



Sydney Morris Cohen

January 17, 1924 - April 18, 2012

Colonel, USAFR(Retired)

Sydney M. Cohen, 88, a retired Air Force Reserve Colonel and an engineer died of natural causes on April 18, 2012 at Greenspring Village. Colonel Cohen lived in Springfield, VA since 1966. He was a native of Allentown, Pennsylvania and a graduate of Lehigh University where he received a B.S. in Industrial Engineering in 1947. He served in the 104th (Timberwolf) Infantry Division in Europe during World War II. After graduating from college, he received a direct commission in the USAFR from which he retired as a Colonel in 1980 with over 36 years of active and reserve military service. His military decorations include the combat Infantryman's Badge, the Silver Star, two awards of the Bronze Star Medal (one with a "V" for valor), two Purple Hearts and Meritorious Service Medal. Colonel Cohen worked as an engineer in industry and in the Department of Defense for the Army and the Air Force. His last 9 years of Government service were in Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon. He then worked 11 years for McLaughlin Research Corporation in Alexandria. He was a Registered Professional Engineer in the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware. He was a Mason and a member of the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, Air Force Association, Reserve Officers Association and the Military Officers Association of America.

His wife of 48 years, Harriet K. Cohen died in 2005. Survivors include his son,

Alan, of Durham, North Carolina; his daughter, Nancy Cohen, of San Diego, California; and 2 grandchildren, Hannah and Zach Cohen. Colonel Cohen was a regular blood donor who gave over 19 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project, at www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Sydney Morris Cohen*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ *Syd was a member of the Fort Belvoir Jewish Congregation for many years. He will be missed by our congregants, particularly on our Armed Forces Sabbath and Memorial Day Sabbath when he appeared still able to wear his Air Force uniform.*

July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Syd was an active and distinguished member of Robert L. Cohen Post 589, JWV of the USA. Post 589 had many members cited for bravery and valor but Syd exceeded them all. He is undoubtedly the only colonel in the Air Force who earned a Combat Infantryman's Badge. May he find the peace he so well deserves. Semper Fidelis, Syd Bill Sager, Past Post Commander, JWV Post 589*

July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Sid, I enjoyed our time together with the Jewish War Veterans. And liked your pop ins at my real estate office on Franconia Road when you were out running. Was so sorry to hear about Harriet's passing several years ago. Thank you so much for your service to our country. I know your family must be very proud of you. Brother-in-Arms, Bob Sherman Vietnam, 1968-69 Marble Mountain, DaNang US Army 1967-69

June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Hey, Syd, keep on treaking. You were always faster than I was! Phil Reiss

May 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I will turn home at last once more Knowing that a true soldier's rest Once earned is sweet His peace complete Who gave until the last his best

May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM