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Madlyn Kahr

PROVIDENCE — Madlyn Kahr, 90, a professor and art historian, died Feb. 24. She was the wife of the late Dr. Sidney Kahr.

Born in Trenton, N.J., a daughter of the late Frank and Rose (Vine) Millner, she lived in New York City for many years before moving to Providence.

She was a 1933 graduate of Barnard College, where she was editor of the Barnard Bulletin, and received master's and doctorate degrees from the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University in 1966. She then worked as an assistant to Horace Kallem, a philosophy professor at the former New School for Social Research, and as a Chesterdale Fellow at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Mrs. Kahr was chair of the department of fine arts and professor of art history and criticism at the University of California, San Diego for several years, retiring in 1982.

She had previously been an assistant professor of art history at Manhattenville College and a visiting professor at Columbia University and Stanford University.

After retiring, she became a visiting professor of art history at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.

She published numerous scholarly papers and two books, "Velasquez: The Art of Painting," and "17th Century Dutch Painting."

Mrs. Kahr was a former member of the College Art Association and had served as president of the alumni association of the NYU Institute of Fine Arts.

She leaves two sons, Dr. Andrew S. Kahr of San Francisco and Paris, France, and Dr. Frank M. Kahr of Providence; three brothers, Irvin Millner of Pompano Beach, Fla., Dr. Bernard N. Millner of Wolfeboro, N.H., and Lawrence Millner of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and five grandchildren.