

Elizabeth Crozier Award

Bernard (Bernie) Lynch

The Elizabeth Crozier Award is presented in recognition of outstanding, long-term service to Friends of Strong and Strong Memorial Hospital. It is named in memory of Elizabeth (Bess) Crozier who was an employee at Strong and a volunteer for many years.

This year's recipient fits the above criteria perfectly! **Bernard (Bernie) Lynch** has been committed to discharging patients on Fridays since November of 1991. That's 21 years of Fridays!! He is often the last official member of the Strong Memorial Hospital team that patients see. Bernie's calm demeanor and dedication to providing the best customer service to our patients is much appreciated by the many, many patients he has discharged.

Bernie is a true Rochesterian. Born in a house on the corner of Long Pond & Spencerport roads, the house still stands (it is now a saloon!). He graduated from Aquinas, St. Andrew's Seminary, RIT and SUNY Brockport. He started working in broadcasting in 1947 (that's before we had TV in Rochester). He worked at WROC-TV as an engineering supervisor and as TV engineer at SUNY Brockport. He also taught at MCC in the night school electricians' training program.

Bernie and his wife, Carolyn, have three children and six grandchildren. They have traveled extensively in the U.S. (he has been in 49 of the 50 states, maybe someday Alaska!). Bernie says he "loves volunteering" – and Bernie we love having you volunteer. All 2,202 hours!