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GARY RUSHING SELECTED NMMC'S EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

TUPELO, Miss.—Gary Rushing, Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technician in the Radiology Department, was selected North Mississippi Medical Center's Employee of the Month for January.

Rushing joined NMMC in 1986, working as an X-ray Technician for a year and then as a CT for a year and a half before joining the Radiology Department. He is a graduate of Paducah Tilghman High School in Paducah, Ky. and earned an associate's degree in radiologic technology from West Kentucky State Technical School.

Pam Brasfield, a friend and co-worker of Rushing, describes him as a compassionate and patient man. "In every aspect of work, Gary is very conscientious," Brasfield said. "He does his best, every time. He is always willing to help other areas in any way possible. He shows patience with every patient and does his best to make sure they got the best study possible and the best care possible."

One patient describes her experience with Rushing. "When I went to Longtown for an MRI, Gary immediately put me at ease, explaining exactly how the scan would proceed and assuring me that he would take the very best care of me," Worthy said. "Because of Gary's calm demeanor, I was as relaxed as possible. He was caring and concerned yet maintained his professionalism at all times. Gary's outgoing personality and warm smile are two of his special gifts, and he uses them wisely for the benefit of all patients, family members and NMMC."

Rushing's family includes his wife Lisa and four children—Nathan, 19; Ashley, 14; Tyler, 12; and Shawn, 7. The family attends The Orchard in Tupelo.

"I enjoy taking care of my patients," Rushing said. "I really like what I do for a living and enjoy the people I work with."