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Esther I. Beirne, 86, Kendall Park, New Jersey, died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday in Deer Park Center, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey.

A member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Kendall, she was a World War II veteran with the U.S. Navy and was a retired Navy nurse from the V.A. Hospital in Albany, New York.

She was born on February 5, 1912, in Adams County, the daughter of Simon and Martha A. Shank-Smith. She was married to William A. Beirne on November 24, 1944; he survives.

Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Florene Garrison of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Walter (Ilene) Sprunger of Deland, Florida. She was preceded in death by six brothers - Henry, Carl, Ruben, Sam, Joe and Otto Smith - and three sisters, Lucy Arthur, Emma Barker, and Barbara Haggard.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with the rosary to be recited at 4 p.m. Prayer services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday followed by funeral services at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in the MRE Cemetery, Berne.

Full military graveside rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 43, Decatur.