



## **Nursing**

Paula completed all of her undergraduate BYU degrees on Academic Scholarships except for one semester when she forgot to apply. She was Valedictorian of her Nursing graduation class and was the Valedictorian speaker for this honor. She graduated with an Associated Nurses Degree in 1981. She then worked the graveyard shift at St. Mark's Hospital in semi-intensive care to support herself along with her scholarships while she earned her Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Nursing in 1981, along with Nurse Practitioner accreditation. She never licensed herself for Nurse Practitioner. She graduated first in her class, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Kappa Phi. (BYU did not have Phi Beta Kappa at that time or she would have been in it. Their highest Scholarship Honorary was Phi Kappa Phi.)

One experience that she had while working at the semi-intensive care unit at St. Mark's Hospital showed her independence and determination to fight for patients' rights and well being. She was working on the graveyard shift when she became aware that something

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was very wrong with one of her patients. She went through all the rig-a-ma-roll and red tape to get to call the patient's doctor. It was the middle of the night, so the doctor was curt and rude to Paula, so she said to him, "All right Doctor. I will note in the log that you were