

An Alumni Legacy: The Bridget Jones Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund



The UConn School of Nursing is pleased to announce the Bridget Jones Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund. Bridget was a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Nursing Class of 1975.

The oldest of five siblings, Bridget was a natural born leader and nurturer. She began her nursing career at the 97th General Hospital in Frankfort, Germany where her husband Tim, a West Point graduate, and was stationed for the first three years of their marriage. She later oversaw triage for the emergency department at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia. Upon completion of Tim's military obligations, the couple settled in Lakewood, Ohio to raise their two daughters, Erin and Anne. Bridget began a nursing position at Lakewood Hospital (part of the Cleveland Clinic Health System) and continued there for the rest of her 30+ year career under manager and house supervisor roles in the Recovery Room, PACU, and Endoscopy departments until shortly before her death in 2009. Bridget would have celebrated her 65th birthday this July.



Known for her beaming smile, infectious laugh, sense of humor, compassionate heart, and take-charge attitude, Bridget was both a friend and trusted colleague to those she worked with. She was always willing to lend an ear or hand and offer advice. She was an advocate for her patients, as well as a dedicated liaison between providers, caregivers, and their patients. Bridget cared for her patients with compassion, empathy, and expert clinical skill. She served as a role model for all caregivers. During the most stressful situations,

Bridget's calm, professional demeanor influenced others and placed the focus on the patient's immediate needs in pursuit of positive outcomes. Bridget's clinical skillset and ability to critically think served her patients and co-workers well, and she sincerely cared for everyone she encountered on a daily basis. She often credited her learning experience at UConn and the education and mentoring she received there with her love of nursing and her lifetime of professional success and achievements. Bridget was a well-respected teacher, mentor, and role-model for many, both professionally and personally.

For any questions about the Bridget Jones Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund, please contact Becky Salustri at (860) 486-6851.