

ANA'S 2010 HALL OF FAME & HONORARY AWARDS PROGRAM

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Hall of Fame Award

this prestigious award recognizes an individual's lifelong commitment to the field of nursing and its impact on the health and/or social history of the U.S.

John F. Garde, MS, CRNA, FAAN *Illinois Nurses Association*

Although John F. Garde is no longer with us, the far-reaching and long-lasting impact that resulted from his leadership lives on. A 1956 graduate of the Alexian Brothers Hospital School of Nursing, Mr. Garde wasted no time pursuing his ambition of becoming a nurse anesthetist. In 1957, he earned a diploma from St. Francis Hospital School of Anesthesia in La Crosse, Wisconsin. That was the beginning of his long and successful career as a pioneering advocate for registered nurses and nurse anesthetists.

Mr. Garde was the first man and the youngest nurse anesthetist to be elected president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) in 1972. Just eight years later, he joined the AANA staff as education director, and in 1983, he was appointed as AANA executive director.

Mr. Garde's influence in moving nurse anesthesia programs into graduate schools and the establishment of the AANA's formidable federal policy role manifested in the establishment of the AANA Washington office of federal government affairs. Mr. Garde skillfully led the successful campaign that resulted in direct Medicare reimbursement for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) – the first non-physician group to receive Medicare reimbursement. This achievement led to Medicare reimbursement for other advanced practice registered nurses.

Mr. Garde's influence is far-reaching. He was instrumental in assisting the global community of nurse anesthetists with the formation of the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists (IFNA), which led to the elevation of International Nurse Anesthesia Quality Assurance and Education Standards.

Mr. Garde won several prestigious awards during his 50-year career, highlighted by his induction into the American Academy of Nursing in 1994.

