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Local Author Releases New Book

Marilyn Minter Wolgemuth's Latest Book Describes Her Time in Nursing School in the Early 1950s

Newton, Kan. – Local author Marilyn Minter Wolgemuth released her newest book *Bedpans and Backrubs: The Trials and Joys of a Student Nurse*. The book is published by Crave Press and is available online via Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Bedpans and Backrubs: The Trials and Joys of a Student Nurse is the story of Wolgemuth's journey through nursing school in the 1950s. Told through the lens of her journal entries and letters, readers experience her personal story of growth through the trials, tribulations, and ultimate joys of nursing school while getting a serious and sometimes comical glimpse into how much has changed in nursing and the health care setting in general. You will laugh and cry with Wolgemuth as you read about her education milestones on the path to the nursing career she dreamed of since she was 11 years old.

According to Wolgemuth, after reviewing all of her journals she kept during nursing school, "This book just begged to be written!" She adds that the vignettes tell of her struggles with the rigorous nursing program and, "Graphically portray the way professional nurses were educated in 1950-1953."

Wolgemuth lives in Newton, Kan., and is a member of Newton's Shalom Mennonite Church. This is her fourth book.

She graduated from Dickinson County Community High School, Chapman, Kan., in 1948 and went on to earn an associate degree in science at Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., in 1950. She graduated from Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing (now Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences), Lancaster, Pa., in 1953 with her registered nursing diploma. Wolgemuth then went on to earn her bachelor's degree in psychology and counseling from Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas, in 1981.

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