The Carol J. Christiansen Memorial “Dragon Lady” Nursing Scholarship

Carol J. Christiansen was a loving, nurturing caregiver and the mother of Modoc County resident and Veterinarian, Dr. Joseph L. Catania.

Carol passed away on May 5, 2016, leaving behind an adoring family and an amazing nursing career that spanned 40 years.

Carol was a 1956 graduate from Grace New Haven School of Nursing at Yale with a master’s degree in nursing. Early in her career, Carol had the privilege of working on the clinical team at Yale University of Medicine that developed the fetal heart monitor.

Carol moved to El Monte, California in 1963 with her family before settling in El Centro, California in 1965. It was there, while serving as Operating Room Nurse Manager at the El Centro Community Hospital that she earned the nickname, “Dragon Lady”. Contrary to the negative connotation that could be associated with this nickname, it was truly a badge of honor that Carol wore proudly.

Working with a multitude of personalities, some stronger than others, Carol never backed down or compromised on what was best for the patient or her surgical team, regardless of tee times. She ran a tight ship, demanded excellence from those who reported to her and prioritized patient care. Those who tested those expectations, learned the hard way not to cross the “Dragon Lady”.

The recipient of the Carol J. Christiansen Memorial “Dragon Lady” Scholarship must embody and personify the spirit, integrity, work ethic and most importantly, the tenacity of the 5’2”, ornery Italian woman that Carol was.
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Name: ________________________________________________ Phone Number: (____) _____-___________

Mailing Address: ____________________________ Street Address: _____________________________________________

City: ______________________________________ State: _________________ Zip code: ________________

Occupation: ________________________________ Employer: ___________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________ Phone Number: (____) _____-___________

EXPERIENCE

Previous Volunteer Service:

Organization: __________________________________________ Date Served: ____________________________

Duties: _______________________________________________ Phone Number: (____) _____-___________

Organization: __________________________________________ Date Served: ____________________________

Duties: _______________________________________________ Phone Number: (____) _____-___________

Previous Work Experience:

Company: ____________________________________________ Date Served: ____________________________

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Describe Course of Study

Describe any specialized training, apprenticeship, skills and extra-curricular activities

Describe any Honors you have Received

State any additional information you feel may be helpful to us in considering you for employment

REFERENCES

Personal References (non-family members please)

Reference: ____________________________________________ Phone Number: (_____) _____-_____________

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Professional References (non-family members please)

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1. Briefly describe your long and short-term goals. ______________________________________________

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2. Why are you interested in pursuing this course of study? ______________________________________________

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3. Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development. 
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4. Why do you want to pursue a career in the nursing field? 
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