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Phyllis E. Ford, 61, 445 S. Vine St., Portland, died Sunday in Goshen General Hospital in Goshen after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Portland on Sept. 2, 1944, to Allen Leon and Ruby (Peden) Reitenour, she graduated from Portland High School in 1962.

Graduating from Indiana University in 1966, she received her master's degree in 1972 from Indiana University Purdue University in Fort Wayne.

She married David H. Ford on July 29, 1966. He survives.

She taught kindergarten for 38 years at Nebraska Elementary School in Fort Wayne.

Memberships include Asbury United Methodist Church; Psi Iota Xi Sorority, where she was past president; Indiana State Teachers Association; Fort Wayne Class Room Teachers Association and Portland Country Club.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Troy (Angela) McElfresh, Portland; her mother, Ruby Reitenour, Portland; a sister, Mrs. Jay (Alice) Myers, Winchester; a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. in Asbury United Methodist Church with Pastor Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

Visitation is Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be sent to the Jay County Cancer Society.

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