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MARY BERNIECE "PEGGY" SMITH, 84, died Sunday at Convoy Care Center. Born in Adams County, she was a waitress and cook at State Gardens, Middlebury. She and her husband owned and operated Smitty's Place on Randall Lake in Coldwater, Mich., for more than 20 years. Surviving are a son, Edward J. of Bronson, Mich.; three daughters, Alice Endsley of Convoy, Nancy Merling of Mount Clemens, Mich., and Elaine Braunsberger of Hesperia, Calif.; a brother, Chalmer Knittle of Decatur; four sisters, Mildred Manley and Ruth Nicodemus, both of Decatur, Betty Fisher of Fort Wayne, and Blondie Bricker of Portland; 21 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, Orval E., died in 1975.

Services at 11 a.m. EDT (10 a.m. Fort Wayne time) Wednesday at Cowan & Son Funeral Home, Van Wert, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. EDT Tuesday.

Burial in Decatur Cemetery, Ind. Memorials to American Cancer Society.