

Sue Stanley Award - TPA and Ross Laboratories join together to recognize a nurse from a Level 1 or Level 2 nursery who exemplifies dedication to patients and has a positive influence on the delivery of care in his/her unit. Sue Stanley was a rural nurse and her husband a doctor. Together they worked to make things safer for mother's infants who delivered in rural areas i.e. transporting etc.

Joyce Hofstetter graduated from St. Ann's School of Nursing in Illinois in 1963. After graduation she worked 4 years in the ER as the only nurse at night. She went on to float to Medical Surgical areas, become an industrial nurse for John Deere, and become a nurse manager of a Medical unit. She went to work in Labor and Delivery, Postpartum, Nursery areas before the term "Mother Baby" care became fashionable. So what led this nurse to her specialty in Nursery? Literally smoking did. At this time, nurses were allowed to smoke on the units, but not in the nursery. Joyce, a nonsmoker, often found herself in the nursery because nurses that smoked did not want to be in there. Joyce decided at that time to make this her specialty and has never looked back. She moved to Midland in 1984 to work in the nursery at Midland Memorial Hospital. Joyce has honed her skills over the past 42 years to recognize rare and subtle signs that make her an excellent resource and preceptor in the nursery. She continues to update her skills by attending workshops and attends the Texas Perinatal Workshops in San Angelo every year. She is a member of TPA.

She is frequently remembered and recognized by parents long after they have left the hospital due to her excellent care. One letter from a mom after her week old baby was rushed to ER in critical condition describes Joyce in this way: "Even the nurses from the nursery came down to help. I remember in particular one nurse who never seemed to leave the room. She was kind, and I am not sure, but I believe she even said a prayer for my little one when she held my hand."

Joyce is the mother of two and has four grandchildren.

Midland Memorial Hospital 1984–Present Nursery
Charge Nurse, Preceptor

Illinois Hospital 1970-1984
Silvis, Illinois
ER staff nurse 3 ½ yrs.
Obstetrics (LDR,PP,Nursery) 10 ½ yrs. Mostly in Level II Nursery

St. Anthony's Hospital 1968-1970
Rock Island, Illinois
Head nurse of Medical floor

John Deere Industries 1966-1968
East Moline, Illinois

St. Anthony's Hospital 1963-1965
Rock Island, Illinois
Float nurse for Nursery, Postpartum, Pediatrics, and Mental Health Units

St. Anthony's Hospital School of Nursery
Rock Island, Illinois
Diploma in September 1963