



## LAWRENCE S. COHEN, M.D.

October 10, 1935 - September 27, 2017

Lawrence S. Cohen M.D. passed away peacefully on September 27 at the age of 81 in Leawood, Kansas. Born and raised in Irvington, New Jersey, along with his twin sister Marilyn, by Ellis and Louise Cohen, Larry graduated from Rutgers University and earned a medical degree at New York Medical College. Growing up in a humble home with modest means, he worked his way through college and medical school holding a wide variety of part-time jobs. He was very proud to declare that he was likely one of the few, if not the only cardiologist, who was also a Longshoreman and Teamster.

While working at Metropolitan Hospital in New York during medical school, Larry met his wife to be, Helen Gruber. Despite his acerbic wit and sometimes sarcastic nature that scared her away at first, he won Helen over and they married in 1961. Over the next several years, his medical career took them to Illinois, Massachusetts, Vermont, West Virginia – where he served as a naval doctor and achieved the rank of Lt. Commander, Washington D.C. at the National Institute of Health and then Miami Beach, Florida. He and Helen became proud parents of four children, who were born in three different states. After eight years in Miami Beach, Larry and Helen once again pulled up stakes and moved to Kansas City, where they would remain after such a peripatetic beginning. In Kansas City, Larry became Chief of Cardiology at Menorah Medical Center while also establishing his private practice that he maintained until this year.

In 1997, he lost his beloved wife Helen to cancer, but Larry found a new life partner, and married Donna Gould in 1999. Larry and Donna traveled extensively, including regular excursions to Europe and Asia.

As the son of a truck mechanic, Larry developed an interest in automobiles from a very young age. In addition to tinkering with the regular family cars, Larry found and completely restored a 1960 Jaguar to mint condition, literally picking it up off the junk heap. Few friends and family were immune to his interest in cars, which frequently manifested itself in his offers to change the oil in their cars. He most often could be found on a weekend with car grease under his fingernails and oil stains on his surgical scrubs.

Larry was also a connoisseur of fine wine and clothing. He built his own wine cellar in the basement of their Mission Hills home, and filled it with first growth Bordeaux and Grand Cru Burgundy. On his travels around the world, he would seek out clothing stores that

carried his favored Zegna suits, and he welcomed the chance to acquire custom-made clothing.

Larry is survived by his his wife, Donna Gould Cohen, four children, Adam, Jonathan, David and Sarah Cohen, daughters-in-law Roxanne Cohen and Walkie Rosenzweig, and six grandchildren, Rachel, Jesse, Jacob, Helena, Reuben and Harlan.

Funeral service will be 10:00am Friday, September 29, 2017 at Congregation Beth Torah, 6100 W. 127th Street, Overland Park, KS 66209. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, the American Heart Association or the charity of your choice.

# Events

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**SEP** **Funeral** 10:00AM

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Congregation Beth Torah

6100 W. 127th Street, Overland Park, KS, US

**OCT** **Shiva** 03:00PM

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at home of Donna Gould Cohen. Please call funeral home for additional information.

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**OCT** **Shiva** 07:00PM

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# Comments

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“ We have just learned of Larry's passing. Both Larry and Helen have been two of the most important and influential people in our lives. We give thanks for the life they shared with us as well as all of their support over the many years we knew them. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with their entire family.

Carol and Bill Hudson

**Carol Hudson** - October 01, 2017 at 10:52 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I fondly remember the time we spent together in Jerusalem. שלא תדע עוד צער My deep condolences!  
Your forever friend  
Carol

**Carol Edan** - October 01, 2017 at 01:14 AM

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“ Donna, I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sylvia Augustus

**Sylvia Augustus** - September 30, 2017 at 07:29 AM

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“ Donna, so sorry for your loss. Prayers go out to you and your family during this sad time.

Barbara & David Isaacson

**Barbara Isaacson** - September 29, 2017 at 10:47 PM

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“ I am so sad to hear that he is gone. As a young kid I spent many days with the Cohen family. What I remember and can never seem to forget, is when he told me I had great ears. For a girl who thought little of herself, it is the best compliment I have ever had in my entire life. He was so kind and his family is wonderful. My thoughts are with you.

**Michelle Hudon** - September 29, 2017 at 10:34 PM

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“ Donna,  
I hope your memories will bring you comfort and sustain you in the difficult days,  
weeks and months ahead. Thinking of you....  
Linda Cohen

**linda cohen** - September 29, 2017 at 04:36 PM

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“ Many years ago, I had the pleasure of spending some time with Larry. My life was in  
great upheaval at the time and he showed me kindness and a generosity of spirit that  
helped me greatly through that troubled time.  
Although I hadn't seen Larry for a long time, I often thought of him with warm  
feelings.  
My condolences to members of his family.  
May he rest in peace.  
Walt Rabinoff

**Walt Rabinoff** - September 29, 2017 at 01:54 PM

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**Roxanne Drucker** - September 28, 2017 at 06:12 PM

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**Roxanne Drucker** - September 28, 2017 at 06:08 PM

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“ Donna,

So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Sue Stonefield

**Sue Stonefield** - September 28, 2017 at 03:43 PM

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“ Donna, my heart aches for you and your family. Sending love and my sincerest condolences. Hanie Langner

**hanie langner** - September 27, 2017 at 10:52 PM