

Procession to front of the congregation (with 1 rose)...then light the candle of 1 lamp.

The Wisconsin Nurses Honor Guard would like to thank the family, friends and colleagues of _____ for inviting us here today to help celebrate (his/her) life and nursing career. Nursing is a profession and a calling. We, and the nurses who are gathered here today, are here to honor our colleague _____, as (he/she) will not only be remembered for (his/her) years of service, but by the difference (he/she) has made during those years, just by entering into people's lives at significant moments.

(insert single paragraph of personal info shared by family as available)

Recite either pledge or poem:

Pledge: We now invite any fellow nurses here today to stand in honor of _____, while we read the Nightingale Pledge

Poem: "We now invite any fellow nurses here today to stand in honor of _____ while we recite the poem, "She/He Was There". You are all invited to join us in the response by stating (she/he) "was there" along with us.

Direct nurses in attendance to sit following pledge/poem: "You may be seated".

As a nurse, _____ brought comfort to each one of (his/her) patients, becoming a light in moments of darkness. The bright shining light of the Nightingale lamp represents this same comfort. This lamp is a symbol of the devotion of those who are called to serve in the nursing profession.

(Honor guard #1): "Nurse _____ please report for duty. (Pause count of 3 between each)

(Honor guard #2): "Nurse _____ please report for duty.

(Honor guard #3): "Nurse _____ please report for duty.

Nurse _____, you have served your profession with dignity, integrity and compassion. You have been relieved of your earthly duties. Your nursing brothers and sisters will take it from here.

Extinguish candle

If giving family a lantern: "On behalf of the Wisconsin Nurses Honor Guard, and in honor of _____, we present to you (his/her) Nightingale lamp."

If giving family a rose: "On behalf of the Wisconsin Nurses Honor Guard, and in honor of _____, we present to you a white rose that represents compassion, and an unconditional loyalty and commitment to Nursing."

The Wisconsin Nurses Honor Guard, myself and the volunteer nurses with me today, would like to acknowledge the family, friends and colleagues of Nurse _____. On behalf of the guard, we appreciate being invited to honor our fallen colleague. Thank you.

Nod and exit