**The Nightingale Tribute**

Nursing is a calling, a lifestyle, a way of living. Valley Parish Nurse Ministry would like to honor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
and her life as a nurse. She is not only 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**
When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed,
**She was there.**
In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery and loss of life,
**She was there.**
When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member or friend,
**She was there.**
At those times when the unexplainable needed to be explained,
**She was there.**
When the situation demanded a swift foot and sharp mind,
**She was there.**
When a gentle touch, a firm push, or an encouraging word was needed,
**She was there.**
In choosing the best one from a family’s Thank You box of chocolates,
**She was there.**
To witness humanity: its beauty, in good times and bad, without judgment,
**She was there.**
To embrace the woes of the world, willingly, and offer hope
**She was there.**
And now, that it is time to be at the Greater One’s side,
**She is there.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we honor you this day and give to your family a white rose
to symbolize our honor and appreciation for being our colleague.

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