



Cynthia Steury-Lattz

December 5, 1953 - June 11, 2008

Cindy Steury-Lattz, 54, of Kankakee, an outstanding nurse and wonderful wife, grandmother and friend, passed away Wednesday (June 11, 2008) from complications following treatment for leukemia. A memorial visitation will be held from 2 p.m. Monday until the 7 p.m. memorial service at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the KCC Foundation-Cindy Steury-Lattz Memorial Fund for nursing. Cindy was born Dec. 5, 1953 and married Roger Lattz in 1990. Cindy received her nursing degree in 1978 and prior to her illness was a doctoral candidate at Phoenix University. Working as a nursing educator at Kankakee Community College, Cindy was able to help her students relate to the real world of nursing. She encouraged them to continue their education, to provide excellent care and to become active in their professional association. These were beliefs Cindy held strong to. Cindy is best known for her professionalism and sarcastic wit, which she balanced in such a way that allowed everyone to be comfortable around her. She could make someone feel as if they had known her for years in only an instant through her openness and humor. She excelled through her leadership and ability to empathize with those around her. Cindy served as chair of the INA Political Action Committee, and promoted the Student Nurse Political Action Day through her role as an educator and INA leader. The event continues to be the most successful student nurse event in the state and INA attributes this success to Cindy's dedication. With attendance expanding to more than a thousand students, Cindy's desire to

educate the student nurses on the importance of the political process is now shared by educators throughout the state. After becoming a member of the INA Board of Directors in 2001, Cindy set her sights on becoming president of the association she loved so much. In 2007, in the midst of her recovery and treatments, Cindy arrived at the convention to receive the election results. Cindy became the president of the Illinois Nurses Association that night. Her dream had become a reality. Other organizations in which Cindy gave her time include: Order of the Eastern Star, Kankakee County Farm Bureau, Sigma Theta Tau, Zonta Club of Kankakee, and H.O.G. (Harley-Davidson Owners Group), as an associate member. Please remember Cindy with a smile on your face as that is how she would wish it to be. She lived life to its fullest and would wish the same for those left behind. May we treasure each other, our families, loved ones and INA with a sense of renewed faith as she watches over us and guides us to success. Surviving are her husband, Roger L. Lattz, whom she married Jan. 4, 1990, at Friendswood Christian Church; one stepson, Craig Lattz and Mary Tritton of Port Orange, Calif.; one stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Cheri and Joe Beasley of Manteno; two stepgrandsons, Caleb and Lucas Beasley; two stepbrothers and stepsisters-in-law, Tony and Kathy Marvin of Edgewood, Lynn and Sue Marvin of Effingham; special friends, Mary and Elmer Lawyer of Clifton, Susan Swart of Manteno; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased are her father, Carl Steury; and her mother and stepfather, Wanda Welker Steury Marvin and George Marvin.

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“ Mrs Lattz was a driving force in my life. ¶½As a student she scared me to death as I tried to be the nurse she thought I would become. ¶½As a fellow nurse she was an awesome force to be reaconed with. ¶½She believed what she taught and taught what she believed. ¶½I was blessed to have had her in my life even the short time I knew her. We shared an age group as I was her oldest student. I believe with her help I am a better nurse and human being. She will be missed and future nurses have lost out on a good thing.##imported-begin##Sharon Goller LPN##imported-end##

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“ Cindy was the person that inspired me to keep going in the nursing program and to always do my best. I feel sorry for future nursing students who won't have the benefit of Cindy's knowledge and have her standing behind them pushing them to the finish line.##imported-begin##Peggy Hubbs##imported-end##

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“ I was so saddened by the news that Cindy lost her battle against cancer. ĩ½When I think of Cindy, I will remember her out on the river on the pontoon boat, enjoying the fireworks with family and friends. ĩ½She will be greatly missed by many people, for many reasons. ĩ½Roger and the rest of her family are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Pat Denison##imported-end##

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of Cindy that I will cherish forever. ĩ½We all lost a dear Friend too soon. ĩ½She will be missed by many. ĩ½love, Joanie##imported-begin##Joanie Larsen##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Lattz touched my life in so many ways. ĩ½She was my first nursing instructor when I entered the LPN program in 1995, and never stopped encouraging me to finish the path I had started and finish my RN. ĩ½I followed her advice, and never regreted a minute of it. ĩ½She has been in my thoughts often, and will remain so.....nurses everywhere are lucky that there is such a dedicated guardian angel of nurses now watching over them....To her family, please know that you are all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Missi Trnka RN##imported-end##

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“ Ms. Lattz was a great instructor and a friend. ĩ½She taught me the importance of being a caring person in whatever you pursue. ĩ½She will definitely be missed. ĩ½I was always inspired by her and will always remember our end of semester parties. ĩ½God Bless you and the entire family.

Debbie Sisk###imported-begin##Debra Sisk###imported-end##

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“ Cindy touched a lot people in her life, and I'm glad to be to have been one of those. ĩ½She always had a smile to cheer you up. ĩ½We'll miss you dearly.###imported-begin##Kevin Goudreau###imported-end##

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“ I was very sad to hear of the passing of a great and wonderful person both as a nursing instructor and as a person she taught me to be a good nurse and to treat everyone as I would like to be treated. she gave alot of good advice and helped understand nursing and how important it was to do my best for the patient. She will be missed###imported-begin##Aron LaVella LPN###imported-end##

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“ We are former students of Cindy's at KCC. We are now married 15 years with twin boys aged 14, but met in Cindy's class.

We remember that she and our other instructor (Lynn) both attended our wedding. ĩ½We still have the lovely photo album she made for us, including the photos she took that day.

We have continued on in our nursing careers for the past 15 years, always remembering the professionalism, ethics, and knowledge Cindy instilled in us. ĩ½Her dedication to guiding student nurses in the direction of providing exemplary care with compassion, empathy, and advocacy will live on in the many, many nurses she turned out into the world.

We were deeply saddened to hear of her passing, and send our deepest condolences to her family and friends...she will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Lance & Joy Merrill##imported-end##

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“ I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MRS. LATTZ NOT ONLY WAS MY TEACHER, SHE TOOK CARE OF MY FATHER, WHICH PASSED AWAY IN NOV. FOR MANY YEARS IN THE HOME HEALTH SYSTEM. SHE WAS A GREAT TEACHER WHICH GAVE US ALL THE STRENGTH AND WANT TO BECAME THE BEST NURSES THAT WE COULD. SHE SHOWED US THE REASONS WHY WE NEED TO BE THE BEST FOR OUR PATIENTS. IN A SHORT TIME, SHE MADE US ALL FRIENDS AND BECAME ONE OF OUR FRIENDS ALSO.... SHE WILL TRUELY BE MISSED

##imported-begin##CRYSTAL NICHOLSON-CAUSEY##imported-end##

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“ Dear family and friends of Cindy,

I have worked with Cindy on several union contract negotiations. ĩ½She was very insightful regarding nursing faculty issues and her productive negotiating techniques in the collective bargaining process. ĩ½I will miss her sense of humor, constant smile, and sharing extra chocolates with me. ĩ½I am sorry that I will not be able to personally offer my condolence to you at the memorial service. ĩ½My deepest sympathy,

Jim Paul###imported-begin##Dr. Jim Paul###imported-end##

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“ Cindy was a good person. She always had a smile. I worked with her at St. Marys.

Always had time to chat. I will miss

her . Good nurse.

###imported-begin##Kathy Sullivan###imported-end##

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“ I worked with Cindy for many years at KCC. We shared the same office for the majority of those years. ĩ½She was always cheerful and totally dedicated to her nursing students and the advancement of nursing as a profession.

Please accept my sincere condolences on her passing. I was unable to attend the visitation or service, due to lower back and leg problems, but she and her family are always in my prayers.

Lana Magiera###imported-begin##Lana Magiera###imported-end##

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“ She was a great instructor and she will be missed terribly!!###imported-begin##Angela Harre###imported-end##

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“ I will miss her so much!! ĩ½She taught me everything I know. ĩ½She was a wonderful teacher. ĩ½When I went to see her in the hospital, she told me "this may slow me down a bit, but it wont keep me down!" ĩ½She had so much will power. ĩ½My heart goes out to her family. ĩ½###imported-begin##Kristi Pittman###imported-end##

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“ My heart goes out to the Steury-Lattz family at this difficult time. Mrs Lattz was a wonderful teacher and just one hell of a person. She was witty, kind, intelligent, and you couldnt help but be drawn to her personality. KCC lost one of its best this week, but apparently Heaven needs nurses, too. Remembering this great woman with a smile on our faces is definitely the best tribute to her.

She touched my life and that of everyone she knew. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##kathy bryant##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear of Cindy's passing her obituary truly says it all.

She will be missed buy her fellow co-workers, students, family and friends.

May she continue to do her work up above.

Keeping your family in my prayers.

God's Blessings

Vicki Goldenstein R.N##imported-begin##Vicki goldenstein##imported-end##

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“ Cindy taught me to be a strong women and don't take anyones crap. ĩ½She inspired me. she took my family in and treated us as one of her own family members. ĩ½She showed me how to enjoy life but,you had to work hard too. Education was very important to her and she passed it on to me. ĩ½She was my Aunt Cindy and will be deeply missed. I know she will help guide her loved ones from above.##imported-begin##krista meyer##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry to see such a wonderful teacher, nurse and most of all person. If I can be half of Mrs. Lattz' greatness then I will be greatful. I am going to miss her smile and her warm funny personality. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.##imported-begin##Jessica Langlois##imported-end##

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“ Cindy Stuary-Lattz was one of the reasons that I finished LPN and then went on to complete RN. She was the one of the best instructor that I had for nursing school. She kept the class interesting and always kept us on track. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Carol Travelstead##imported-end##

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