual lighting of the clock tower to take place on Monday, November 30 at 5 p.m. All donors will be sent a link to view the virtual ceremony that evening. Proceeds will benefit key Crouse Health services such as Obstetrics, Cardiac Services and Stroke Care that have continued uninterrupted during the pandemic. To give to the campaign, visit Crouse.org/Lights; for a brochure or more information, please contact the Auxiliary at (315) 470-7530 or CrouseAuxiliary@Crouse.org.



Nothing Short of an Honor

Joanne Recupero, Class of 2018

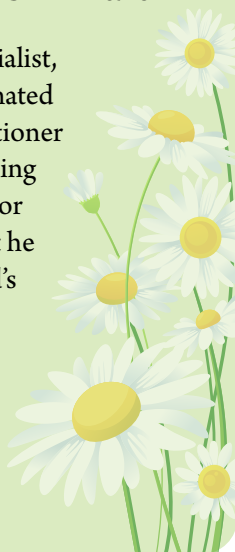
As a non-traditional student, I am proof that anyone can do this no matter what the age. Becoming an RN at PCON has provided the lifelong dream of mine to work in the surgical setting. Upon graduating, there were so many

places I would have loved to work, so it was hard to narrow it down. I settled into the operating room as a Circulating RN. Back in April 2020, I was provided the opportunity to serve our veterans at a nursing home stricken with Covid 19 for several weeks. It has been nothing short of an honor to serve our veterans as a nurse. In the future, I hope to join medical teams sent into disaster situations. I am extremely grateful for my PCON experience, for what I’m doing now, and for what the future holds for me.



Alumni Recipient of The DAISY Award

In February 2020, Clinical Nurse Specialist, **Todd Olrich, Class of 2002**, was nominated by Colleen Phinney as “a skilled practitioner as well as educator. He makes the learning fun and there has never been a project or assignment I have asked him to do that he has turned down.” Colleen noted Todd’s compassion with patients, families and fellow nurses over the years and his consistent, easy-going nature and approachability. Thank you, Todd, for being a great example of the Daisy Award!



(l to r) Diana Trump Dixie, Class of 2008; Kimberly Boynton, CEO; Jill and Seth Kronenberg, CMO

Carepassion in Action

The week of November 4, 2019, Crouse Health honored recipients of the Carepassion Awards, supported by the Paul Kronenberg, MD, Employee Recognition Fund of the Crouse Health Foundation. Recipients, included **Jill Donofrio, RN** (4 North Irving Unit), **Class of 2015**. **Congratulations, Jill!**

Our Alumni Celebrating Milestone Years

Each year, during Employee Service Recognition Week, members of the Crouse family are recognized for celebrating “milestone” years. The following alumni were among those celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 years of dedicated service in 2020.

Celebrating 45 Years

Kathleen Bruno, Surgical Suite/OR, Class of 1975

Celebrating 40 Years

Robyn Dudley, Perinatal 7 Irving, Class of 1980

Donna Cico, Recovery Care Center, Class of 1980

Patricia Gentile, Crouse Testing Center, Class of 1966

Pauline Burns Herold, Neonatology, Class of 1981

Elizabeth O'Connor, Women & Children's Administration, Class of 1980

Celebrating 35 Years

Jeanette Callaghan, Neonatology 9 Irving, Class of 1983

Michele Kires, Med/Surg 4S Irving Oncology, Class of 2015

Luann Lafrance, POB Surgery Center, Class of 1984

Suzanne O'Laughlin, Recovery Care Center, Class of 1983

Celebrating 30 Years

Donna Diliberto, Recovery Care Center, Class of 1990

Lynn Porter, Perinatal 7 Irving, Class of 1990

Celebrating 25 Years

Russell Hornby, Post Anesthesia Care (PACU), Class of 1994

Karen Loveless, Chemical Dependency Treatment Services, Class of 1994

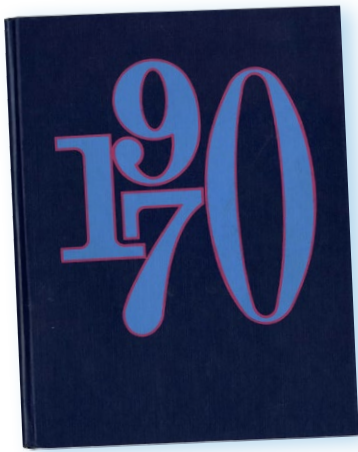
Kathleen Miller-Murphy, Community Engagement, Class of 1981

The Alumni Basket Raffle – Fall 2019

The Alumni Basket raffle was last held in October 2019. This event has always been an important fund raiser for the Alumni and many members participated. There were eleven themed baskets, including “Octoberfest,” “Italian,” “Spa/Wellness,” and “Swag” baskets and several big-ticket items, such as a television and an airfryer. Special thanks to the Faculty and the

Foundation staff for their Basket contributions; we were pleased to be able to contribute over \$1000 to the Alumni scholarship fund.





Memories of Class of 1970

Maureen Sweet LoBello

My name is Maureen Sweet LoBello, Crouse Irving Hospital Graduate, Class of 1970.

Linda Scherfling Mayers, Edith Fish, Katherine Otrupcak Owens, Jeanne Volles Spoon and I have all remained in contact since graduation. Sadly, we recently lost another classmate and close friend: Michelle Culver Fengler.

We want to share some “fun facts” about our class:

We were the last class to enter the “old” 36-month program; the last to move into “the houses” on Irving Ave. – Bristol and North Irving – flanking the original Crouse Hospital; the last to “have” to go through “initiation” with “our Big Sisters” LOL.

Back then each specialty was a three month rotation and our class was the last

to rotate through them, including at the psychiatric hospital in Ogdensburg and three pre-divided groups for a three month rotation at St. Lawrence State Hospital. All of the major fields were three months each and we circulated with our group.

Let’s not forget, Sunday through Thursday we had an 8 p.m. curfew. Friday and Saturday our curfew was midnight, and we signed out in a book that our “House Mother” would check at 10 p.m. to be sure “All were accounted for.” Sunday through Thursday nights at that 8 p.m. hour was our study /quiet time, we had to be in our rooms “studying” from 8 until 10 p.m. and from 10-10:30 p.m. we could go down to the kitchen for visiting or a snack.

Our “House Mother” made rounds on our rooms to be sure all were accounted for. When we moved to the Memorial dorms after the merger, our “House Mothers” came with us.

This was helpful as our first year we had a Chemistry class at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning with Mr. Weist.

We were the first class to move into the Memorial Hospital dorms when the two hospitals became one, Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital.

We had the option to have our Diploma and pins read “Crouse-Irving Hospital, School of Nursing” as that was the school we entered...hence we are the last class to graduate from Crouse- Irving Hospital School of Nursing 1970! 50 years ago.



One last thing: we graduated on a beautiful sunny day in July of 1970, at Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University. Then our State Boards were taken in the basement of the Syracuse War Memorial, over two beautiful sunny days in mid-November of 1970. We shared the space with the “Royal Lipizan Horses” who were in town for a show and housed on the other side of a curtain wall...those with allergies knew the horses were there!

Oh, and not to forget, we received our State Board results on February 2, 1971 – Groundhog Day – another day to celebrate.



MAUREEN JANET SWEET
“Moe Tweet”



LINDA LEE SCHERFLING
“Scherf”



EDITH MARY FISH
“Fox”



KATHERINE ANN OTRUPCAK
“Truppie”



JEANNE ARLENE VOLLES
“Jeanne V”

We just wanted to share our “trivia” and the memories which tell us we’d do it all again. A whole lot has changed in 50 years!

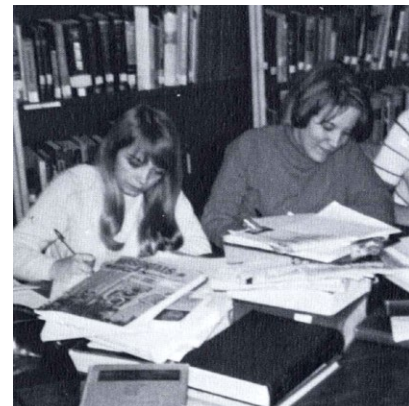
We’re hoping to see other members of the Class of 1970 at the spring luncheon. Living together in those houses/dorms over three years formed a bond which has stayed constant!

One last bit of trivia our class remembers was that the class of our “Little Sisters /Brothers” in 1971 was the year Crouse first admitted males to the program.

Sincerely,

*Maureen, Linda, Edie,
Kathy, Jeanne*

P.S. When we were “phone conferencing” last week we remembered another first: during our second year, one of the girls from the class ahead of us decided to marry, then returned during our second year to finish school and graduated as the first married student to graduate from Crouse in the Class of 1970.... lots of “firsts.”



Send Us Your News!

Name: _____ Class: _____ Year: _____

Name while attending Crouse Hospital School/College of Nursing: _____

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Send your news to:

Crouse Hospital Nursing Alumni Association, 736 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210 or email alumni@crouse.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

We Remember...

RECENTLY DECEASED

CLASS OF ____

Jane Luke Reed ~ March 8, 2020

Jane, of Fayetteville, passed away at the age of 97. She was a Registered Nurse and received her degree from Crouse Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, Dr. George F. Reed, former Dean of Upstate Medical Center, resided in the Boston area for many years before relocating to Syracuse in 1965. Dr. Reed passed away in 1994 and their daughter, Maggie Reed, in 2015. Jane is survived by her three daughters and five grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1945

Betty Teifke Hennessy ~ January 30, 2020

Betty was born in Oswego, and after receiving her nursing degree, she worked for Dr. Walker in Liverpool for many years and at St. Joseph's Hospital before retiring in 1992. Betty enjoyed knitting, riding her bike and gardening. She had a lifelong commitment to her beloved dogs. She was predeceased by her husband of 68 years, John Hennessy in 2015. She is survived by her two sons, one daughter, seven grandchildren, as well as 16 great-grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1947

Violet Wagner Young ~ February 6, 2020

"Vi" enjoyed pets, gardening, classic movies, family and friends. She was the youngest of five children, growing up in the beauty of the Catskill Mountains. Vi graduated from Sidney High School in 1942 and went on to serve in the Army Cadet Nurse Corps during WWII. After graduating from Crouse Irving Hospital School of Nursing, she later earned a bachelor's degree in public health from Syracuse University. Violet was employed as a registered nurse in hospitals, the West Genesee School District and as an occupational health nurse at Syroco. She was a Harvard University Nurses' Health Study participant for over 40 years. In 1950, Violet married Edward Wagner, who predeceased her in 2013. Surviving are her son, Robert of Glen Burnie, MD, where she lived with her husband after 2005. Also surviving are her daughter, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1949

Catherine Smith Lewis ~ April 20, 2020

Catherine was employed as a Registered Nurse at Crouse Irving Hospital where she met her husband, Dr. James E. Lewis. Catherine was an organist & taught religious education classes at St. Stephen's Church in Phoenix, NY for several years. She

traveled extensively in retirement. Catherine enjoyed knitting, quilting and other fiber arts and most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, son and three daughters.

CLASS OF 1950

Janet Perrine Dellas ~ March 29, 2020

Janet was born in 1931 in Utica, NY. After high school she went to Crouse Irving Hospital School of Nursing and finished in the fall of 1950. Per the norm at the time, she immediately began to work at Crouse Irving Hospital. She stopped working after she married John Dellas in 1952. Janet's younger sister Joyce Perrine Auert, followed in her footsteps, and entered the Crouse Irving Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1954.

Janet was an active member of the Alumni and its Board of Directors for many years. During this time she continued to keep in touch with her nursing friends and the college. She was Alumni President for two years, but she really enjoyed being a Board Director. She became an Emeritus member in 2018. Janet's class from nursing school remained friends for their lifetime. They enjoyed gathering together at the annual spring luncheons and other alumni events. She particularly enjoyed the 100 year celebration in 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, John and her sister Joyce.

CLASS OF 1951

Essalene Ziegler Toombs ~ March 28, 2020

"Ziggy" was born April 18, 1929 in Varick, NY, and lived in Mattydale for 58 years. After graduating from Crouse-Irving School of Nursing in 1951, she worked in Waterloo, NY before marrying and moving to Syracuse. She worked at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital for 37 years. She was an active member of Calvary United Methodist Church for 50 years, participated in school activities when her children were young, served on the Mattydale Youth Center Board, acted with the Clay Towne Players and played with the West Hill Croquet Club. She traveled extensively in the United States and to Europe once. Survived by her son, daughter, and husband, Donald of South Brunswick, NJ and five grandchildren.

Marydee Parkhurst Ames ~ September 14, 2020

Marydee was born in Clockville, NY and attended SUNY Cortland before receiving her nursing degree from Crouse-Irving School of Nursing. She worked for several years at Crouse Hospital before becoming the nurse at Clary Middle School for 27 years. Marydee was a member of Marcellus United Methodist Church and was an avid golfer belonging to Tuscarora Golf Club for over 50 years. She loved to winter in Port St. Lucie with her husband C. Robert, where in her free time she golfed and painted. She is survived by her son and two sisters and 7 grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband C. Robert Ames and daughter.

CLASS OF 1952

Mary O'Brien ~ February 6, 2020

Mary "Bette" Elizabeth was a graduate of Syracuse Central High School, Crouse Irving Hospital School of Nursing, and Syracuse University. She was employed at Crouse Irving Hospital, Onondaga County, and New York State. She was a communicant of Holy Family Church. Bette enjoyed traveling and her time at the family cottage in the Adirondacks.

CLASS OF 1953

Carolyn Sheldon Allen ~ May 6, 2020

Carolyn, a longtime nurse, died on Nurses' Day. Born in Rome, she grew up in Sherburne and upon graduation from Crouse-Irving School of Nursing, she worked as a registered nurse for 45 years at both Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital and the Syracuse City School District. She enjoyed knitting, gardening and most of all loved her family. She was a 60 year member of DeWitt Community Church and loved the Cut-Ups and the Suburban Shop. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Kenneth D. Allen; and three children, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

CLASS OF 1954

Barbara Meade O'Connor ~ September 5, 2019

Barbara spent much of her early childhood in Pennsylvania, where she lived at the Bethesda Children's Home in Meadville. When she was fourteen years old, she moved back to Syracuse and attended Syracuse Central High School, graduating in 1952. As a high school freshman, Barbara started working and saving for nursing school. She realized her goal, attending Crouse Irving Nursing School upon graduation from high school. Barbara loved her years in nursing school, met many lifelong friends there and was elected president of her senior class. After graduation in 1955, Barbara worked for many years as an RN in Syracuse and Seneca Falls. In September of 1954, while Barb was a senior at Crouse and Tom O'Connor was attending SU, they met at the Varsity. They eloped five weeks after they met and kept their marriage a secret for seven months until Barb finished nursing school. They were happily married for 34 years until Tom's death in 1988. Barbara is survived by her four children.

CLASS OF 1955

Edith Laforse Bonin ~ April 11, 2020

During the 1950's Edith was a registered nurse at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital. She put her career on hold to take a position of full time loving mother to her growing family. Edith was a fastidious home maker, devoted wife

and mother, avid reader, and loyal SU sports fan for many years. She was also a member of the Crouse Irving Nurses Alumni Association and Congregation Beth Shalom-Chevra Shas. Edith is survived by her husband and her three children.

CLASS OF 1960

Melissa Richards Baldwin ~ January 31, 2020

Missy, of Fayetteville, NY passed away peacefully in Los Angeles surrounded by her two children. Missy was born in Tully, NY where she lived with her three sisters. After years of travel, studies, and above all adventure, she settled down in Fayetteville until recently moving to Los Angeles to be near her daughter. Missy spent most of her life caring for others as a dedicated Public Health Nurse. Missy was full of joy, laughter, music, and mischief. Her last words were, "I LOVE YOU," intended for everyone she knew. She is survived by her two children and three grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1970

Michelle Culver Fengler ~ November 16, 2019

Michele (Micki) Fengler, of Franklin, TN, was born in Oneonta, NY and graduated from Oneonta HS in 1967. In 1970, she graduated from Crouse Irving Nursing School in Syracuse, NY with a Registered Nursing Degree and married Henry (Hank) Fengler. For 36 years, Micki worked as a Labor and Delivery nurse for Crouse Irving Hospital and was also a member of the Crouse Irving Association. Throughout her life in NY, Micki enjoyed sewing, skiing, camping, sailing, and gambling at the local casinos. While in TN, she was involved in quilting at St Andrew Lutheran Church as well as playing cards and participating in various activities at the Franklin Enrichment Center.

Micki is preceded in death by her son, Keith. She is survived by her beloved husband, Hank Fengler and two sons and her four grandchildren.



CLASS OF ____

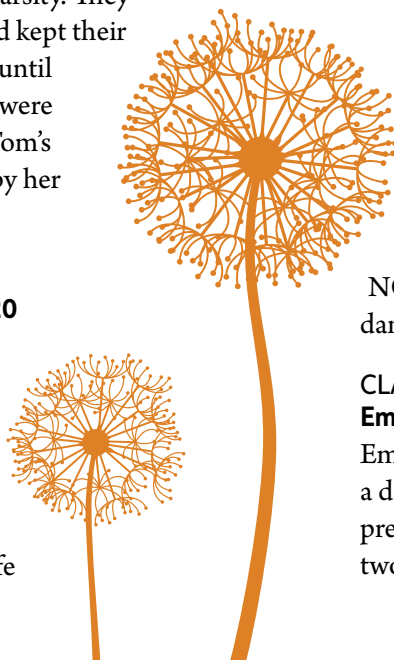
Lynn Neave McKinnon ~ September 10, 2019

Lynn, most recently of Chapin, SC, graduated early from C.W. Baker High School with the class of 1973. She played women's ice hockey for Potsdam State University, received her Bachelor's from SUNY Cortland and her nursing degree from Crouse Hospital College of Nursing. Lynn practiced as a Registered Nurse in Syracuse, Lake Norman, NC and Lexington, SC. She loved the sun, boating, and dancing. She is survived by her husband, son and daughter.

CLASS OF 1984

Emily Bartholomew ~ October 16, 2020

Emily Bartholomew, of Minoa, was a generous person and had a deep faith that extended into her career as a nurse. She was predeceased by her husband and survived by her daughters and two grandchildren.



A Message to the Community



Kimberly Boynton



Seth Kronenberg

We keep caring. And so do you.

No part of our society has been untouched by the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this disruptive and uncertain time, we continue to be humbled by the compassion and generosity of the Central New York community. Throughout this health crisis, the steadfast support we have received from individuals, organizations and businesses, both large and small, have lifted our spirits and inspired us.

Community Response

From financial contributions, to donating protective gear, electronic devices and supplies, to dropping off food and handwritten messages of support for our team, your gifts to the Crouse Health COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund have made a meaningful difference.

We sincerely thank our physicians and staff for their teamwork, dedication and resilience as they have worked to keep patients, visitors and our community safe and healthy during this challenging time. That is the Crouse culture — and the Crouse spirit.

Healthcare Team Rises to Challenge

This has not been easy, as the situation over these months has changed rapidly, sometimes on an hourly basis. To say that our staff has risen to the challenge of COVID-19 is an understatement.

Whether it is emergency care for stroke or a heart attack, or delivering babies — more than 1,600 since the pandemic began — our team has not missed a beat in providing care. And now that we have resumed elective surgeries and procedures, we are back to providing the full range of services our community expects and deserves.

To keep patients and staff safe, we continue with our stringent safety and infection control measures in our Pomeroy Emergency Services Department and across the entire hospital and outpatient sites.

While we cannot predict the future, we will be ready should there be a spike in the virus later in the year. As a reminder, the best way to protect yourself and our community is to continue the precautions we have learned: wear a face covering, maintain social distancing and wash your hands frequently.

We thank you for your trust and confidence, and for your support of our healthcare team.

We are and will remain Crouse strong — here for you as always.

Kimberly Boynton

President and CEO

Seth Kronenberg, MD

Chief Operating Officer and Chief Medical Officer



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