

In Memoriam
Sanna Lynne (Boxley) Harges
April 3, 1940 – March 5, 2016

Sanna Lynne (Boxley) Harges, 75, of Sylvan Lake, Rome City died Saturday, March 5, 2016, in her residence with her husband (Lee David) at her side. She was born April 3, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Ralph Boxley and Pauline H. (Saari) Bermes. She is survived by David Lee (son) and wife Christine, two grandsons, Aidan and Tristan, and sister, Bea Boxley.

Sanna earned her RN from Lutheran College, Bachelor of Science, major nursing, from Purdue University (IPFW), Master of Arts, nursing education from Ball State University, and post masters Adult Nurse Practitioner degree from Indiana University (IUPUI).

Professor Emeriti Harges taught nursing at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for 37 years, retired from IPFW in 2011. Sanna began her career working in medical-surgical and peri-operative nursing at hospitals in Fort Wayne (VA Medical Center, Saint Joseph Hospital, Lutheran Hospital) and in the 1990's worked five years at University of Chicago Hospitals to update her skills at the bedside.

Teaching. Teaching was a true passion. She loved (yes loved) curriculum and course development. She was instrumental in developing a clinical evaluation tool 30+ years ago of which the core is in use today. She developed a propeller model representing the interrelationships of students, patients, and faculty. Areas of specialty included medical-surgical, transcultural healthcare, psychiatric nursing, wellness and stress management, and women's studies and health. She was creative, knowledgeable, and a true coach to thousands of students. Many of us, and our loved ones have, and will be, touched by a registered nurse who studied under Sanna's watchful eye. She was a respected, caring mentor to fellow faculty; she would never ask others to do what she herself would not do.

Scholarship. Research focus was in measuring outcomes from a Neuman theory-based curriculum, critical thinking, and spirituality. She authored chapters in The Neuman Systems Model (1st through 5th editions) and a NSM monograph. Along with colleagues in the department, she co-authored articles in Holistic Nursing on spirituality. She was a frequent presenter at local, national, and international nursing and teaching conferences. She derived great joy as an invited consultant in The Netherlands, as well as Tr, representing Fort Wayne International Sister Cities in Gera, Germany, and Plotz, Poland on an educational and humanitarian mission.

Service. Sanna excelled in professional service throughout her career. She was a member of the honor society of nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI); American Nurses Association (ANA); Indiana State Nurses Association (ISNA) where she was past president of District 1; Neuman Systems Model (NSM) International Trustee Group, Inc.; and the Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses of Indiana (CAPNI).

Sanna's spirit is present today. She lives on in the heads, hearts, and hands of those who were fortunate enough to study and learn "with" her. Sanna will be remembered as smart, resourceful, a good listener. One who was "calm" in storms. Firm in values and beliefs. One who knew how to stand her ground, challenge us to consider other viewpoints and all sides of an issue. She went out of her way to make people feel special, these memories will not go away. She would want us to celebrate life, smile, and do a favor without expecting one in return.

I believe Sanna would want us all to find some humor in living, one example that she shared with me: David (brother), Lee David (husband), and David Lee (son) took on new meaning when she and I visited "The" David in Florence, Italy! It was tough to decide on a favorite :-)