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Dear Colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart I write today to share news of the passing of a member of the St. Joseph's Health community. Earlier this week, Edith Brant-Burdekin, a nurse at our North Medical Surgery Center, died after a courageous battle with cancer.

Edith began her career at St. Joseph's Health in June 2009 as a nurse in the hospital's main operating room.

Together with our CEO, Les Luke, and on behalf of the entire St. Joseph's Health leadership team, we extend our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to Edith's family, friends and loved ones. We hold all of those who knew and loved Edith close to our hearts as they mourn this loss.

Please check your local papers for calling hours and funeral service information. In lieu of flowers, family and friends have set up a Venmo account (@Edithsworkfamily) to help support her daughter's college tuition savings. Please contact Julie Kilts at 315-391-2007 or Sharon Bell at 315-247-8632 for donation information.

With so much loss and grief this year, we recognize how difficult it is to receive the news of the untimely passing of a member of our community. Please know that there are resources and services available to you during these challenging times. Spiritual Care is available to help any colleague who is grieving or struggling with the heaviness of a difficult year. If you are aware of a colleague in distress, or if you would like to speak with a Chaplain directly, please contact Rev. Joe Colon at Jose.Colon@sjhsyr.org.

Please do not hesitate to make use of the resources available to you. Together, we can support one another through these difficult times.

In sorrow,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah G. Welch".

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