**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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