

COHEN – Lewis S.

“Lewis Cohen – President of I.B. Cohen Inc. of New Rochelle, N.Y. passes away at age 88”

Lewis Cohen, President of I.B. Cohen Inc. of New Rochelle N.Y., passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 22nd in Hollywood, FL from Covid-19 complications. Mr. Cohen is survived by his wife, Maryce, his daughter, Lauren Dignam (Peter), his grandsons, Jack, Cole and Sam, and his son Richard. In addition, he is survived by his two sisters – Sandra Bloch and Diana Chudnoff of New Jersey, as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and lifelong friends. Lewis Cohen was the son of the late Nathan and Eunice Cohen of New Rochelle, N.Y.

As the third generation to own and operate the I.B. Cohen store at 525 Main Street, one of Westchester County’s oldest family businesses – at 130 years, Mr. Cohen continued the legacy created by his grandfather, I.B. Cohen, who, with his wife, Ada, established the New Rochelle phase of his business in 1890.

Lewis Cohen was educated in New Rochelle schools and graduated from the University of Illinois where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. Following his college years, Mr. Cohen served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force in the 1950’s and was stationed in England and Karachi, Pakistan when a collective security alliance was then in existence. Mr. Cohen’s Air Force service in Pakistan made a strong impression on him for the rest of his life.

No history of the I.B. Cohen store per se can be written without alluding to its cache as a luxurious emporium of immense size where only the finest merchandise and premier product lines were offered for sale. The wide array of clothing options attracted clientele that included - Yankee icon, Lou Gehrig, William and Page Black of the Chock Full of Nuts Coffee company and even, actor, Jimmy Stewart.

A private funeral service will be held from Mt. Eden Cemetery on Friday May 1, 2020. A memorial and celebration of life will be announced and held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are welcome and may be given to the Alzheimer’s Association .

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(Family pictures follow below)











