

Elaine Caskey

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Elaine Caskey was a Ketchikan General Hospital Registered Nurse. Her compassion and dedication to patients and loyalty and kindness to colleagues made her a great nurse and a wonderful friend. This scholarship was created in her memory.

In the 1980's she worked with the Ketchikan Fire Department as an EMT. She began her nursing career as a nursing assistant at Ketchikan General Hospital and graduated from Regents College with a nursing degree. She was a member of the Ketchikan Fire Department and was actively involved with the local Emergency Medical Service and the Southeast Region EMS Council.

Elaine took this responsibility with pride and enthusiasm. She contributed based on her professional knowledge as a Registered Nurse and from her life-long experience living in Southeast Alaska.

At Ketchikan General Hospital, she worked in obstetrics, surgery, the Emergency Room and as House Supervisor. Her passion was working in ER. Elaine loved to learn new things and was a great teacher.

The Elaine Caskey Memorial Scholarship is funded by a generous donation from the EMS, from contributions from the ER and Radiology Departments and many other Ketchikan Medical Center employees, and the Ketchikan Medical Center Employee Council.

*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 FAMILY'S "THANK YOU" BOX OF CHOCOLATES,
SHE WAS THERE.
TO WITNESS HUMANITY--ITS 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 ONE'S SIDE,
SHE IS THERE.*

By: Duane Jaeger, RN, MS



ELAINE CASKEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Application

Ketchikan Medical Center is offering one \$500 scholarship to a **student who is currently enrolled in or accepted to an accredited registered nursing program.**

Selection will be made on the basis of academic merit (a minimum **3.0** GPA), letters of recommendation, intent to practice nursing in a PeaceHealth Southeast Alaska region upon graduation, and potential based upon the applicant's stated and/or demonstrated interests.

Application deadline is April 18, 2025. Please submit your application to the Human Resources Department at Ketchikan Medical Center. Recipients will be notified beginning May 19, 2025.

Name _____
Last First

Address _____
City State Zip Code

Telephone _____ Email _____

1. Attach an official most recent high school or college transcript.
 2. Attach a one-page essay describing your interests and career goals. Include your plan for reaching that career goal.
 3. Attach two (2) letters of recommendation from current teachers who have worked with you and can address your abilities and likelihood of success in the career of nursing. A letter of reference from a community member can be substituted for one of the letters.
- I agree that if I am selected for this scholarship, the academic institution may supply information regarding my academic performance to Ketchikan Medical Center.
 - I understand that this award may be taxable by the United States.
 - I certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I will notify the Scholarship Committee if there is any change.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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