One hundred years of care...

Early nurses in all of their uniformed glory at the old Whitefish Hospital, circa 1914, Alma Nilsson Quinlon, Loretta Smith, Mary Gutensohn and Edna Trapp.

Old Whitefish Hospital operating roomC. 1914, left to right, Edna Trapp, Loretta Smith, Alma Nilsson Quinlan.

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The Hospital Building, at Park Avenue and Sixth Street, was opened in 1947 as Simons Hospital, named for its chief of staff, Dr. John B. Simons.

During and after the war years, the small railroad town of Whitefish continued to grow, and it was decided the North Valley needed a new hospital. Plans were made for a new facility beginning in 1964 with fund-raising efforts headed by Whitney Smith, then hospital board chairman, whose inspiration raised $600,000. $400,000 in Federal grant monies and $1 million in bonds were sought after by the hospital and received. In June, 1969 groundbreaking occurred and a new ‘hip’ sixties hospital became the third hospital building on Hwy 93 in Whitefish.

In 1912, the first North Valley Hospital was sold. It was on the corner of Spokane Avenue and Fourth Streets in Whitefish. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gutenhoven and Mrs. J.A. Sampson became the new owners. The hospital building was converted to an apartment house and was operated as such until 1923.

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1932 Nurse's Oath written by Metta Larsen:

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity, and practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is mischievous or deleterious in character and will not take, or knowingly administer, any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standards of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my profession. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his world and devote myself to those committed to my keeping.

Metta Larsen left Westby, Montana in the early 1930's to attend Trinity Hospital School of Nursing in Minot, North Dakota. She wrote the nurse's oath in her own hand. Metta worked at North Valley Hospital for 20 years and her unique style of script can still be seen on hospital charts.

Metta Larse, mother of Sharon Ward (see Sharon Ward's story on page 19) worked for 20 years at North Valley Hospital.

Colin W. Smith, Great Northern Railroad brakeman, injured at Rondo, Montana Washout June 1, 1908 Miss West and Miss White attending.

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Sharon Ward's 1960s pinning

Things have changed a lot in the halls of nursing over the years, but compassionate care remains a high calling even among generations of nurses. "Like Mother, like daughter," a common saying in the month of May, applies to many nurses in the profession. Sharon Ward is no exception; the daughter of Metta Larsen graduated from nursing school about thirty years after her mom.

In the 1960's, Sharon went to nursing school at the University of Montana and returned to work at North Valley Hospital. When her Mom came into the area again, she stepped aside and Metta worked at North Valley Hospital for twenty years.

Sharon Ward's cap can barely be seen perched atop her stylish 'bubble' hair-do. Her big smile shows how pleased she is with her success and a look at the actual cap, on display at the May 12, 2005 North Valley Hospital Historic Timeline, shows how careful nurses had to be to keep that cap starched, pressed, and secure on their heads. Sharon continues her nursing career at Columbia Falls High School as the school nurse at the Canyon School, too.

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