

## **Gina Boring**

Gina Boring has evolved from a local leader to a national expert. Because of her dedication and expertise, hospitals across the nation have improved the working conditions of nurses and the satisfaction of patients.

Gina was born to Joseph and Alice Spotleson as the third of four daughters. Both of her parents were hardworking children of American immigrants. Her mother was an active and involved mother who took her to lessons and regular visits to the roller rink and Willow Springs pool. Her father worked for the Ford Motor Company and as a brick layer for fireplaces, patios, and other odd jobs.

Gina attended Orchard Hill, the North Canton Junior High, and graduated from Hoover High School in 1978. She attended Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, where she earned an associate's degree in Nursing in 1981. She later earned her Bachelors in the Science of Nursing from the

University of North Alabama and a Masters from Walden University.

In June of 1983, Gina began working as an emergency room nurse at Aultman Hospital. She spent 19 years serving patients during some of their scariest moments. In 2002 she led the initial Magnet Recognition Award Designation at Aultman. This involved creating a shared governance model for nursing and serving as the site coordinator for the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators. Her work at Aultman opened the doors to other opportunities. She was hired as a consultant at HealthLinx to help dozens of healthcare organizations earn their own Magnet Recognition. She continued to excel at HealthLinx and eventually became an Executive Vice President. She retired in July of 2022, but only briefly. This year, she accepted a position as the Chief of Operations at Nursing Consulting Partners.

Gina has worked as a national speaker and has written articles about quality-driven outcomes and nursing

excellence. She became a Board Certified Nurse Executive by the American Nurses Credentialing Center in 2007. She has been a member of Sigma Theta Tau International – the Honor Society of Nursing – since 2005.

In addition to her devotion to nursing, Gina is also a prolific baker. For a time, she owned Bella Dolci, a bakery on the North Canton square, and she still bakes out of her home. She earned a reputation for the cookies she donated to actively deployed military troops.

Gina met her husband, Ken, at Aultman hospital – he is a certified registered nurse anesthetist. They have been married for 42 years. They have two sons, Tyler and Collin, and four grandchildren. Her mother, Alice, still lives independently in North Canton. Gina hosts Sunday family dinners and baking cookies for her grandkids is one of her greatest joys. She loves to travel anywhere there is a beach and sunshine – from Florida to Italy. And she gardens at the

North Canton Community Garden where she and Ken grow their own peppers, tomatoes, and zucchini.

Gina is a daughter of whom the city of North Canton can be proud. It is with much esteem that the North Canton Alumni Association receives Gina Boring into its Hall of Distinction.