



The Loretta Tario Bursary Award

Loretta Tario graduated from the Lorrain School of Nursing in Pembroke in 1945. During her early nursing career, she worked at the Pembroke General Hospital. Following a hiatus, during which she raised her six children, Loretta worked for many years at the Lorrain Center and the Pembroke Campus of Algonquin College.

Loretta made a significant and lasting contribution to the nursing profession. In the hospital setting, she was a true role model of what all nurses should be. She was dedicated and hardworking, seeking and delivering new methods for providing quality care. She was patient and family-centered as she carried out her responsibilities in a positive, kind, caring, knowledgeable, understanding, and professional manner. In her role as health nurse, Loretta provided nursing expertise, advice, support, a listening ear, and a motherly touch to the many students she interacted with.

In all aspects of her professional and personal life, Loretta gave of herself, never expecting anything in return. Until a few months before her death in July 2003 at the age of 79, she was independent and active as a mother, grandmother, sister, friend, and volunteer.

Algonquin College held a special place in Loretta's heart; it was a place where she made many cherished friendships with the faculty and staff. A committed life-long learner herself, Loretta kept abreast of College news and happily attended numerous College events long after her retirement in 1992.

To honour Loretta's memory, her family has established a bursary to be awarded annually to a Renfrew County resident entering the fourth year of the collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (B.Sc.N.) at the Pembroke Campus of Algonquin College.

The Loretta Tario Bursary Award was established in August 2004. The first award will be presented in 2007.