

## Patricia Grafton Thomas

Patricia Grafton Thomas, of Deepwood Lane, died Friday, November 8, 1996. Born in 1921 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wadsworth Grafton (Linda Opperman), she married Lewis Edward Thomas in 1939.

Attending Stephens College, Purdue, and Oberlin, Patricia graduated magna cum laude from the University of Toledo. While at Stephens in 1938, she began the first national toy lending library in Columbia, Missouri. Pat taught art and language arts in the Toledo Public Schools at Newbury, Eastside Central, Harvard, and Byrnedale. She also served on grammar, reading, and spelling curricula committees and was president of Junior High Council. She received an Adolf Dehn watercolor fellowship and a postgraduate NDEA fellowship at Bowling Green. Her education memberships include Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, Pi Lambda Theta, and Delta Kappa Gamma; she served as Chapter Presidents of the latter two. Pat is listed in Who's Who In America, Who's Who in the Midwest, Who's Who of American Women, and Who's Who in Education.

Patricia's community activities comprised serving as District Captain for the American Red Cross for several years and being a board member, officer and/or member of The Toledo Symphony League, Spectrum, Showcase of the Arts, AAUW, Anthony Wayne Nursery School, Toledo Artists Club, Toledo Museum of Art, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Toledo Club, and Rockwell Springs Trout Club.

Surviving Patricia are her husband, Lewis; daughters, Linda Collins (Signal Mountain, Tennessee), Stephanie Pawuk (Maumee, Ohio), Kathryn Ramsey (Clinton, Tennessee), and Deborah Preissler (Williamsburg, Massachusetts); and grandchildren, Lewis and Robert Collins, Laura and Andrew Pawuk, and Christopher and Geoffrey Ramsey.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee, Ohio on Saturday, November 16, at 11:30 a.m. The family will greet friends following the service in the Parish Hall. The burial is private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Paul's Remembrance Fund, The Symphony League's Remembrance Fund, or Northwest Ohio Hospice Association. Arrangements by **Bersticker-Scott Funeral Home**, 382-3456.