



Morton S. Cohen

August 8, 1936 - June 5, 2023

Mort Cohen passed away June 5, 2023, at the age of 86 after a brief but valiant battle with lymphoma. He and his wife, Roslyn, married in Denver in 1964 and enjoyed a wonderful life together for 59 years. In addition to his wife, Mort is survived by children Michelle Brennan (Terry) and David Cohen (Robin), and grandchildren Jared Brennan, Lilah Cohen, Dahlia Cohen, and Gabriel Cohen.

In 2017 Mort and Roslyn moved to Ashby Ponds, an Erickson Continuing Care Community in Ashburn. Mort often said this was the smartest decision they had ever made. He exercised regularly at the gym, loved to walk around the beautifully-landscaped grounds, fountains, and ponds, and was known in the Current Events discussion group as one of the members who always made well-thought-out contributions to discussions on any topic.

Mort retired from the military, attaining the rank of Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army, followed by an additional period of government service with the Defense Intelligence Agency. Remembered by friends and family as having a great sense of humor, often cynical, this cynicism helped him in his true love -- political cartooning. The political affiliations didn't matter to him. He loved picking out the 'stupidity' in what he thought our elected officials were doing. Along with his political doodling, he was a reader of biographies and history - a man always wanting to learn more. Even his ability to draw was something he developed on his own, never having taken an art class. His cartoons can

still be viewed on his website: Mortoons.com

Funeral services for Mort will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 8, 2023 at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church. Interment will follow at King David Memorial Gardens located at 7482 Lee Highway. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Mort's memory to the Temple Rodef Shalom Tzedakah Fund, Capital Caring Hospice in Loudoun, or the Ashby Ponds Benevolent Care Fund.

Cemetery Details

King David Memorial Gardens

7400 Lee Highway
Falls Church, VA 22046

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Temple Rodef Shalom
2100 Westmoreland St.
Falls Church, VA 22043

Graveside Service

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

King David Memorial Gardens
7400 Lee Highway
Falls Church, VA 22046

Tribute Wall

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“ I was thinking about Mort a few days ago as I met a cartoonist and I wanted to introduce them. Searching online, I found his obituary, and I am so very sorry to learn about his passing.

Roslyn, if this note reaches you, please accept my sincere condolences. Mort was so much fun - with his winning smile and wit, and of course, his outstanding talent creating mortoons.

How are you doing? I hope things are good in Ashburn at the senior living place Mort liked so much! I was glad to read that you have 4 grandchildren which must be a source of joy. We have 2 grandsons, both wonderful!

*All my best,
Robbie (Circle Studio)*

Robbie Namy - March 16 at 06:03 PM

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“ Colonel Cohen was my mentor when we both served at the Pentagon in the early 80s. At some point in his military career he was criticized for his poor writing skills. He took this criticism seriously and became a master writer. He was particularly good at reducing a wordy document to only a few paragraphs. I learned a lot from him about professionalism and leadership. I miss his sense of humor, which was constantly on display. My condolences go to his family. LTC Steve Shanahan, USA Retired.

Steve Shanahan - April 22, 2025 at 09:54 PM

JG

“ Memorial

Not uncommon, but always surprised that a few paragraphs sum up a persons life. You miss his essence... the twinkle in his eye when he has a thought he is about to share with you, a very controlled and patient look when he is intently listening to you speak... or often the gentleness when he spoke to Ros in her ear quietly, and his patience... he was so very patient.

His past is complete now, nothing more will be added to his story, he is the sum of his days.... and we are so honored that he shared some of those days with us.

The best moments in time come from the people you share them with..I'm so lucky that Mort shared his gift with me. I will truly miss him.

 janet

Janet Gordon - June 08, 2023 at 10:34 AM