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This issue is dedicated to Kenneth D. Phillips, PhD, RN. Dr. Phillips has spent his life in the nursing profession. He earned his BSN in nursing from East Tennessee State University in 1979, his MSN in 1987 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and his PhD in 1994 from University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

He worked in clinical nursing since 1979 in multiple settings and began teaching in 1988 in the ETSU program. He has taught at ETSU, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and University of South Carolina, holding positions of graduate teaching assistant, assistant, associate, and full professor and Associate Dean.

Dr. Phillips served on many committees, received numerous awards, and is well published. He has been directly involved in over 40 students receiving their graduate degrees (either by being chair or on committee). Dr. Phillips has assisted hundreds of students in advising and leading them through their education experiences.

Dr. Phillips was an editor for this journal. He provided knowledge and insight that has been invaluable in directing the future and direction of the journal.

While we are saddened by his leaving, we certainly wish him the best in his retirement. For all his students, fellow faculty, staff, and friends, Thank You for your service to the nursing profession. There are many lives you have touched and changed and for that we will forever be grateful.