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Class of 1977

Theresa has many fond memories of her years in the Copiague schools, especially her experiences playing the clarinet in the school band for concerts, parades, and football games. Many life-long friendships were forged during her years in school. While in high school, she attended the Louis A. Wilson Technical School of Nursing and received her license to work as a Practical Nurse.

Upon graduation, she joined the staff of Brunswick Hospital, where she worked in the medical/surgical unit, critical care unit, and pediatrics unit until 2000. Theresa currently is Head Nurse on the advanced Alzheimer's unit at the Broadlawn Manor Nursing Care Center. She completed a continuing education course on Gerontology Nursing in 2007 and was recently awarded the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation Heart of Gold Award at a ceremony at the Garden City Hotel. Theresa has been recognized for her work in coaching her staff to look beyond the disease and see the person. She has guided resident families through the disease process, and has been the voice for her residents. She has been described as one of the truest resident advocates.

Along with her many responsibilities at Broadlawn, Theresa has found time to work with all the Copiague PTA's, Boy Scouts, and the Copiague Booster Club. She was involved in activities at the elementary schools, ran the school store at the middle school, and is known as the "Hot Dog Lady" at home sports events. She does all the planning, set-up and clean-up herself, rearranging her work schedule in order to be available for all the sporting events. Theresa demonstrates to the children of the Copiague schools what it means to volunteer without expecting anything in return.

Theresa and her husband, Armando, continue to live happily in Copiague and are proud that their son, Joseph, will be the third generation of the family to graduate from the High School.

**"Whatever you are interested in: academics, sports or fine arts,
there will always be a place for you in Copiague."**