



David Franklin Cohen

September 12, 1934 - October 20, 2020

David F. Cohen, 86, Passed away peacefully Tuesday, October 20th at North Florida Regional Medical Center. The ultimate sports and gator fan, He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Donna, His beloved children, Gregg Cohen(Amy), Heidi Cohen Brugliera (Gary), Grandchildren, Jessica and Billy and their significant others Sam and Lindsey, his former wife and good friend, Marilyn Miller, his sisters in law Roz and Linda, his brother in law, Scott Pauquette (CINDY), their children Jeremy (Charlie) Jonathan (Cat and daughter Lili), Aimee and Amanda and several nieces, nephews, and their children and mostly his beloved bichon Coco and Cami and granddog Polo.

A graduate of Syracuse University, he then worked in his Family's business (THE FASHION SHOP) OF 14 women's clothing stores in upstate New York and Vermont before moving to Florida in 1979. He then opened several women's discount clothing stores throughout Florida and North Carolina (The precursor to outlet malls)and after selling them he became a very successful realtor for 25 years his quick wit and comebacks and his innate love of people an integral part of his success. A 6-time marathoner (his first one at 60) he then segued into 5 days a week spin class at GHFC having the distinction of being the spin class darling as well as the oldest ones in the class!!!! In his very short retirement years, he became a volunteer at the UF Small Animal Hospital and then the Alachua County Humane Society.

A small graveside service will be held at B'nai Israel Cemetery on Friday, October 23rd at 2:00 p.m. and for those who wish, the zoom link is as follows; meeting ID 893 9579 7287 Passcode 1818

Avid animal lover, please make any donations to the ALACHUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY 4205 NW 6th street Gainesville, Florida 32609.

Cemetery

Events

B'nai Israel Cemetery

corner of E. University and Waldo Road
Gainesville, FL,

OCT 23 Graveside

02:00PM

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Comments



“ Hi- David and I were in the same class from Broad Street School to jr high in Glens Falls until I moved away. whenever my mother and I visited GF and went to the Fashion Shop, he and I would have a long talk.His birthday is Sept 12 the day before mine.I always think of David on the 12th.very nice guy Happy to read about his enjoyable life and his contributions .Peace to you David.Sue Whan Rochester NY

Sue Whan - November 01, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ It was 1998. New to Florida, I was race walking through Haile Village when a mustard-colored Mercedes pulled up beside me, window rolled down. "You're race walking," a voice said. Thus began twelve years of weekly Saturday morning walks, even after David became a bionic man (two titanium knees). There were many local road races, a couple of marathons (he did six),the after-walk trips to the Waffle House for breakfast, and mainly the deep friendship and great good humor of a fine man. A fine friend.

John Rogers - October 27, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ We got to know David when Heidi married Gary. We loved David's feisty personality and spirit for life! He will be sorely missed - truly someone who lived life to the fullest. Our sympathies to the entire family for the loss of an unforgettable person.

Roberta Cleary - October 26, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ David was a close family friend throughout my childhood, practically an uncle to me. I will always remember his great sense of humor. David would create laughter wherever he went, which is truly a gift. I even still use some of his one-liners, and remember him when I do. He was always a kind, fun and positive person to be around and he will be truly missed.

Michael Liquori - October 23, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ Michael Liquori is following this tribute.

Michael Liquori - October 23, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ I met David and Donna at the FTC runs some years ago. They were so kind to my son and I. I will forever miss his smile at the UF Veterinary building where I last saw him. I am sure he is in heaven telling a joke and flashing that great smile. Condolences to you Donna and the entire family as well as all of our Florida Track Club friends.

Kay Anne Garrison - October 23, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ I first meet David in Glens Falls at the Fashion Shop bought all my clothes there. Sorry for the loss of a GREAT Guy!

Delia - October 23, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ I first met David in Glen Falls, NY where Hal and I were training during the summer. David was an avid runner. He put his heart and soul into it! And, as I learned later, he put His heart and soul into everything and everybody that he loved. The expression “ still waters run deep “ fits David to a tee!
Rest In Peace, my friend. Bobbi Rothman

Bobbi Rothman - October 23, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Franklin Cohen.



October 22, 2020 at 02:54 PM