



William G. Knab, '86

With a degree in Chemistry and an A.A.S. in Nursing, Bill's career has taken many twists and turns, including 35 years in the chemical industry, part-time nursing, and tutoring/teaching chemistry on the side, primarily to nursing students. He is now retired and continues to tutor and teach chemistry, and also serves as a consultant to the chemical industry.

### **1. What led you to Maria College?**

Actually, it was largely due to *divine accident!* I had moved to Albany for a chemistry job from Buffalo, N.Y., where I lived and worked. I was already halfway through nursing school, and I hated dropping nursing after I had put in many years of study. After several months in Albany, I started looking for a nursing school, and at Maria I found a program very similar to the one I had been attending in Buffalo. After visiting the school and interviewing, I knew this was the place for me. I transferred and graduated three semesters later. I consider myself very lucky to have found Maria.

### **2. What do you remember most vividly about your time at Maria?**

I remember the faculty I admired and emulated the most - Mary Jo LaPosta RN and Esther McEvoy RN to name a few - although there were many, many others, especially the clinical instructors. Central to all of them was a desire to help students to succeed. The students came first and were the reason the school existed. It was a demanding program, but having the help and support of faculty and program heads was key to my success.

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