

Cathie S. Ware Murphy

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Cathie Ware-Murphy is the second oldest child of Joshua and Allie Ware of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She started attending Miss Farrie Taylor's Kindergarten at three years of age with her brother, John Ware. After graduating from Peake High School in 1968, Cathie began pursuing her educational and career goals in the healthcare field.

Cathie earned her certified medical assistant certificate in 1971 and worked as a medical assistant for ten years at Kimbrough Army Hospital in Fort Meade, Maryland. During that period, she earned her Associate Degree in Nursing from Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland and served there as an adjunct clinical instructor. Cathie received her B.S.N. with honors, from the Weekend College of Notre Dame University in Baltimore, Maryland. She was awarded the College of Notre Dame Nursing Award for 1992 by the nursing faculty and was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Mu Eta Chapter. Ms. Ware-Murphy considers herself a "late bloomer." She has worked in many areas of critical care nursing during her early career days. She was one of the presenters at Four-State Nurses Educators Summit twice, and she has presented twice at Texarkana Area on Aging Seminars. Her passion for nursing remained steadfast but her desire to fulfill her purpose to become a teacher of nursing science led her on a different, yet similar path.

Ms. Ware-Murphy moved to Plano, Texas in 1992 to be closer to family and to pursue a graduate degree in nursing education. She received her M.S.N with a focus in Nursing Education from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas in 1996. After receiving her master's degree, Ms. Ware-Murphy was an Associate Professor of Nursing at Grayson County College in Denison, Texas for six years.

At present, Ms. Ware-Murphy is an Associate Professor of Nursing in the Patterson Health Sciences Division at Texarkana College. She has held this position as nursing professor in the registered nursing program for 17 years. In addition to teaching nursing, Cathie has acted as a mentor and preceptor to graduate nursing students seeking a master's degree in nursing education. She is chairperson of the Marketing Committee in the Texarkana College Health Sciences Division. She presents the various health sciences and allied health programs to area school districts and community organizations.

Ms. Ware-Murphy served on the Board of Directors of the America Cancer Society, High Plains Division - Texarkana and as Chairperson of Comprehensive School Health. For two years she served as secretary for the volunteer parents association of the Texas Independent School District. Cathie is an active member of Christ Nations Church, Texarkana, TX. She is also an active participant of the Northeast Texas Alliance of Black School Educators and served as secretary in 2014. Cathie serves as an after-school tutor, benefactor and quasi-consultant for The Jamison's Center of Kindness in Texarkana, Arkansas. She is an avid supporter of the Buffaloes Foundation as well as several other community organizations.

Ms. Ware-Murphy lives in Texarkana, Texas with her son Corliss and her two dogs Gibbs and Julius Rosco.