

The Dianne Karasinski Friends of Nursing Award

The Dianne Karasinski Friends of Nursing Award has been established to honor and memorialize the life of Dianne Karasinski who passed away prematurely in 2016. Dianne was an outstanding Meridian Health team member who was truly loved by all who had the privilege of working with her. Dianne consistently garnered the respect of colleagues, administrators and most of all the nurses who she served with unwavering commitment and dedication.

She touched many lives through her years first at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, and then as an assistant to two Chief Nursing Officers at Meridian Health. Dianne worked closely with Dr. Richard Hader through his career as CNE at Jersey Shore and as Chief Nursing Officer for Meridian Health. Dianne continued to serve nursing as an essential supporter for the Nurse Executive team after Dr. Hader's death. When the new CNO, Maureen Sintich was appointed, Dianne helped her through the transition and became a close friend and confidant.

Dianne was a passionate champion of nursing and made many contributions to the goals of nursing over her years of service. She supported nursing in achieving the Magnet recognition award and most recently assisted in the changes made to the shared decision making process. According to Dr. Hader, her organizational skills and ability to anticipate needs were exceptional. Not only did Dianne have an extraordinary work ethic but she also possessed a joy for life. She was a positive influence who seemed to know what to say and do in all situations.

To honor Dianne's memory, this award will be presented annually during Nurses Week to one Hackensack Meridian *Health* Hospital team member who demonstrates a strong commitment to nursing. The application must document how the nominee has made significant contributions to nursing and/or has demonstrated extraordinary dedication and commitment to the goals of nursing at Hackensack Meridian *Health*.

**DIANNE KARASINSKI MEMORIAL
FRIENDS OF NURSING AWARD
2026 Nomination Form**

Nominee's Name _____ Peoplesoft ID # _____

Which Hackensack Meridian Health Hospital Campus:

___JSUMC ___RMC ___OMC ___SOMC ___BMC ___RBMC-OB/PA

Department or Unit _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Nominated by _____

Role: _____ Campus _____ Unit _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Attach the following:

Narrative Statement not to exceed 2 pages addressing:

- ★ How the nominee exhibits a commitment to nursing at Hackensack Meridian *Health*
- ★ Specific contributions made by nominee to nursing at HMH

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 13, 2026

Please complete the entire application, include a narrative statement and return.

Preferred Option: Scan completed application and supporting paperwork as one document and (not as link or shortcut) send scanned document by email to: AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org

**Or Mail to: Hackensack Meridian *Health*
Ann May Center for Nursing and Allied Health
100 Tormee Drive, 2nd Floor
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712**

Contributions to the Dianne Karasinski Friends of Nursing Award can be made and sent to the Hackensack Meridian *Health* Foundation, Ann May Center for Nursing in memory of Dianne Karasinski.

For more information, please contact Dr. Teri Wurmser at 732.977.9128.