

# The Saga of Nora “the Nurse” O’Neil

## On Her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Whenever we think of mother

And we often do,

We think of all the things she’s done

For everyone she knew.



When she was just a little kid

Her mother sent her out  
To buy the family half a ham  
On-ee-ons and sauerkraut.



She was so smart she skipped two grades  
In Seth Low Junior High  
Younger, she was, than all her friends  
Forbidden to join them at night



To go to the city, or see a show,  
Or dance to the big band sway  
Instead she went off to nursing school,  
St. Francis in Pittsburgh, Pa.



It was there she received a letter one day  
From a friend of a friend who said,  
“I hope you won’t tell me to go away,  
But I can’t get you out of my head.”



So when she finished her studies,  
She became the wife  
Of Robert M. O’Neil who was  
Forever the love of her life.



The kids came along as they usually do,  
Peggy, Nicki, Mike, Nellie and Bob  
He worked in the mill. She worked at home  
Together each doing their jobs.



The neighbors came calling

With boo boos and cuts.

She treated them all

Broken bone, boils on butts.

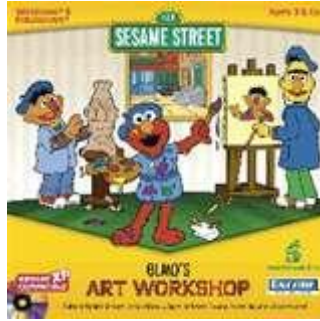


Bob painted and fished

When he left the mill,

But Nora O'Neil

Had work to do still.

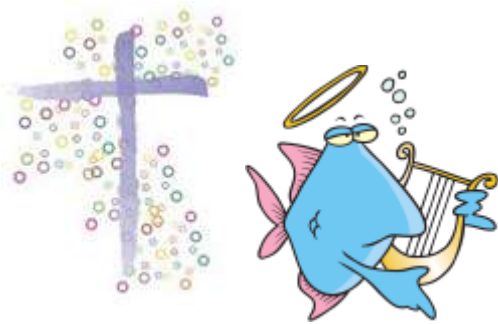


As Nora the Nurse

At Sesame Place

Where she patched up the kids

Who fell on their faces.



She took good care of Bob

Until God called him home

He looks down on her now

So she is never alone.



For her work on Earth isn't finished yet

She still has things to tell  
Us all, her family and her friends,  
About life and the secrets to aging well,



Which she does when she shares  
Her time and her stories  
Passing on down  
The lessons and glories



Of a long life lived well  
Full of caring and love  
Which pleases her Bob  
In Heaven above.

**HAPPY**  
  
**BIRTHDAY**



And so we pay homage  
To you, Mom, today  
You're the best mommy ever  
Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.