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Rosemary Lamendola Smith  
Collection, 1942-2018

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## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Sarah Peck, June 2024

**Creator/Corporate Name:** Rosemary Lamendola Smith

**Inclusive Dates:** 1942-2018, bulk 1961-1966, 2004, 2017-2018

**Physical Description:** 1 box, (0.21 linear ft.)

**Language:** English

### **Provenance:**

The Rosemary Lamendola Smith collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Lisa Smith in June 2022.

### **Access:**

These records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

### **Biographical Note:**

Rosemary Lamendola Smith was born on September 14, 1943. A lifelong resident of Champaign, she was the daughter of Joseph and Margie (Hammer) Lamendola. Rosemary married Thomas E. Smith in 1965 and they had two daughters. Thomas died on June 11, 2001.

A nurse, Rosemary graduated from Julia F. Burnham School of Nursing, and worked at the Julia F. Burnham City Hospital. She was capped in 1961, and graduated 1964. She worked at Burnham until the 1969 nurse strike. Afterwards, she worked in private practice until retirement. Rosemary was an active member of the Julia F. Burnham School of Nursing Alumni Association and participated in their last banquet held in 2018. Rosemary died on December 7, 2021.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains newspaper clippings, photocopies, photographs, and programs pertaining to the Julia F. Burnham School of Nursing. Highlighted topics include a general history of the hospital and school, school of nursing events from 1961-1964, school of nursing alumni banquets, Burnham hospital demolition, honorary street sign petitions, and nursing pledges and oaths. Many of the school of nursing events highlight or have Rosemary Lamendola (Smith) included. There are many undated photographs that document the building before demolition. The Burnham Hospital Nursing Graduates Class of 1942 (DVD) contains Lamendola family movies from the 1950s-1960s and includes the 1942 school of nursing graduation ceremony.

**Arrangement:** This collection is arranged by subject material and in chronological order.



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### Separated Material:

Burnham Hospital Nursing Graduates Class of 1942 (DVD) was cataloged and is located in our A/V materials collection.

### Related Material:

#### Books:

- Burnham City Hospital and Julia F Burnham School of Nursing: 1895-1977 / Hazel M. O'Neal, A ILLINOIS (Champ) ONE
- Champaign County Genealogical Society Quarterly, Spring 1991 [VOL. 12, NO.4] (PAGES 131,112).

#### Special Collections:

- Collection 4: Burnham City Hospital Nurse's Strike
- Collection 93: Illinois Nurses Association
- Collection 295: Julia F. Burnham City Hospital
- Collection 327: Charlotte Golden papers

### Subject Terms:

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
Hospitals-Illinois-Champaign-History  
Home movies  
Nurses-Illinois-Champaign  
Nursing schools-Illinois-Champaign  
Photographs

### Name Terms:

Lamendola, Rosemary  
Julia F. Burnham City Hospital (Champaign, ILL.)  
Julia F. Burnham City Hospital School of Nursing (Champaign ILL.)  
Julia F. Burnham Nurses Alumnae Association  
Smith, Thomas E.

### Container List

#### Box 1

Folder 1: Rosemary Lamendola, Burnham School of Nursing, 1961-1964  
Folder 2: Nurse Ephemera, 1979  
Folder 3: Alumni Banquets, 1989-2018  
Folder 4: Alumni Association, 2009-2014  
Folder 5: Burnham Hospital & Nursing School Honorary Street Sign Campaign, 2002-2018  
Folder 6: Clippings, 1961-2017