



Philip S. Cohen

December 31, 1930 - May 3, 2019

Philip Saul Cohen Obituary

Surrounded by his cherished and beloved family, Philip Saul Cohen passed away peacefully at home on May 3rd, 2019 at the age of 88. Phil is best remembered for his perpetual smile, his thoughtfulness and his generosity. A native and life-long resident of Cincinnati, Phil was born on December 31, 1930, the son of Phil and Katherine Cohen. Phil was a graduate of Hughes High School, Miami University, and obtained his MBA from Xavier University. He subsequently joined the US Navy and was stationed in Bermuda and Norfolk, VA. While serving in the Navy, he married the love of his life, Lois Michelman in 1955. Shortly thereafter, in 1957, Phil joined his father-in-law's chemical business, Michelman Inc., initially founded by Joseph Michelman in 1949. After Phil's brother-in-law, John Michelman, joined the company in 1965, the two families combined Phil's sharp business acumen with John's chemical expertise to turn a locally-owned family business into an international company with offices around the world. Although Phil worked hard in the business for over forty years, his number one priority in life was always his relationship with his wife, Lois, and dedication to his family. Together, Phil and Lois raised four children, 10 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. They shared a love of travel, visiting over 98 countries on family adventures – biking and hiking - well into their eighties. Philanthropy

remained important to Phil throughout his life. Along with his wife, they founded the Freeda Kay House to serve domestic abuse survivors and their children. Phil also shared his passion for cycling by donating hundreds of bicycles to numerous organizations over the years. In addition to his dedication to his family, his work, and philanthropic endeavors, Phil will be remembered most for the kindness and warmth he shared with everyone he encountered. Phil walked through the world with joy and grace, smiling until the very end. In addition to his wife, Phil is survived by his children, Lindy Holt, Julie (Steve) Shifman, Flip (Sheila) Cohen, and Margie Cohen (Barb Brueggemann); his grandchildren, Patrick (Cynthia) Holt, Katie (Dustin) Dishman, Megan (Jesse) Kramarz, Jay (Lauren) Shifman, Jake Shifman (Laura Houston), Alex Shifman, Ari Shifman, Nikki Cohen, Mathew Cohen, Caroline Cohen, and Quinn (Tim) Rose; and his great-grandchildren, Logan Holt, Maya Holt, Lilah Dishman, Lincoln Dishman, Cooper Kramarz, and Killian Kramarz. He is also survived by his brother Al (Ann) Cohen, brother-in-law John (Roberta) Michelman, sister-in-law Josephine Rosenblum, and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of Phil's rich and rewarding life will be held on May 6, 2019 at the Weil Funeral Home (8350 Cornell Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45249); visitation will be from 9-10 a.m., with celebration of life service to follow at 10 a.m. Friends and family will be welcome at the Cohen home in Cincinnati, Monday or Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be given to the Freeda Kay House in care of Talbert House (2600 victory parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45206).

Tribute Wall

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“ *Phil was a mensch of the highest caliber. Always insisted I call him "Phil" rather than Mr Cohen. He will be missed by all who knew him and benefited from his kindness and generosity.*

Rob Festenstein - May 06, 2019 at 12:47 PM

JO

“ *I will miss your wonderful spirit of adventure and beautiful smile. I feel honored to have known you if only for a short time.*

Joanne - May 06, 2019 at 10:14 AM

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“ *In my 40+ years in the chemical industry, there are less than five people who were deserving of the term "mensch". Phil was one of them. He cared about people and that was his trademark. He will be sorely missed by those who cared about him. Clara and I will always remember him for his kindnesses.*

Mr & Mrs. Seymour Broad - May 05, 2019 at 03:20 PM

JJ

“ *Lindy and family,
May you find comfort in memories, and the remembrance of a truly remarkable man with the most warm and welcoming smile.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
With love,
Jeff and Sarah Janeiro*

Jeff and Sarah Janeiro - May 04, 2019 at 04:40 PM

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“ *It was a pleasure to work with and know Phil over the years. I'll always remember his smile! He will be greatly missed.* ”

Vikki Lewis - May 04, 2019 at 12:05 PM