

I was born in Chicago, on the near West Side. We were a very close knit family of three girls and two boys. Except for one sister who lives in Ill.; we all live in Calif now.

I attended public grade school, high school and Jr. college. Had aspired to be a doctor but my parents could not afford to send me to medical schools. Thinking conditions would change for the better money wise, I continued my education at Lewis Institute, taking courses in chemistry, biology, science & mathematics and psychology. (Today the Lewis Inst. is known as the Ill. Institute of Technology.) Things did not get better, so nursing was my next choice.

I got my nursing certificate at Mother Cabrini Hospital in Chicago. After graduating I worked there as Relief Supervisor in all the departments. I also did private duty for the nuns, clergy and the doctors.

When the opportunity arose I took Civil Service exams for Cook County and Ill. state positions. The first position offered me was in pathology lab run by Dr. Gaffé. This was not nursing to me, so I applied for work at Ill. Research where I was put to work researching R.E.M.'s (rapid eye movements).

Next I took a Fed Civil Service exam and was placed at Hines Ill. at the Veterans Hosp. where I remained for seven years. For most of the time there I was a scrub nurse,

scrubbing in orthopedics, urology, E. E. N. T., neurology, reconstructive surgery, and pulmonary surgery, general abdominal surgery. This was a very rewarding experience working with well known Drs. such as Dr. Loyd Davis neurologist (Nancy Reagan's father) Dr. L. Livingston orthopedist, Dr. M. Freeman plastic surgery and Dr. McDougal urologist.

My high school sweetheart decided it was time to get married and have a family and I agreed. I retired from Hines and had my three children.

When my parents decided to retire to Calif for my mother's health, the whole family followed. This move was made in 1950.

When my youngest child was ready for kindergarten I decided to go back to nursing. Because we lived in La Crescenta I decided to try all the local hospitals until I found what I wanted. I decided on night duty so I could be with my children days, until they were a few years older.

At Glendale Community I worked in the labor and delivery rooms and after three months was night supervisor. After a year I went to work at the Glendale Adventist Hosp in J. C. U. and later was on call for surgery. After a year I worked at Glendale Memorial, first as J. C. U. nurse, then as emergency room supervisor, then as delivery room super

nisor, then as night supervisor, all within a two and a half year period.

After the Pacoima Lutheran Hospital was opening up I was offered a position as night supervisor. I accepted this position. I worked there for one and a half years. One of the doctors asked me to supervise at a new facility "The Broadview Retirement and Convalescent Home, similar to our Palm View Terrace. I helped screen, hire and train aids for this convalescent home, which was a "Y" shaped building. Because of the shape it was difficult to monitor. I worked there for three year.

Next I went to work for Oline View, first in the admitting ward, then in the pulmonary wards and in the alcohol rehab. I was asked to help set up and open a drug abuse ward. I worked as night supervisor for one year. I went on days as admitting ward supervisor and also held sensitivity sessions for our nurses aids and helped in teaching first aid and CPR classes.

We moved to the new hospital in the late seventies and I was given my own office. I felt this was quite an achievement and thought I'd remain here for the rest of my working years. The earthquake of 71 put an end to this. Our patients were relocated at various hospitals. I was sent to these hospitals to identify, classify, and

see that their medicines were ordered as had been prescribed. Our parents had been moved to County General, Harbor General, White Memorial, John Wesley, Rancho Las Amigas. I worked at these various hospitals until my husband had a heart attack. I asked to be located closer to home after this. I was told to try Crippled Children Services. I applied and was accepted. The position was for nurse coordinator. Within four months I was made supervisor of the nurse coordinators, who screened for eligibility, medical and surgical services, treatment and equipment, and medical supplies and diagnostic services. We had 22,000 cases. The problem cases were my responsibility. Some of my other responsibilities were to meet with Dr. peer review committees. Along with administration, I met with the County Board of Supervisors and added or deleted cases or treatment as budget allowed. Lectured for So. Cal. Permanente Hematology and oncology Group. Gave lectures for the Glendale Unified Sch. Dist. Lectured at County R.N. Grand Rounds, lectured to Drs. + Rns about our program, lectured for Head Start Program, lectured for neonatal R.N. specialists, Child Physical and health appraisal techniques. All thru the years

I continued taking courses. I have certificates for:

"Geriatric nursing principles", "Realities of Nutrition", "Lifetime weight control patient counseling", "Sexually transmitted diseases", "Contagious disease control", "psycho social needs of the aged, the nurses role", "Nursing practice, contemporary perspectives, Understanding cancer, death and dying". Some of the other courses I've taken are constitutional psychology, Hypnosis reading fingerprints Spanish, Italian, swimming, bowling Ballroom dancing (Arthur Murray) and cake decorating.

Some of the colleges where I took these courses are

University of So Calif
 Glendale College
 L.A. Trade + Tech College
 Los Angeles Valley College
 U.C. Irvine
 Saddleback College