

Minster nurse honored for service

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Ann Bergman of Minster was recognized as one of the region's top nurses at the Cameos of Caring program at Wright State University in Dayton.

Bergman was one of 14 nurses with over 300 combined years of experience who were honored at the fourth annual ceremony, Oct. 11, 2003.

She is a staff nurse in the intensive care unit of Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. She has worked at UVMC for ten years of her 30-year career, and co-workers have said she is the type of nurse they would want if they were ill.

"She is a strong patient advocate and her warm personality, her soft-spoken voice and her gentle smile,

always calm patients' fears," a coworker said.

Her peers report that she takes the time to listen to patients and ensure that the patients and their families understand the treatment being given.

Other staff members say they value her critical thinking and clinical skills. They report that in crisis situations, Bergman is a role model who quickly adjusts her schedule or works extra hours to care for her patients.

Bergman received her nursing degree from St. Elizabeth Medical Center School of Nursing in Dayton and her bachelor's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. She has received two nursing excellence awards and the Preceptor of the Year Award from UVMC.

She is the wife of Ray Bergman, and the couple has a daughter, Julia and a son Andy. She is the daughter of Richard and the late Alvira Beckman of Minster.

"I am really honored, but mostly I like to see the profession of nursing honored, in this way," said Bergman. "It is a wonderful profession, and I can't imagine doing anything else."

Patricia Martin PhD RN, dean of Wright State University-Miami Valley College of Nursing and Health, brought the Cameos of Caring program to Dayton in 2000. She once commented, "With as large a medical community as we have in this area, letting those who help make it work, know they are appreciated, is important."