Carina “Cari” Joy Rogerson resided in Gwynedd Valley, Pa. and was the wife of Craig A. Rogerson and mother to Scott, Kristen and Colin. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from West Virginia University and completed the requirements for her Master of Science in Nursing from Villanova University College of Nursing shortly before her death in October 2009. She was a member of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, nursing’s honor society.

Cari was a staff nurse in Cardiac Rehabilitation at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. teaching heart health lifestyles, good exercise habits, lipid management for the prevention of cardiac events and monitoring cardiac patients exercising during their recovery phase.

Cari’s vision was to “change the nature of the healthcare environment to make it more dynamic and serve as an advocate for individuals, families and communities.” It was her desire to develop strategies for a comprehensive plan of care for the promotion and restoration of health and illness prevention. Her plan was to bring creativity and innovation to nursing practice and healthcare delivery. As a dedicated student, practitioner, wife and mother, Cari demonstrated to peers and colleagues her leadership and passion for improving healthcare.

Her family knew how much Cari enjoyed her time in the Graduate Program at Villanova University. In her memory, her husband, Craig A. Rogerson, and their three children established The Carina Joy Rogerson Endowed Memorial Graduate Nursing Scholarship.
The purpose of The Carina Joy Rogerson Endowed Memorial Graduate Nursing Scholarship is to provide financial support to Villanova Nurse Practitioner Graduate Students in the College of Nursing. Consideration for this scholarship will be given to graduate students enrolled in the College of Nursing who are in good academic standing, with preference given to a student who is studying to be an adult-gerontology nurse practitioner.

Financial Assistance for NP Students

Awards for the Scholarship

Recipients of this scholarship will be selected by the Dean of the College of Nursing in consultation with the Assistant Dean and Director of the Graduate Program and selected faculty. The Office of Student Financial Assistance will be responsible for determining financial need and ensuring compliance with regulation concerning federal, state, and other aid in accordance with University policy regarding academic and/or financial scholarships under University control. The scholarship may support a combination of program tuition and fees and/or associated program educational expenses.

The amount of the award will be recommended by the selection committee and determined by the Dean. The applicant will be notified of the financial support to be awarded.

How to Apply

To qualify for the Scholarship a student must be a Villanova University graduate student in a nurse practitioner track with a GPA of at least 3.5 at the start of the fall semester and enrolled in NUR 8910 Advanced Physical Assessment.

Qualified applicants must submit a completed application packet by the deadline of September 15th to the Graduate Nursing Program Office. Students should closely follow all submission guidelines as outlined in the application materials. The application is on the College of Nursing website at www.villanova.edu/nursing/resources/scholarships/awardbased.

The completed application packet must include:

- A completed application form
- Current resume
- Appropriate recommendation from advisor
- A maximum 2-page personal statement explaining how the scholarship would help in the achievement of career and educational goals
- Completion of FAFSA and VU Institutional Financial Aid Application.

As part of the application process, the student may be asked to participate in an interview with the Dean. The applicant will be notified by email if an interview is required.

Awarding Scholarships

Applicants will be notified by October 30th if selected for the scholarship. The scholarship will be presented to the recipient at the Winter Convocation in December.