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COHEN, GEORGE

George Cohen



OAKLAND, Calif. — George Cohen, born in Providence in 1921, died Aug. 18. He is survived by his children, Steven Cohen of



Brooklyn, N.Y.; Marji Caral of Columbus, Ohio; and Andrew

Cohen of Berkeley, Calif.; and his grandchildren, Mark Caral, Asher Cohen, and Elana Cohen.

He grew up in Providence and graduated from Central High School, and attended weekend classes at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) as a young boy. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps during World War II, and served in India, Egypt, Tunisia, and Italy with the 316th Fighter Squadron. When he returned from Army service, he again attended RISD, and received his B.F.A. in 1948. He married Lillian Brotkin of East Providence, and together they raised three children, and were married for 54 years until her death in 2001.

He had a long career as a commercial graphic artist and calligrapher. He spent the last 25 years of his working life as the art director of the Learning Resources Department at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he received emeritus status upon his retirement. After he retired, he moved to Oakland, Calif., to be near his son Andrew, and continued painting, reading and studying history.

Contributions may be made to the Rhode Island School of Design.