

COHEN,
Blanche

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BLANCHE COHEN, 77, of Dodge Street, a registered nurse at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Providence, died yesterday at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.

Miss Cohen was a registered nurse at the veterans' hospital for 26 years, retiring in 1979. She previously was a nurse at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston.

She was a Women's Army Corps veteran of World War II and Korea, serving as a nurse. She attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. She served in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve from 1955 to 1981.

She graduated from the Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing in 1945. She received a bachelor of science in nursing from Boston College in 1961. She also took courses in the master's degree program of the Boston University School of Nursing.

She was a member of the American Nurses Association, the Beth Israel Hospital Alumni Association and the Rhode Island State Nurses Association. She was a member of the Reserve Officers Association and the Retired Reserve Officers Association. She was a member of the National Association of Federal Employees and the American Legion.

In her retirement, she volunteered at several charitable medical organizations and traveled extensively.

She leaves many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. She was sister of the late Jack Cohen and Mollie Munroe.

Committal prayers will be offered today at 1:30 p.m. in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery Chapel, Exeter. Burial with full military honors will follow.