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| **The Nightingale Tribute was designed and developed by the Kansas State Nurses Association in 2003 to be used to honor deceased nurses. Any part or all of the****Nightingale Tribute may be used, and modifications to the reading and script are encouraged.** | The Nightingale |

 Tribute

***A tribute to any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for their years of service, to be given during the nurses funeral***

***by a nurse colleague or friend.***

Nursing is a calling, a way of life. Nursing is a service

profession that cannot be lived in isolation. Nurses rely on

each other for the synergistic effect of teamwork in our

efforts of care giving. It is appropriate that we honor our

colleagues not only during their career, but also at the end of

lifes journey.

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***Format for the Nightingale Tribute***

The Nightingale Tribute begins with a short synopsis of the nurses career. A creative reading follows the synopsis. A white rose is placed with the nurse after the reading, with the statement, (Name), we honor you this day and give you a white rose to symbolize our honor and appreciation for being our nursing colleague.

This entire tribute takes only two minutes and can be placed anywhere in the service appropriate to the traditions and beliefs of the recipients faith.

**How do I arrange for this tribute for my loved one?**

* Visit with your funeral home director about this tribute.
* Choose an RN friend or colleague (active or retired) of the deceased to present the tribute.
* Ask the nurse to visit with you. Provide them a brief synopsis of your loved ones life as a nurse.
* Use the words included with this brochure as a creative reading to follow the career synopsis. Adapt the reading to fit the recipient.
* Schedule the Tribute in the service in collaboration with the family, funeral home and place of worship as appropriate.
* Decide if you would like a white rose placed with your loved

one in tribute and honor. If so, notify the nurse presenter and

any other nurse friends to bring a white rose.

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***The Nightingale Tribute Reading***

Nursing is a calling, a lifestyle, a way of living. Nurses here today honor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his/her life as a nurse.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not remembered by his/her \_\_\_\_\_ years as a nurse, but by the difference he/she made during those years by stepping into peoples lives . . . . by special moments:

***She Was There***

When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed, She was there.

In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery and loss of life, She was there.

When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member or friend, She was there.

At those times when the unexplainable needed to be explained, She was there.

When the situation demanded a swift foot and sharp mind, She was there.

When a gentle touch, a firm push, or an encouraging word was needed, She was there.

In choosing the best one from a familys Thank You box of chocolates, She was there.

To witness humanityits beauty, in good times and bad, without judgment, She was there.

To embrace the woes of the world, willingly, and offer hope, She was there.

And now, that it is time to be at the Greater Ones side, She is there.

Note: Pronoun can be changed  ' **2004 by Duane Jaeger, RN, MSN**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we honor you this day and give you a white rose to symbolize our honor and appreciation for being our colleague.