

Lydia Spitzer Rheinfrank

Lydia C. (Spitzer) Rheinfrank, age 90, formerly of Eagle Point Colony and East River Road, Perrysburg, died Sunday, December 19, 1999, in Harborside of Perrysburg. She was born in Toledo on October 7, 1909, to Lyman S. and Blanche (Brumbach) Spitzer, and on June 27, 1935, she married Lamson Rheinfrank, who died on April 13, 1986.

Mrs. Rheinfrank attended The Smead School, and graduated from Vassar College in 1930, where she majored in Art History. Before going to Vassar, she lived in Paris for a year, where she studied the technique of pastels. Following her graduation, she lived in Florence, where she took up wood engraving and etching. During that period, she worked especially on some woodcut illustrations for a volume of letters by her father, Lyman Spitzer. For two years after her return, she studied in the Toledo Museum of Art and then went to New York, where she studied oils with Archipenko, and then worked with Guy Pene DuBois and Maurice Sterne. In the Toledo Artists' show of 1935, she received a prize for the best figure painting. After her marriage in that same year, she continued her painting. She won a Junior League Regional Art Show prize in Cincinnati in 1937, and in the Toledo Artists' Show was awarded a silver medal for a painting. Throughout the rest of her life, she painted portraits of many Toledoans, especially children.

She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee, where she designed the needlepoint kneelers and the memorial book. She was a former member of the Junior League of Toledo, and the American Garden Club.

Surviving are her son, Lamson Rheinfrank Jr.; daughter-in-law, Sally Lyman Rheinfrank, both of Kansas City, MO; daughter, Jenny Rheinfrank Barthold of Toledo; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and brother, John B. (Vondah) Spitzer, Perrysburg.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2000 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee, at 3 p.m. Private burial will be at Fort Meigs Cemetery. The family requests no flowers and suggests memorials to either Maumee Valley Country Day School or Vassar College. Arrangements by **Witzler-Shank Funeral Home**, Perrysburg, 874-3133.