

Floresville Memorial Hospital



Bishop Stephen A. Leven dedicated Floresville Memorial Hospital in April of 1960 and an emergency surgery was performed that evening. The hospital had 29 beds. The Sisters administered and nursed the patients as well as provided laboratory results and x-rays to the doctors. A Sister headed up each department. They served as mentors to those they supervised and taught them compassionate care of the patients. Employees and Sisters were more than a team. It was remarked by a staff member, they were more like a family in their relationships. Students from the University of Texas Health Science Center rotated at the Floresville hospital attended class taught by Sister Laverne Mettlach to earn credit in rural health nursing. The hospital also cooperated with nearby airbases in a training programs using Military Assistance to Traffic and Safety helicopters and crews to transport patients to San Antonio hospitals. (Air-Life was not yet available).