

## **Dr. Daniel K. Beirne**

Dr. Daniel K. Beirne, 81, formerly of Towanda, died at his home at Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 surrounded by his loving wife, Lady Shirley Beirne; and their children, Catherine Beirne, Helen Housewright, her husband Clark, Frances Hunter, her husband Travis, and Dr. Daniel K. Beirne, II, his wife Kelly.

Dr. Beirne is also survived by his grandchildren, Danielle Green, J. Michael Green, Katherine Housewright, and Ryan Beirne; his sister, Betty Barrett of Towanda; sister-in-law, Teresa Carola of Sayre; brothers, Dr. Michael Beirne of Anchorage, Alaska and Patrick Beirne of Towanda; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Col. John F. A. and Helen Beirne; and siblings, Lt. John F. Beirne, Jr., who was killed in World War II, Attorney Robert J. Beirne, O. Thomas Beirne, and Virginia M. Beirne.

Dr. Beirne was born in Towanda and graduated from Towanda High School in 1946. He graduated from the University of Scranton and received his medical degree from the National University of Ireland in 1958. He practiced medicine in Towanda from 1959 to 1964, and during his retirement made regular October trips to the family farm near Towanda.

In 1964, Dr. Beirne moved to New Jersey where he performed clinical research for pharmaceutical companies. In 1971, Dr. Beirne moved to Florida where he became the Director of Emergency Services at Holmes Regional Medical Center. In 1979 he opened a private family practice in Indian Harbour Beach. He was a board certified family practitioner, a chartered member of the American College of Emergency Physicians, a fellow emeritus of the American College of Nutrition and a member of the Brevard County Medical Society. On retirement he was an active consultant for the Florida Department of Professional Regulation and the Joint Committee of Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH).

Dr. Beirne was a Korean War combat veteran, and while in Towanda he was actively involved in the Beirne-Webster Post No. 1568, named in memory of his brother John. Also known as, USMC Captain Beirne, he was a strong supporter of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, the Knights of Columbus (Fourth Degree) and the American Legion.

A well attended memorial service was held at the Holy Name of Jesus Church on Jan. 13, 2010 at Indiatlantic, Fla. Special speakers were Major General John Cleland (AUS, Ret.) and Dr. Beirne's brother, Patrick.

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