



Nelda Ann Poole

July 23, 1938 - November 2, 2020

Nelda Ann Poole, 82, died November 2, 2020 at her home after a short illness. She was a retired Registered Nurse, having spent 35 years in the medical field.

She was born in Hot Springs on July 23, 1938 to Carl and Eloise Gross, and graduated from Hot Springs High School. She was a deacon at First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband Orville Poole; two daughters, Renee McGowan of Henryetta, OK, and Deondra Shaffer of Green Meadow, PA; five stepsons, Richard, Larry and Timothy Poole of Hot Springs, Robert Poole of Fayetteville, AR, and Dr. Charles Poole of Chattanooga, TN; 18 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

She was a member of the first graduating class for Licensed Practical Nurses at Garland County Community College (now National Park College). This was before the first campus was built, and students met in churches, store fronts and even abandoned school buildings.

She worked full time and continued her nursing schooling until achieving her degree registered nurse license.

She spent 17 years as the managing nurse over the newborn baby unit, first at the old Ouachita Hospital and then what is now National Park Regional Hospital. She finished the last 10 years of her career as the director of infection control and employee health at National Park hospital.

Following retirement from active nursing, she volunteered for several years at the Charitable Christian Clinic, and the County Health Department's annual mass influenza vaccination clinic.

Visitation will be 1:00 PM Friday November 6th at Hot Springs Funeral Home with services to follow at 2:00 PM with Reverend Lance Jones officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Due to Covid-19 a face covering is required and social distancing will be practiced.

Arrangements are by Hot Springs Funeral Home
Online condolences at www.hotspringsfh.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens

Hot Springs, AR 71913

Previous Events

Service

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home
1017 Central Avenue

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *To many good memories to name!! I will miss you!*

Jann - December 12, 2020 at 02:23 PM

AH

“ *The last few years I've visited with Ann several times and she always made me smile. She told the most wonderful stories of her family and her love for them showed through. She also had a independent stubborn streak that I admired because I have one too and she called it like it is, always. Much love to Orville, Ric, Cheryl and Ian Whispering prayers for all of your family. Ann Hiers*

Ann Hiers - November 06, 2020 at 06:43 AM

JE

“ *Ann was a wonderful nurse and coworker. She was a friend. Please know your family are in my thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort during this time.*

Jan Everright - November 05, 2020 at 07:02 PM

JR

“ To the family of Nelda Ann,
Ann was a big part of my life in High School. A good friend. We
grew apart as we got older and had our family, but I never forgot
about her, I am sorry I can not be there tomorrow to say good by to
her, and let you know what a good friend she was.
My friends and I send our love to you and your family, and again say
we are sorry we can not be there tomorrow.

Joyce Johnston Ross
Sonny and Ginny Wynn
Mrs. Donnie Kilgore

Joyce Ross - November 05, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Nelda Ann Poole.



November 05, 2020 at 03:55 PM

BC

“ She was one of the most wonderful ladies I have had the privilege
of knowing. She and I were together for many years @ NPMC. She
was very kind and caring and a wonderful friend. She will be up in
heaven taking care of all the babies and spoiling them rotten.

Love you Annie and will see you when I make my trip home.

Betty Carter

Betty Carter - November 05, 2020 at 03:02 PM

CT

“ Ann was my boss in the nursery at National Park. She was always helpful and caring. I enjoyed working with her and learning from her vast NB knowledge. Thoughts and love to her family.

Carla Gray Thomas

carla thomas - November 05, 2020 at 11:07 AM

DS

“ What can you say when you lose Momma? Words just aren't enough. My heart is torn in half.
I know that you will continue to watch over me just like you've always done. Later, that will bring me comfort, right now, it's just pain.
I love you.

Deondra Shaffer - November 05, 2020 at 09:28 AM

SO

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this hard time Deondra

Sandy and Steve Orrell - November 05, 2020 at 02:16 PM

LR

“ Ann was so generous with her memories and her fascinating family history. She had a great passion for that. She welcomed me to family Thanksgiving dinners--such a warm, loving, wonderful lady.

Liz Robbins - November 05, 2020 at 08:51 AM

GA

“ I loved Ann very much. She was always so kind to me. I have great memories of her. I send her family much love.
Gail Ashbrook

Gail Ashbrook - November 05, 2020 at 08:38 AM

DW

“ *Ann was such a sweet friend to my mom for so many years. I have many memories growing up that include Ann in them - from going to hospital to eat lunch with her and mom to one of the best memories ever (mom's 50th birthday party at Orville and Ann's house). Praying for peace and comfort for all of her sweet family.*

Dana RUTH Worth - November 05, 2020 at 06:56 AM

KW

“ *Kevin and Dana Worth purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Nelda Ann Poole.*



Kevin and Dana Worth - November 05, 2020 at 06:43 AM

TG

“ *Ann was so very special to us. She was always such a giving person. She even taught me how to bathe a baby. We're all blessed to have known her.*

Terry and Debbie Gross - November 04, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nelda Ann Poole.*



November 04, 2020 at 12:20 PM

SB

“ I am an RN and worked with Ann during the time she was head of the nursery at National Park Hosp. Everything that I know about pediatrics I learned from Ann. She was always generous with her knowledge and with her friendship. She was one of my favorite people in the world. I am a better person for having known her.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May you find peace

Sheila Bird

Sheila A Bird - November 04, 2020 at 09:36 AM

SS

“ Rick, Cheryl & family, sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort.

SHARI SIEDSCHLAG - November 03, 2020 at 02:41 PM