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I have been a nurse for 33 years, and an emergency nurse for 24 years. Emergency nursing is my passion. It is hard to think of doing anything else.

My three children are grown and have chosen life adventures in distant places. Since travel is my second passion, this has afforded me some wonderful destinations for vacationing. I am very lucky to have been so many places in the last few years. Great memories!

My employer is NorthShore University HealthSystem, specifically Highland Park Hospital Emergency Department as both a staff nurse and clinical educator. I participate on several committees at NorthShore, both on the department and corporate level, to stay informed. It is important to be involved, to have a say in the decisions that are made in your workplace.

Working with the Illinois Emergency Nurses Association for 10 years in different roles has been extremely rewarding. I have met so many people I would never have know, shared their experiences as emergency nurses, shared conferences, shared traveling. This year the Spring Symposium Committee is my focus, as well as supporting the current president in her role, and the state council in its role as the leader of emergency nurses in this state.