

COHEN, AARON

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COHEN, AARON of Pawtucket, 86, died Sunday, November 8, 2009, at the Miriam Hospital in Providence. Aaron was the beloved husband of Judith Weiss Cohen, who died in 1997; the cherished father of Jeremy, Stephen, and Deborah Cohen; and the brother of Morris Cohen (deceased) and Selma Cohen. He also is survived by four grandsons, Oryx, Abe, Miles, and Jonathan; a great-grand-daughter, Katiya; and his long-time companion, Ruth Rosen.



Aaron, a native of Philadelphia, attended Temple University and later transferred to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

and Brown University, where he studied meteorology as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. After serving in World War II, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Brown. He was elected to the Sigma Xi Honor Society and remained an active alumnus throughout his life.

He had a 40-year career as a textile executive, primarily with Cadillac Textiles in Cumberland, R.I., and played a leadership role in many activities in the community, including service as a past president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and as part of the planning for the Heritage Harbor multi-cultural museum project. For much of his life, he was an active tennis player. He continued to be active in the community and to take courses at Brown up until his death. In recent years he had written articles for the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes and other publications.

A memorial service will be held for Aaron at Temple Beth-El in Providence on Friday, November 13, at 10 a.m.