

Nursing Honor Guard – STTI Honor Society

Services *offered* by the Nursing Honor Guard could include:

- **The Nightingale Tribute:** The Nightingale Tribute may be read anytime during services or graveside.
- **Casket Honor Guard:** The Honor Guard will stand guard at the nurse's casket, standing silently to give their last respects. At predetermined times during the visitation, the Honor Guard will be exchanged and the Nightingale Lamp will be passed with each replacement guard. At the end of the service, the Honor Guard places a white or red carnation/rose or a nursing cap on the nurse's casket to signify the nurse's devotion to his or her profession.
- **Honorary Pallbearers:** The Honor Guard may be requested to attend the visitation and/or funeral services to serve as honorary pallbearers.
- **Final Call to Duty:** The Final Call to Duty may be performed during the services or at the graveside. During the Final Call to Duty, the Nightingale Lamp is lit in the nurse's honor, and the nurse's name is called out with a request to report to duty. With no response, the nurse's name is repeated twice more with the same request. After the third and final call the nurse is retired, and the lamp's flame is extinguished. This is the final call for who has served selflessly and given their lives for the good of their fellow man; their tasks are complete, their duties are done, they are going home.

Resource Links

- <http://nursing.advanceweb.com/Features/Articles/Honor-Guard-for-Deceased-Nurses.aspx>
- <https://www.unitypoint.org/fortdodge/nursing-honor-guard.aspx>
- <http://www.genesishealth.com/careers/nursing/honor-guard/>
- <http://www.thecatholicmoment.org/archive/2014/08-31/new-program-pays-tribute-nurses.html>

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