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PROVIDENCE — Margaret Joan Woodbridge McAvin Frank, 52, of Barnes Street, a professor of architecture and landscape architecture at Rhode Island School of Design since 1981, died Oct. 1 at Philip Hulitar Hospice Center. She was the wife of Samuel B. Frank.

Born in Omaha, Neb., she was a daughter of John and Martha McAvin of Castleton, N.Y.

She pursued her undergraduate education at Barnard College and Rice University, earning a bachelor of arts degree with high honors, and a master's degree in architecture and landscape at the University of Pennsylvania.

She was one of the first recipients of RISD's John R. Frazier Award for excellence in teaching, in 1986, and had also served as visiting faculty at Cornell and Harvard Universities.

She organized and chaired the national conference of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture at RISD in 1987, and was elected president of the national organization for 1989-1990.

She conceived and chaired other national and international conferences, most notably "About Time: Temporality in the Art and Architecture of the Landscape," in 1995. She won several architecture and landscape design competitions, and designed landscapes and buildings in Rhode Island, New York and Massachusetts.

Besides her husband and parents, she leaves a son, Berkman Woodbridge (Banuch) Frank of Providence.

A funeral service was held Oct. 4 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Ave., Providence. A memorial service is planned for late this month at Farm Hall in Wheeler School Farm, Seekonk, a building she designed. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.