

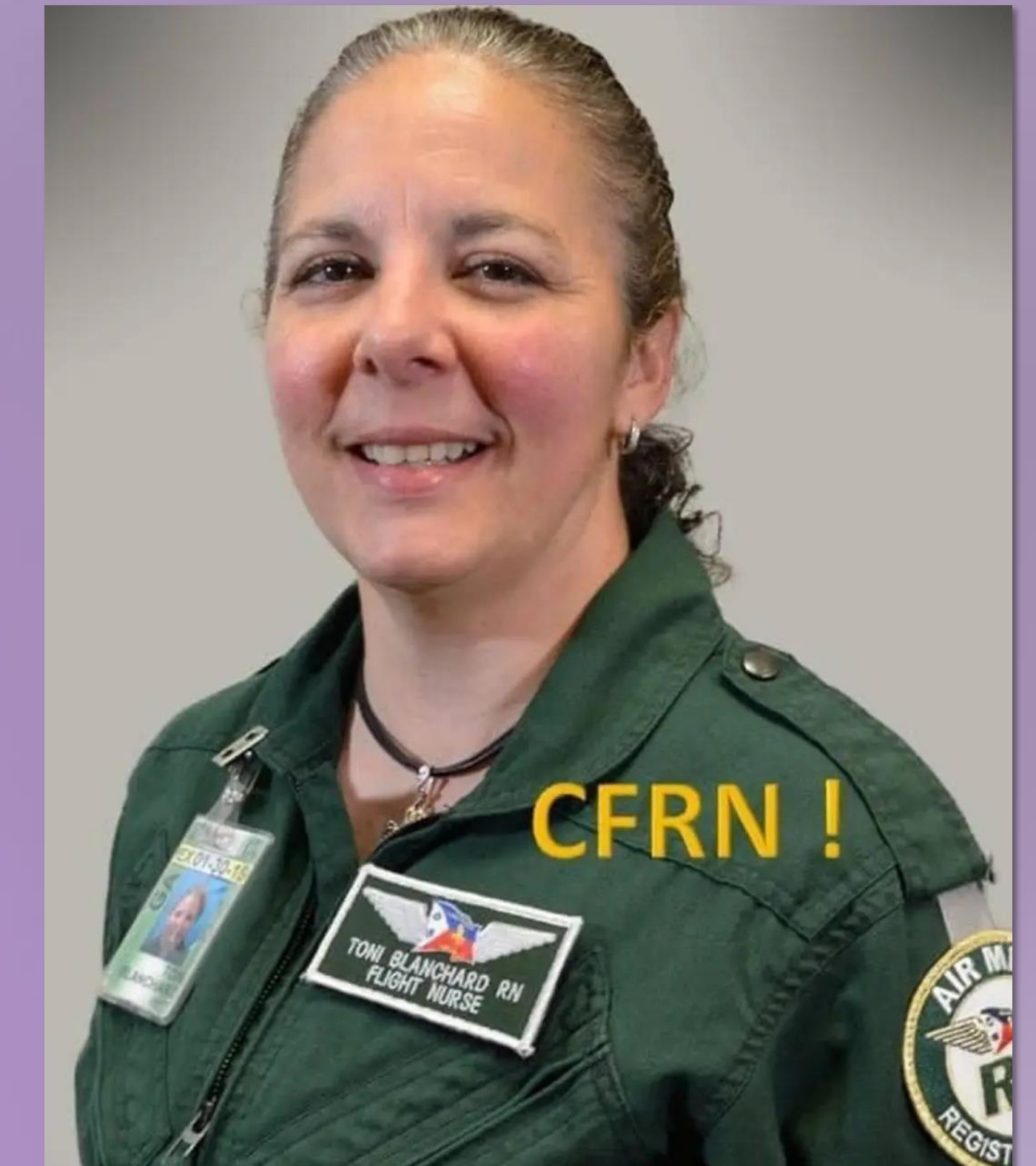
*In Memoriam*  
2024

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EMERGENCY NURSES  
ASSOCIATION

# Toni Lavergne Blanchard, BSN-RN, CFRN, CCRN, AS-NRP, Chief Flight Nurse

Louisiana State Council

- Chief flight nurse at Acadian AirMed; nurse onboarding supervisor and educator; RN clinical coordinator
- 2nd degree black belt in Taekwondo
- Dedicated mother to her son, Bryson



# Karen Bosnyak, BSN, RN, CEN

Illinois State Council

- Co-chair Illinois ENA Trauma Committee 2009-2020; ENA member since 2003
- Bachelor of Science, Benedictine University
- Trauma Coordinator at Northwestern Medicine Central Dupage Hospital 2005-2021
- Educator of many emergency and trauma nurses throughout the state; TNCC director and mentor of new faculty and providers
- Proud godmother and aunt to many; cat lover



# Pam Bourg, PhD, RN, TCRN, FAEN

Colorado State Council

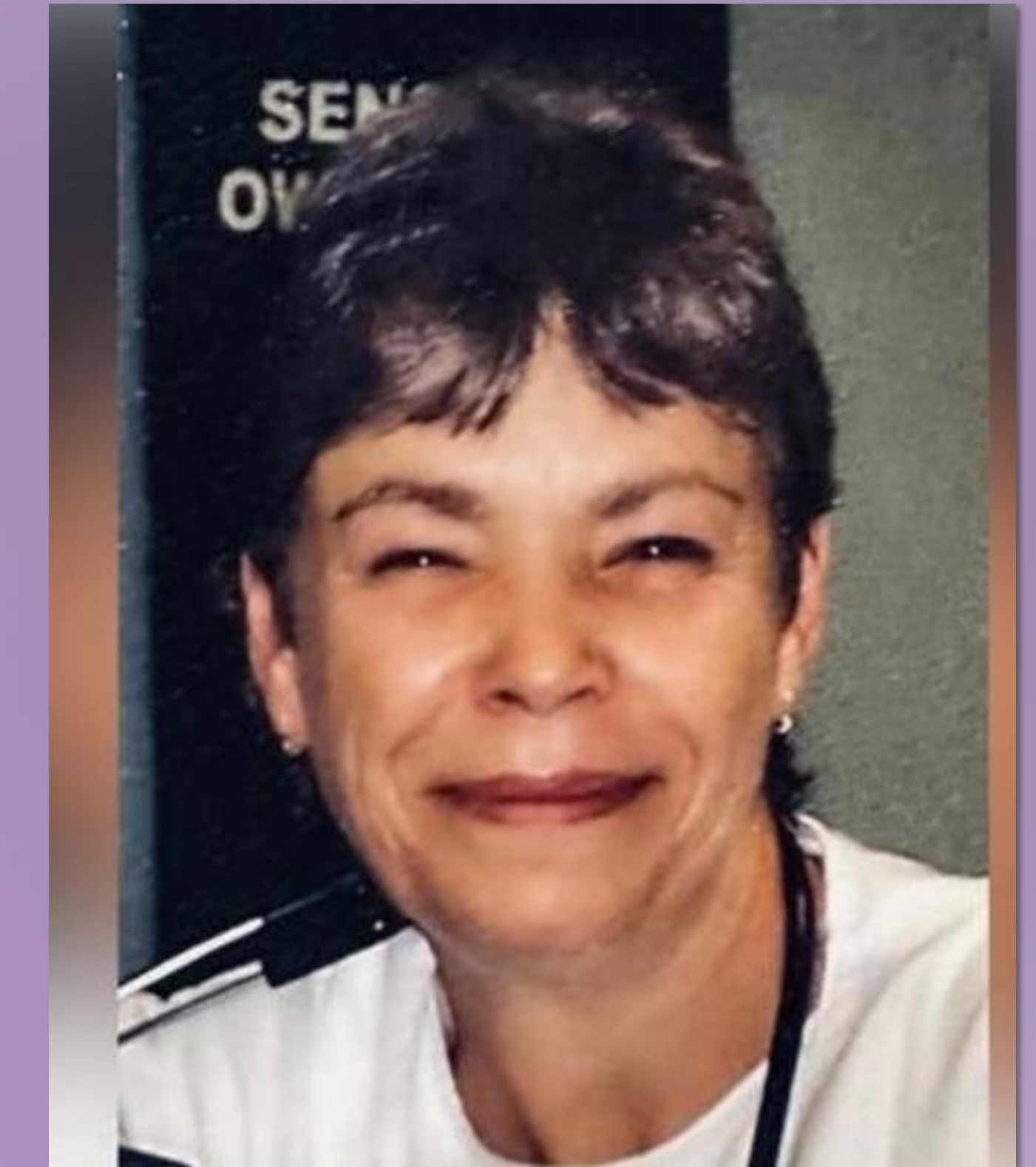
- ENA Lifetime Achievement Award; TNCC Committee; Inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing, 2011
- 35 years as a Copper Mountain Ski Patrol medical provider
- Instrumental in the development of TNCC and Geriatric Trauma; 52 years as an emergency and trauma nurse practitioner; Nightingale Outstanding Colorado Nurse; Charity Hospital emergency department head nurse (1972)
- Loving mother, grandmother and friend



# Mary Kay Bahnsen Brocato, RN

Louisiana State Council

- RN at Thibodaux Regional Health System, worked tirelessly to care for patients with compassion and dedication
- Commitment to others extended beyond her professional life, continually cared for everyone around her and embodied the true spirit of nursing
- Her kindness, empathy and unwavering support touched the lives of many



# Sandra Bullock, LPN

North Carolina State Council, Cardinal Chapter

- Sandi was the “Face of Wakemed” as the front desk nurse for 26 years; taught trauma class and instructed on the role of the nurse at the front desk
- Mother, nurse and friend



# Christy Claborn, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN

Indiana State Council, Indy Roadrunners Chapter

- Indiana State Council Injury Prevention chair; Indy Roadrunners Chapter president and trauma chair
- She transitioned from nursing to the trauma program manager, helping to develop and lead their innovative Stop The Bleed Program
- Played a crucial role in Franciscan Health Indianapolis achieving Level III Trauma Center verification
- She was proud of obtaining her MSN



# Jody Layne Fitts, RN

Texas State Council

- Staff nurse at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas
- Product manager for Medhost
- Client outcomes executive for GE Health Care, creator of Medhost





# Janice (Jan) Gillespie, BSN RN

## Illinois State Council

- ENA member since 1992; past Trauma Committee chair and past treasurer; TNCC instructor; mentor of faculty for instructor courses
- Recipient of Illinois ENA State Council President's Award
- ED RN/EMS coordinator/preceptor at Elmhurst Hospital starting in the early 1980s; trauma and EMS program manager at Loyola University Medical Center, Illinois 2005-2017
- Proud nurse and educator of many emergency and trauma nurses throughout Illinois; longtime member of a national President Lincoln education group; and a founding member and officer of the Cumberland Mountain Civil War Round Table organization



# Brandon Gray, BSN, NRP, CEN

Oklahoma State Council

- ED nursing supervisor; critical care paramedic; SWAT Team medic; commander; and field training officer
- He provided excellent leadership, had a strong work ethic and strived for excellence in everything he did.
- His greatest joy was his son, Wyatt



# Paul Guidry, RN

Texas State Council, Golden Triangle Chapter

- BLS instructor; Crisis Prevention Intervention instructor
- U.S. Navy veteran; IASIS Chairman's Award recipient
- Charge nurse, staff champion and patient advocate
- Nursing career spanned more than 37 years.



# Mary Kamienski, PhD, APRN, FAEN, FAAN, CEN

New Jersey State Council, Northern Chapter

- 2010 ENA Board of Directors; 2005-07 Nominations and Elections Committee; 2002 and 2004 New Jersey State Council President
- 2010 Founder of Family Nurse Practitioner in Emergency Care; Founder and Track Coordinator at the former University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey Rutgers School of Nursing in Newark
- 2016 Founding Member American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners; 2018-2020 Nurse Practitioner Competency Work Group
- Inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing, 2005; Stuart D. Cook, M.D., Master Educator's Guild, 2009; Fellow American Academy of Nursing, 2012



# Joshua Joseph Kirksey, BSN, FNP Student

Texas State Council, Gulf Coast Chapter

- Received his BSN at WGU; Enrolled in UTMB FNP program
- TNCC, ACL, and PALS provider
- Raised in Seabrook, Texas; loved fishing, kayaking, snowboarding, golfing, playing the guitar and hanging out with friends



# Brittany Melker Lawrence, LPN

Louisiana State Council

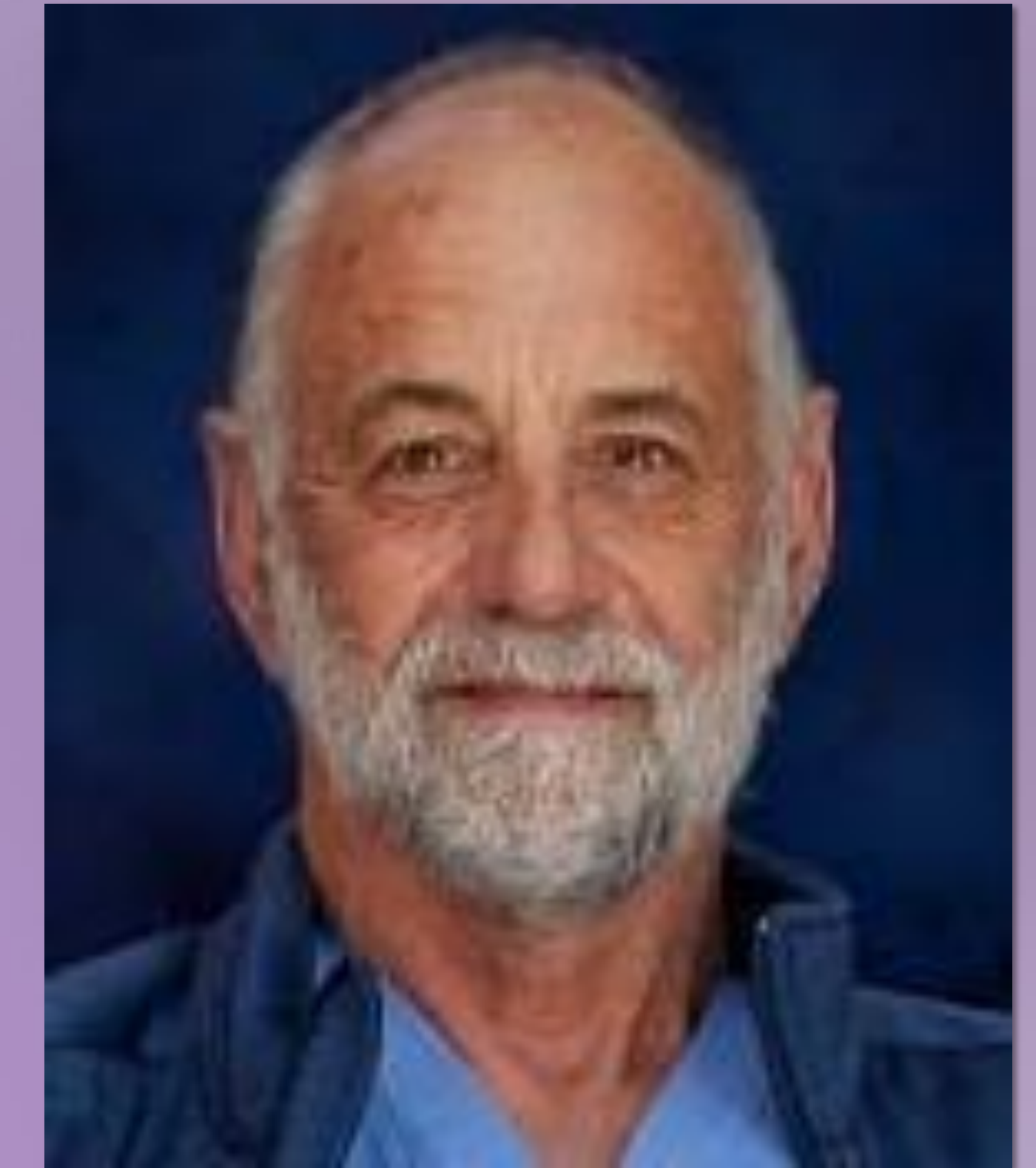
- LPN in Level I trauma center ED
- Had a strong personality and caring nursing skills; always carried candy in her backpack to share with her co-workers



# Michael Marsiglio, RN, BSN

Michigan State Council

- TNCC and ENPC Committee; State Council Advocacy Committee; IQSIP member; ACLS, BLS, CBRNE and TNCC instructor
- Worked 33 years at McLaren Emergency Department – Macomb Township; ENCARE Champion, educator and mentor who taught hundreds of ED nurses
- He loved restoring cars, riding his motorcycle and enjoying the music of Jimmy Buffet
- He would say “They don’t know if they are your first patient of the day or the 85th patient, so treat them all like they are your first and they are your family member.”



# Katasha Morris, LPN

Louisiana State Council,

- LPN in Critical Access Hospital ER
- She had a big voice and a big heart; she was a hard worker who worked multiple jobs at once
- A “Life Saving Award” was presented to her by the parish of LaFourche Sheriff’s Office for her efforts, along with other responders that resulted in an inmate's life being saved





# Jo Ellen Paul, RN, LPN

Louisiana State Council

- Received her LPN from Shreveport Vo-Tech in 1994; obtained her RN degree from Northwestern University in 1996
- Followed her grandmother Skinner's footsteps in nursing, dedicated to her faith
- Jo Ellen loved taking care of people and making a difference



# Rita Peet, RN, BSN

North Dakota State Council

- RN at Medcenter One and Sanford in Bismarck; worked in the ED, cath lab, psychiatric department and as a flight nurse
- Played softball, curling and golf; baked monster cookies, monkey bread and caramel rolls
- Enjoyed spending time at the lake with her husband, Roger



# Carol Pettit, BSN, RN

Missouri State Council

- Founding member of the Greater St. Louis ENA Chapter; held leadership positions at the state and chapter levels
- RN Diploma graduate 1950, BSN Tarkio College; nursing career spanned more than 50 years
- Rotary Club member; loved everything St. Louis and was a huge Cardinals and Blues fan
- She lived fully, laughed often and touched the hearts of so many



# Frances (Fran) Sikso, RN

New York State Council

- President New York State Council, 1991.
- Addressed ED overcrowding and gun violence through support of the Brady Bill and nursing shortage during her tenure
- Active in ENA until her retirement



# Marilyn Sprague, RN, BSN

Michigan State Council

- Past Michigan State Council president; recipient of the Michigan State Council Lifetime Achievement Award and Excellence in Emergency Nursing award; Michigan State Council Annual Conference planner
- More than 40 years at Mt. Pleasant Community Hospital
- Marilyn enjoyed reading and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren



# Adam A. Tebben, BSN, CEN

Kansas State Council

- Kansas State Council Emerging Professional Advisory Council Member, 2019-2020; president of National Student Nurses Association, 2016-2017; president of Kansas State Nursing Association, 2020-2021
- Passionate flight/ER nurse
- Beloved husband; family chef



# Gary Wilson, BSN

Minnesota State Council

- Veteran, paramedic, ED manager
- Quotes from Gary: “It’s life-work balance.” “Don’t ever stop learning, because life never stops teaching.”
- Gary was known for his ER sense of humor and servant leadership. One of the best, taken too soon. We miss you!

