**Dr. Marlaine Smith Biography**

Marlaine Cappelli Smith was born and raised in the Pittsburgh area in an Italian family and is a first generation college graduate. She has worked as a nurse on medical-surgical units in acute care, in public health and in long-term care, and has been a nurse educator since 1976 when she held her first faculty position at Duquesne University. Following that she taught at Penn State, LaRoche College and the University of Colorado at Denver School of Nursing where she was the Director of the Master’s Program, Director of the Center for Integrative Caring Practice and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Dr. Smith served as Associate Dean and Helen K. Persson Eminent Scholar at Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing from 2006 until 2011. In 2011 she was named the 2nd Dean of the College of Nursing and served for eight years (2011-2019).

Her contributions to nursing can be clustered in two areas: developing knowledge related to processes and outcomes of healing, specifically touch therapies, and analyzing, extending and applying existing nursing theories. She has completed four studies related to outcomes of touch therapies and was invited to participate on the Samueli Institute's interdisciplinary scientific panel to advance guidelines for the study of healing. Her work in theory development includes concept analyses, testing and extending nursing theories, meta-theoretical commentaries, and developing and evaluating models of theory-guided practice. Marlaine is a student and practitioner of holistic approaches to health and healing, self-reflection, and spiritual development. She has studied therapeutic touch, Reiki, High Touch Jin Shin, guided imagery, meditation, and has completed a certificate program in aromatherapy. She is passionate about developing the discipline of nursing, unitary and caring perspectives in nursing, and transforming healthcare through holistic approaches to healing. In 1999 Marlaine received the NLN's Martha E. Rogers' Award for her contributions to the advancement of nursing science, and she is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Marlaine lives in Boca Raton with her husband, Brian. Her children and grandchildren live in California, Colorado, and Ireland. She enjoys walking on the beach, reading, watching movies, cooking Italian food and traveling to new places.