

Remembering ORNAC's 3rd President

Joan Donald RT, RN, BScN, BEd, MA(Ed), Ed.D., of Riverside, NB, passed away on August 22, 2022, after a courageous battle with ALS. She leaves behind her husband Hugh, daughter Stacey, and son Andrew. When ORNAC was formed in 1983, Joan was a member of the first executive and she soon became a member of the ORNAC Standards Committee where she was Chair from 1984 to 1986. She was also ORNAC's third president (1988-1990).

Joan's contributions to ORNAC include President, Past President, member of the Conference Planning committee, and a speaker at Provincial and National conferences (as well as international conferences). She also gave the closing keynote address at the 1991 ORNAC Conference. She was a recipient of the J & J Drake-Thompson Writing award (1991), the Isabelle Adams Award for Excellence in Operating Room Nursing (1995), and the J&J Bursary Award (1994). Joan's home province recognized her involvement in supporting operating room nursing by making her a Life Member of NBORN in 1994. She is recognized as the first ORNAC member in Canada to obtain a doctorate in nursing education.

Joan had an extensive career as an OR Nurse including time as the Assistant Director of the Operating Room, PAR, and Same Day Surgery at the Moncton General Hospital, in Moncton, NB, and Director of Nursing at the Sackville Memorial Hospital, in Sackville, NB.

Joan had such enthusiasm for the success of ORNAC and always served our association with efficiency, humour, and kindness. She had a real love of life and was a special role-model for all perioperative nurses. Joan, you will be greatly missed.



CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE ORNAC BOARD!

Nova Scotia Health's *Learning Institute for Healthcare Providers (LIHP)*, Perioperative Nursing Program, has achieved status as an **ORNAC Approved Perioperative Program** as of July 2022.

Shelley Haynes and the team at LIHP are to be congratulated for submitting their perioperative nursing program to the approval process, and successfully meeting the rigorous criteria therein.

The LIHP Perioperative Nursing Program's ORNAC approval will remain in effect until July 2025.

Again, our congratulations and appreciation for your dedication, commitment and investment in the future of evidence based perioperative nursing.



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