



## Marie Ellen Manthey

July 17, 1935 - December 12, 2024

Marie Ellen Manthey passed away peacefully at her home on December 12, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents Carl and Kate Schuber and sister Loretta Henry, and is survived by her son Mark Manthey, daughter Claire Stokes, granddaughter Rachel Haukkala, niece and nephews Kathleen, Mike and Joe, plus friends and associates too numerous to mention.

Marie was a nurse. She was born in Chicago, IL on July 17th, 1935, and came to Minnesota to get her advanced degree in nursing, and to eventually build a consulting practice that helped to revolutionize the field of nursing around the world. In the late 1960s, Marie was one of the originators of Primary Nursing, a care delivery model that allowed nurses to put the nurse-patient relationship (not tasks) first. Her focus on protecting the dignity and acknowledging the worth of every patient and every practitioner was central to all of her work.

Marie authored and co-authored many books and book chapters as well as countless journal articles, and she is the founding editor of the still-thriving *Creative Nursing*, a peer-reviewed journal in its fourth decade of publication.

Marie was honored with dozens of awards in her career, including being named a Living Legend of the American Academy of Nursing in 2015.

In her long career, Marie learned from everyone she encountered, and she

shared her own wisdom generously. Her commitment to equality and social justice made her an outspoken advocate for any person or group she saw being marginalized.

Marie's professional legacy lives on in the thousands of nurses she has inspired over the years. She was fond of saying that "like-minded people taking gentle action" could positively influence any work culture and even the world at large. That means you don't have to be in a position of power to be a powerful force for good in the world.

Marie found recovery from alcohol addiction in the late 1970s, at the same time that she was starting her consulting business. In her early days, she was sponsored by one of the first woman members of AA. She would go on to integrate recovery principles within her work and her business. More than that, she sponsored countless women throughout the years who henceforth sponsored even more women, and an incredible web of sobriety extended throughout the country for decades to come. Marie contributed her time to many recovery-based initiatives, including serving on the board of The Retreat in Wayzata, MN.

One of Marie's proudest achievements was the co-founding of the Nurses Peer Support Network, which provides support for nurses working toward sobriety and re-entry into the nursing workforce.

Marie was active, engaging and bright until the moment she passed. She will be missed dearly by so many.

Memorial service will be announced in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the following:

Marie Manthey Endowed Professorship  
University of Minnesota School of Nursing

5-140 Weaver-Densford Hall

308 Harvard Street SE

Minneapolis MN 55455

<https://nursing.umn.edu/about/giving-nursing/areas-need/marie-manthey-endowed-professorship>

Nurses Peer Support Network

Box 181

8362 Tamarack Village Ste 119

Woodbury, MN 55125

[www.npsnetwork-mn.org](http://www.npsnetwork-mn.org)

The Retreat

1221 Wayzata Blvd East

Wayzata, MN, 55391

<https://www.theretreat.org>

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry to hear of Marie Manthey's ( a great nursing legend) passing. She was my role model She impacted my career and inspired me during graduate school. I graduated in 1971 with a MSN nursing leadership. She was the Administrator of Patient Care-Director of Nursing ( CNO) at the University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis, MN. Also, she was my Plan B paper nursing leadership advisor. My nursing research project was: Self Medication Administration in Acute Care to increase compliance in the home setting.

As a CNO at Poudre Valley Hospital ( 1977-1989) , Ft. Collins, CO- now UC Health MCR PVH- northern CO., I invited her to speak at PVH's Nurses Day Celebration 1988 on " Primary Nursing" to inspire practicing nurses. She was a change agent and helped improve PVH Ft. Collins, CO patient care delivery system. She inspired excellence.

She is gone; but not forgotten ! May she rest in peace! We will miss her!

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Sharyn Halverson Salmen - April 18, 2025 at 06:38 PM

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“ So incredibly sad to hear of the passing of this nursing legend. It is through Creative Health Management that I had the pleasure to meet and learn from Marie. Her work in “Leading an Empowered Organization” changed my career, my life and all of my valuable relationships. I owe her so much for her advocacy around building relationships. I would not have lasted as a leader without her principles. I hold her in the highest regard and will always be indebted to her for helping me become the nurse leader I am proud to have become. She will forever be missed. Rest in peace as your legacy will live on in the many beautiful humans that you have touched over your lifetime.

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tracy seward - January 21, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Marie was a mentor and leader I was fortunate to meet during my time as a Nursing student at UMN. On any occasion- whether it be meetings with the Dean or scholarship dinners- Marie always made an effort to celebrate me as a student and as a human being. Her love for others was always clear to see, and I am grateful to have received her love just the same. My only wish is to have known her longer; but she will always be remembered and carried in my heart. I aspire to continue her legacy of intention, of advocacy, and of philanthropy.

Nehita C Onwubuya, RN BSN  
UMN Alumna Class of 2023

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**Nehita Onwubuya** - December 16, 2024 at 01:55 PM

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“ Marie was a unique character and she lived a wide path, touched many, and gave much! Honor is found in the memories held and the deep abiding love that forged the bonds of many. You will be missed friend, dearly. Clark & Christopher

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**Clark White** - December 14, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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Some people make a powerful but gentle mark on many worlds. Marie was one of those remarkable souls. I will admire and miss her for the rest of my days.

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**Roberta Collins** - December 14, 2024 at 12:22 PM