Athens Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be expressed at www. zimmermanbrosfh.com.

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## Rita J. Severns

Dec. 22, 1944 - Jan. 9, 2019



Rita J. Severns, 74, Akron, passed away at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

She was born on Dec. 22, 1944, in Jamestown, Tenn., the daughter of Floyd L. and Fonza (Lowe) Owens.

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On May 1, 1964, in Akron, she married

Daniel D. Severns. He survives.

Mrs. Severns had worked for Chamberlain Wiring, Akron, and for Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Rochester, for more than 20 years. She retired from Tippecanoe Valley Schools. She had been a member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church and had been active with the Fulton County Blacktop Cruisers. In her spare time, she loved to read, garden and support her husband in garden tractor pulls.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel D. Severns, Akron; son Brian and wife Amy Severns, Rochester; daughter Cynthia and husband Mark Witherby, Berryville, Ark.; granddaughters Kaley and husband Garrett Branaman, Conway, Ark., and Samantha Witherby, Berryville, Ark.; sister Nancy and husband Ray Temple, Campobello, S.C.; brother Danny Owens, Bloomington; sister-in-law Linda and husband Ned Heighway, Akron; brothers-in-law Gary and wife Janet Severns, Rochester, and Terry Severns, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the

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