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ANA MOURNS THE PASSING OF FORMER ARIZONA NURSES ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE CHARLOTTE KATONA

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) joins the nursing community in mourning the passing of Charlotte M. Katona, RN, MSN, who passed away on February 13, 2010 in Sun City, AZ.

Born in 1924 in Cedar Grove, Wisconsin, Mrs. Katona served as Interim Executive Director of the Arizona Nurses Association during the late 1980s. She enjoyed a distinguished 53-year career in nursing highlighted by many rewarding accomplishments, including serving as Vice President of Nursing at St. Michael's Hospital in Milwaukee, WI – which attained American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition® under her leadership. While in Wisconsin, she also worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Mrs. Katona attended Marquette University, where she earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Nursing. While she retired from nursing administration in 1987, she maintained her professional activities and colleagues in the American Nurses Association, Wisconsin and Arizona Nurses Associations, Sigma Theta Tau, Arizona Organization of Nurse Executives and the Arizona Association of University Women.

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