

IN REMEMBRANCE OF A NURSE



Candy Conners, RN
June 29, 1950 - April 16, 2026

Candace “Candy” Conners is remembered for dedicated service and leadership in nursing at UAMS. She served as a nurse manager and a director of the Myeloma Transplant area, providing leadership across inpatient and outpatient transplant and oncology services.

Candy was a steady and thoughtful leader who supported nurses and prioritized patient centered care. She played a role in the original development of the Nurse Remembrance program.

Larissa Ivory, RN
August 5, 1979 - April 19, 2025

Larissa Ivory served as a registered nurse for more than 20 years, including at UAMS from 2016 to 2023. She worked in emergency care, cardiology, behavioral health, and liver transplant, with a special passion for mental health.

Known for her compassion and dedication, Larissa consistently went above and beyond for patients and colleagues. She was honored with the January 2020 Daisy Award and will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and lasting impact on those she served.



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Robbie Nell Macon, RN
January 5, 1973 - February 18, 2026

Robbie Nell Macon began her nursing career after completing her education at East Arkansas Community College. She first served patients through home health in Forrest City, providing care in their homes with compassion and commitment.

She later joined UAMS as an oncology nurse, where she offered comfort and steady care to patients and families during challenging times. While at UAMS, Robbie earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Robbie served with dedication, compassion, and quiet strength. Her impact continues through the lives she touched and the care she gave.

Shelia Neely, PSC
April 14, 1960 - January 30, 2026

Shelia Lorain Neely devoted many years to UAMS, serving as a Patient Services Coordinator in F4 Trauma after joining UAMS in 1999.

Through her quiet kindness and dedication, Shelia provided care and support to countless patients, families, and coworkers and will be deeply missed.



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Taylor Devon Singleton, RN
July 22, 1997 - April 4, 2026

Taylor Singleton served as a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse with compassion, purpose, and quiet dedication. Born premature herself, she devoted her nursing career to caring for the most fragile lives, offering comfort, advocacy, and gentle strength to every baby in her care. Taylor earned her BSN in 2020 and was known by colleagues for her kindness, devotion to excellence, and joyful spirit. Though her life was far too brief, her impact will continue through the lives she touched and the care she so freely gave.

Nancy Jo Smith, APRN
July 11, 1952 - August 28, 2025



Nancy Jo Smith devoted 45 years to the nursing profession at UAMS, serving patients, families, and colleagues with exceptional compassion and commitment. Educated as a registered nurse and nurse practitioner, Jo practiced nursing at the bedside and went on to serve in key leadership roles, including Director of Special Services.

Grounded in the core values of nursing, Jo was a tireless patient advocate who ensured that every individual she served felt supported, respected, and cared for. Known for her clinical expertise, steady leadership, and unwavering willingness to step in whenever help was needed, she left a lasting impact on countless patients across Arkansas.

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Barbi Yadlick Turner, RN
February 7, 1952 - July 1 2025

Barbi Yedlick Turner was a retired UAMS nurse who devoted 45 years to the nursing profession, beginning her career in 1975. Throughout her service, she cared for patients with deep compassion, empathy, and respect, always seeing the person behind the diagnosis.

Barbi was known for her warmth, kindness, and ability to make others feel at ease. Her laughter and smile brightened every room, and her caring spirit left a lasting impression on colleagues, patients, and families alike. Nursing was not just her career—it was her calling.

Her legacy of service, generosity, and love continues to live on through the countless lives she touched. Barbi will be remembered as a devoted nurse, loving wife and mother, and a true example of what it means to serve others with heart and grace.



Nathan Dale Vaughn, RN
July 7, 1986 - December 2, 2025

Nathan Dale Vaughn is remembered as a skilled and dedicated emergency services nurse whose calm presence, professionalism, and commitment to patient care reflected the highest standards of nursing practice.

Nathan was respected by colleagues for his sound clinical judgment, teamwork, and steady performance in high-acuity settings. His contributions positively impacted both patients and those who worked alongside him. He is survived by his wife, Monica; his daughters, Charlotte and Elli; and his step-sons, Nate, Jesse, Mason, and Jaxon. Nathan will be respectfully remembered by the UAMS nursing community.



Nurse Remembrance

We thank you, dear friend, for the comfort you gave,
The hands that were held, the tears wiped away.
The joy and the smiles shared with each person you saw,
The hope for the hopeless
The healing touch shared with all.
You gave of yourself, a great gift, we say,
We shall miss you, each in our own way.

*—Jana McConnell, RN
Neonatal ICU
Written 2013*