

Cranston

COHEN
SYDNEY

SYDNEY COHEN, 85, of 44 Knollwood Ave., a retired teacher, sports writer and newspaper editor, died Monday at Miriam Hospital, Providence.

He was the husband of Goldie (Soorkis) Cohen; they had been married for 50 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Robert Maurice and Sophie (Gabilowitz) Cohen, he had lived in Cranston for 44 years.

A 1936 graduate of Hope High School, he was a 1940 graduate of the former Rhode Island College of Education, now Rhode Island College.

Mr. Cohen had been a teacher at Chariho High School for 26 years before retiring, as head of the English department, 17 years ago. He also had been a sports writer, and editor of the former Rhode Island Jewish Herald, for 13 years.

An Army veteran of World War II, he retired from the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel. He was a member of the Reserve Officers Association and the Jewish War Veterans.

Active in alumni affairs, at RIC, he was a trustee of the Rhode Island College Foundation; a member and past secretary and president of the Alumni Association's executive board; a past honorary chairperson of the Alumni Fund; and the chairman, since 1989, of the Class of 1940. In 1993, he was named the Alumnus of the Year, and last year, he was named the Alumni Association Partner in Philanthropy, on National Philanthropy Day.

Mr. Cohen was a member of the SABR (Society for American Baseball Research), and had participated in the reenactment of the Blue and Gray Baseball Game on the 100th anniversary of Major League Baseball.

He was a lifelong New York Yankees fan, a member of the Olympic Club, at the Jewish Community Center, and a past commissioner of the Jewish Softball League.

Mr. Cohen had been a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, and its Men's Club and religious committee, and had run the temple Minyan services. He also was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, and in 1989, was inducted into the Rhode Island Jewish Hall of Fame.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Marsha Cohen of Cambridge, Mass., and Jody Alves of Warwick; a brother, David Cohen of Attleboro; a sister, Irma Silverman of Cranston; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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October 20, 2003. Residence: 44 Knollwood Ave., Cranston. Beloved husband of Goldie (Soorkis) Cohen. Devoted father of Marsha Cohen of Cambridge, Ma.; and Jody Alves and her husband James W. of Warwick. Dear brother of David Cohen of Attleboro; and Irma Silverman of Cranston. Loving grandfather of Isaac and Molly. Funeral service on Thursday at 11 a.m. in SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Alumni Fund, c/o Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Bldg. 10, Prov., R.I., 02908 or Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I., 02905. Shiva will be observed at his late residence Thursday 7-9 and Friday 2-4 p.m.