

Dr. David J. Cohen; was one of the first R.I. orthodontists

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Dr. David J. Cohen, 74, of 95-A Nipmuk Trail Rd., one of the first orthodontists in Rhode Island, who practiced at 193 Waterman St. for 29 years until retiring seven years ago, died Monday at Roger Williams General Hospital shortly after being admitted. He was the husband of Meta (Kaufman) Cohen.

Born in Taunton, Mass., he was a son of the late Samuel and Pifla Cohen. He had been a Providence resident most of his life until moving to North Providence 10 months ago.

Dr. Cohen received his D.D.S. degree from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the American Association of Orthodontists.

He was a Fellow in the Royal Society of Health in England. He was the orthodontist for the Emma Pendleton Hospital in East Providence for 10 years. He also served on the staff of the Samuel's Dental Clinic at Rhode Island Hospital, and was a volunteer at Miriam Hospital and the Heart Health Program at Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket.

During World War II he served as a major in the Army Dental Corps.

Dr. Cohen was a member of Temple Beth-El and the Temple's Mens Club. He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge 42, AF&AM, and was a 32nd degree Mason.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Susan Klibanoff of Concord, Mass., Dianne Gastfreund of Silver Spring, Md., and Betsy Hamel of Jamestown; a brother, Frank Cohen of Brookline, Mass.; two sisters, Pauline Sage of Miami, Fla., and Eve Lindauer of Northbrook, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was to be held today at 1:15 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was to be in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Providence.

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