

Internal newsletter comments

Re: Celebration of life for IMCU RN Ken Haigler

So, so sad to hear about Ken passing last week. He was always so friendly when I was floated to IMCU. Ken will be greatly missed! :(

Celebration of Life

We're so sorry to hear of this. Much love from the Emergency Dept. Our hearts are heavy and you are in our thoughts. Such a huge loss.

An amazing soul has departed, but his memories stay in all of us

Sending everyone heartfelt condolences for the loss of Ken, an amazing soul!

He had a tremendous positive influence in many of us, with his genuine warmth and upbeat look at life. His deeply caring and compassionate approach to patients and families, and true passion for his role as a caregiver was always present, no matter how busy or hard the day was. His approach when issues arise, was never defensive, instead he applied his deep humanity to understand patients or family's fears or natural worries.

He felt at home in IMCU, and he will live there through all the great memories he left for all of us.

Such a loss.

While I didn't get to work with Ken all that much, he was always impressive when I did. He will be greatly missed.

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Every time I floated IMCU, Ken always had an upbeat, kind attitude. A great listener and conversationalist. He will be missed, greatly.

Very kind and adventurous soul

I will remember Ken for adventurous stories of his past years, the kindness he showed to others, and singing with him while at work. He was a joy and pleasure to know, and will be missed greatly.

So sad

I'm sure I'm not the only one to whom Ken always radiated joy and kindness that made a happy day happier, and a difficult day easier.

A big loss for us all

It's such an incredible tragedy that we've lost Ken. He was such a bright light in this dark world. He brought so much joy and happiness to us and the patients he cared for. My heart is breaking for us all including his family and also for his IMCU family whose lives won't be the same. We will miss you, big guy!!!

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I heard about Ken long before I met him... I've been at SH for 6 years. I worked NOC shift my first couple of years so don't remember much, but I do remember this is when I first heard about Ken. Patients whom I cared for mentioned a great nurse named Ken on IMCU. They spoke about his kindness and compassion. I heard stories about his singing. I continued to hear even more stories about Ken when I moved to dayshift. Many patients and family members talked about Ken spending his breaks with them. I was told by a couple different family members that they felt their family member was safe and would be well cared for when they saw Ken.

Last fall, a patient was admitted to the hospital and soon thereafter were planning to remove life support. This patient had been in and out of the hospital for over a year and each time the patient was admitted to our floor, the family talked about Ken and how great he was, how he'd taken such great care of the patient. At the end, the family requested that Ken be notified so he could stop by to see them.

I last saw Ken a couple of weeks ago when he floated to our unit. He came to me in the afternoon to talk with me about a patient who he was worried about. He wanted someone else to know because he'd tried to help and didn't feel like he was getting through. I remember thinking that Ken was one person I KNEW would make the best effort to help. He will be missed by all.