

Idene Hastings Ayers

Idene Hastings (McAleese) 'Sonny' Ayers, 89, of W. Front St., Perrysburg, died Monday, December 9 at Belmont Nursing Center, Perrysburg. A native of New York City, Mrs. Ayers was educated in New York Schools including Columbia University and the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts from which she received her degree. She continued to study in Europe at the Sorbonne in Place des Voges in Paris and in Italy.

Mrs. Ayers was on the staff of the Toledo Museum of Art, teaching in the museum school and lecturing to University of Toledo students in the galleries for over 25 years. She was a Co-founder, Officer and Board Member of Art Interests, an organization giving financial grants to many talented Toledo artists and students.

'Sonny' was a member of the Junior League and gave many years to the community, contributing her knowledge of art and receiving many honors including Artist of the Year from the Toledo Federation of Arts. She organized the art department at the Maumee Valley Country Day School and lectured at the school for several years.

Mrs. Ayers is survived by her husband of 61 years, Robert Smith Ayers of Perrysburg; son, Anthony H.; granddaughters, Elizabeth H., Megan D., and Molly M. Ayers, all of St. Petersburg, FL. and sister, Mrs. Ruth Lasko of Coronado Cays, CA.

There will be no visitation. Memorial Services will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Maumee, at 11:30 AM on Friday December 13, with Rev. Christopher Luedde officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Art Interests, Inc. at the Toledo Museum of Art or to St. Paul's Church. Arrangements by **Witzler-Shank Funeral Home, Perrysburg (874-3133).**