

Hope Strength

1956-1978 Hometown of Bloomfield, Vermont, through graduation from University of Vermont

June 1974 – Graduated North Stratford High School, New Hampshire

May 1978 - Graduated University of Vermont, Bachelor of Science, Nursing, Burlington Vermont

May 1978 - Commissioned as Lieutenant Junior Grade, United States Navy Nurse Corps

August 4, 1979 - Married Douglas E Wertz, in North Stratford, New Hampshire

September 1978 to July 1981 – Staff Nurse, Balboa Naval Hospital, San Diego, California; Promoted to Lieutenant

September 1981 to March 1983 – Staff Nurse, Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland

September 1987 to April 1990 – Staff Nurse, Long Beach Rehabilitation Hospital, Long Beach, California

July 1990 to May 1991 – Staff Nurse, Neonatal Intensive Care, Richland Memorial Hospital, Columbia, South Carolina

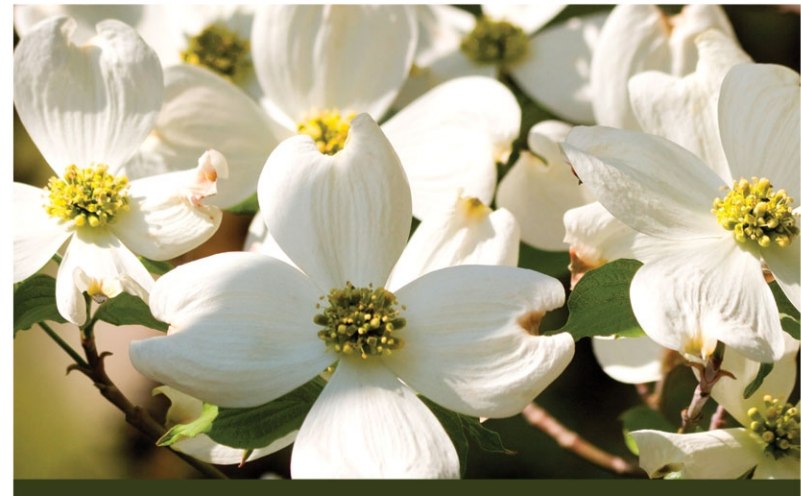
July 1991 – June 1996 – Staff Nurse, Birth Center, Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia

October 1998 – April 2017 – Staff Nurse, Birth Center, Kadlec Hospital, Richland, WA



Coming down out of the freezing sky
with its depths of light,
like an angel, or a Buddha with wings,
it was beautiful, and accurate,
striking the snow and whatever was there
with a force that left the imprint
of the tips of its wings — five feet apart —
and the grabbing thrust of its feet,
and the indentation of what had been running
through the white valleys of the snow —
and then it rose, gracefully,
and flew back to the frozen marshes
to lurk there, like a little lighthouse,
in the blue shadows —
so I thought:
maybe death isn't darkness, after all,
but so much light wrapping itself around us —

as soft as feathers —
that we are instantly weary of looking, and looking,
and shut our eyes, not without amazement,
and let ourselves be carried,
as through the translucence of mica,
to the river that is without the least dapple or shadow,
that is nothing but light — scalding, aortal light —
in which we are washed and washed
out of our bones.



In Loving Memory Of



Joan Elizabeth Wertz
1956 ~ 2018



Joan Elizabeth Wertz

Born

September 26, 1956

West Stewartstown, New Hampshire

Entered into Rest

January 1, 2018

Richland, Washington

Honoring the Well Lived Life

Einan's Event Center

Richland, Washington

Officiating

Chaplain Tim Ledbetter

Military Honors

United States Navy Honor Guard

Family Hosted Reception

Henry's Catering

Remembering and Honoring the Well-lived Life of

Joan Elizabeth Belisle Wertz

Friday, January 5, 2018 5:00pm

WELCOME

POEM "White Owl Flies Into and Out of the Field" Meredith

EULOGY Doug & Ben

SONG – I "Isn't She Lovely" Stevie Wonder

REMEMBRANCES – I Vanessa, Natalia, Rachel & Daja

REMEMBRANCES – II General Sharing

SONG – II "Shining Star" Earth Wind & Fire

REMEMBRANCES – III Will, Maggie & Joe

PHOTO TRIBUTE

WHITE ROSE CEREMONY Aggie & Nurses

SONG – III "Tears" Rush

TAPS & FLAG PRESENTATION US Naval Honor Guard

FAREWELL & COMMITTAL

BLESSING OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO RECEPTION

Please Visit Joan's page at
<https://lifeofjoan.weebly.com>



The Nightingale Tribute

Remembering a Nurse

Today we honor Joan for her life as a nurse. The Nightingale Tribute was designed and developed by the Kansas State Nurses Association in 2003 to be used to honor deceased nurses. Nursing is a calling, a way of life. Nursing is a service profession that cannot be lived in isolation. Nurses rely on each other for the synergistic effect of teamwork in our efforts of care giving. It is appropriate that we honor our colleagues not only during their career, but also at the end of life's journey.