

## ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

**Name:** Ann Causer McDowell Slotta

**Year of Graduation:** 1968

### **What have you done since graduating from Port Allegany High School?**

I graduated in 1971 from Trocaire College in Buffalo with my RN and again in 1989 from Alfred University in Alfred, New York.

With my career I worked in maternity units as a staff/charge nurse, then joined Cole Memorial in 1977. I worked staff/charge positions on maternity, pediatrics and medical surgical units. I became a nursing supervisor and joined the leadership team, becoming Director of Acute Care Services. I have provided holistic comforting care at the birth of newborns through the cycle of life, to the bedside of the dying.

Nursing has been a rewarding career. I retired from full time in November, 2015 but I continued to work part time coverage, and redeveloped the nurse aide training center at Cole. I retired in 2019 from UPMC Cole, to spend more time with my family and grandchildren.

Currently I am a per diem RN supervisor at Sena Kean Manor in Smethport. In 2017, I was honored to receive the Honorary Director Award from Cole Memorial. Nursing is a career of giving of oneself for the betterment of others. I have been blessed to be a nurse.

I forgot to mention my greatest accomplishment is my children and grandchildren and not to mention great grandchildren plus stepchildren. I married Kenneth Slotta in 1994, joining our 2 families. Together we have 8 children, 16 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. We love spending as much time as able with all of them.

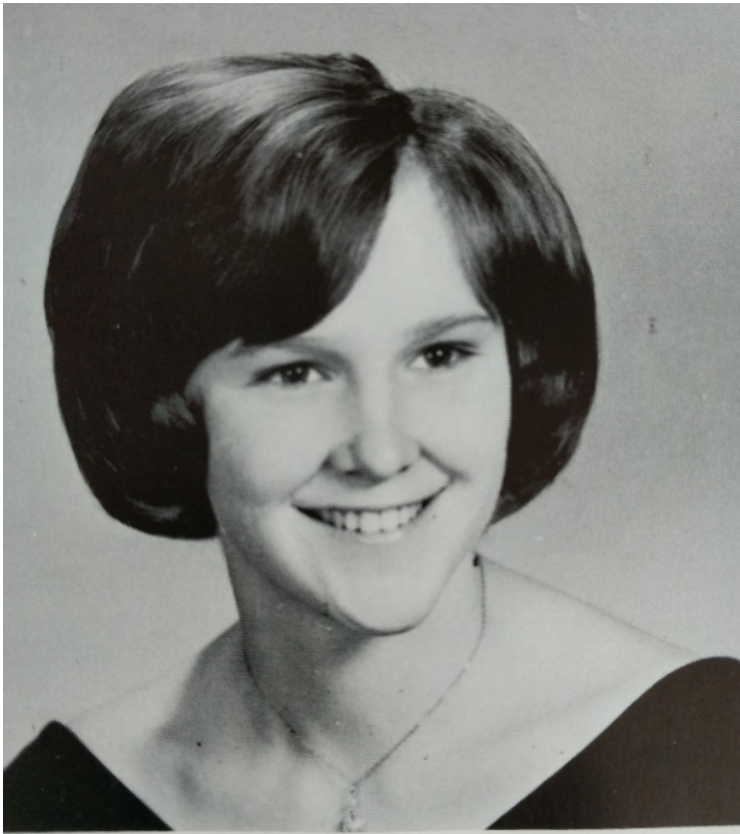
**Where do you currently live?** Turtlepoint

**Who was your favorite teacher in high school? Why were they your favorite?**

All my teachers were wonderful. I have to say that I was impressed by being part of the Future Nurses Club and when Anna Michelitsch spoke with us about hospital nursing. It left a great impression on me.

**What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?**

Being part of the Class of 1968, being a majorette, and the plays - especially "Our Town".



Margaret Ann Causer



Three of my children: Kirk McDowell, Teresa Miller and Wynann Raymo.