



Mrs. Terese Davis Cohen

December 1, 2018

Terese Ann Davis Cohen died on Saturday, December 1, 2018. She was 91 years old. Terese died the way she lived, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and caregivers. She joins her beloved husband, friend and business partner, Norman P. “Buddy” Cohen, who preceded her in death in 2001 after 53 years of marriage.

Terese was born on May 26, 1927. With the exception of college in St. Louis and Tallahassee and a few years in Tifton as a young wife and mother, she lived almost her entire life in Albany, though she was exceedingly well-traveled.

She grew up in a large two-story house on Oglethorpe Boulevard with her parents and sister and a large extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins. A well-manicured exterior belied the quirkiness of the house’s interior and the idiosyncrasies of its residents. In addition to two staircases in the front and back of the house, a birdcage elevator ferried people between floors, and secret passageways are rumored to have been hiding places for confederate soldiers. Terese’s uncles Adolph and Ike brought live theater and then “talkies” to Albany, and in Terese’s youth it was not uncommon to drive pass the house in the wee hours of the morning to find the lights on and the house abuzz with activity after the theaters closed for the evening.

When Terese was 13, Lillian and Irving Cohen moved to Albany with their 16-year-old son Norman Phillip, who everyone called Buddy. He caught Terese’s eye, but she did not catch his for several more years. In between, while the

country was involved in World War II, she enjoyed dances at the USO and flirtations with RAF officers, while Buddy was stationed in Iceland. With his mother's encouragement, Terese started a letter-writing campaign to win Buddy's heart, which was successful, and not long after his return they were wed. Thus began a lifelong partnership as husband and wife, parents, successful business owners and civic and congregational leaders. The fruits of their labors are born out in their children, their five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; the founding of the nearly 60-year-old family shoe business, The Shoe Box; and the continued growth and evolution of Temple B'nai Israel, the Jewish congregation to which they were dedicated and which they loved.

With her death, Terese is the last of a loving and tenacious group of women who enjoyed life and entered death on their own terms. She is survived by her three daughters: Marsha Mathis (Jim) of Roswell, GA; Debbie Mulford (Bob) of Albany, GA; and Edie Cohen of Albany, GA; her five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren: Marty, Andrea, Marcela and Noah Mulford of Nashville, TN; Ned, Melanie and Carter Mathis of Roswell, GA; Jason, Kim and Turner Mulford and Anna and Addyson Johnson of Albany, GA; Rachel, Ryan, Nathan and Aaron Palazzo of Alpharetta, GA; and Michael, Katarina and Hala Mulford of Albany, GA. She is also survived by her caregiver and long-time companion Minnie Glover, as well as Vivian Whitehead and Gloria Seay, also beloved caregivers. And last but not least, she leaves behind her best friend and animal companion, Mimi. She lives in the lives of all she touched. May her memory be for a blessing.

To honor Terese's life, the family has requested that donations be made to the Temple B'nai Israel "Turkey Drive," P.O. Box 72151, Albany, GA, 31708; and Phoebe Hospice and Wilson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Lane, Albany, GA, 31707.

Service will be graveside at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at Riverside Cemetery. Rabbi Dana Kaplan will officiate.

The family will be gathering at the home of Debbie and Bob Mulford.

To share your thoughts with the Cohen family, you may visit our website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Terese Davis Cohen*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Terese Davis Cohen*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I'm deeply sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Cohen. My prayers are with the family.*

Georgia Temples - December 05, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ *To The Family Of Mrs. C
I will always cherish her. She taught me so much. I will always be thankful for that! I shared so many wonderful times with her and all of you! She will always be in my heart! Mark and I send our love and prayers to all of you.
Nancy Franklin*

Namcy Franklin - December 03, 2018 at 11:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Terese Davis Cohen.*



December 03, 2018 at 05:38 PM

JB

“ *What an amazing lady! Her memory will endure in our hearts and minds forever! We send the family much love, hugs and prayers. Much love, Janie and Bruce Bitterman*

Janie & Bruce Bitterman - December 03, 2018 at 12:02 PM

AW

“ *Terese has always been a VERY lovely lady-someone I cared about & always enjoyed being with. anne wilson*

anne wilson - December 03, 2018 at 11:49 AM

PM

“ *My sympathy to each member of the Cohen family. Teresa was a great lady. I know you will miss her so.*

Patsy Martin - December 03, 2018 at 11:37 AM

SS

“ *A truly remarkable lady and a great public servant who dedicated her life to helping others in our local communities. Albany Advocacy Center was privileged to have had Mrs Cohen serve on our Board of Directors and Advisory Council for many years. She will be truly missed..... Sonny Slate, Executive Director*

Sonny Slate - December 03, 2018 at 09:14 AM

DS

“ *Edie and Debbie, So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie TenHagen Sutton*

Debbie Sutton - December 03, 2018 at 08:31 AM

BG

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Cohen were my favorite "downtown" customers in the 1970s. I will always remember Mrs. Cohen telling me of her visit to Tanner-Deen to buy a new car. It was the only time I ever saw her hopping mad. Both she and Mr. Cohen helped me when there were rough patches between me and the merchants on Broad or Washington. I will always treasure their memories.*

Bruce Garey

Albany Herald 1971-1982

Bruce Garey - December 03, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ *Gigi was a wonderful friend. I enjoyed knowing her so much, always so much fun. She left me smiling, laughing and so glad to have been in her presence for the time we shared. I will miss her so much. I love you Gigi and will see you again someday!! Betty Pickren*

Betty Pickren - December 02, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Terese Davis Cohen.*



December 02, 2018 at 08:00 PM

NR

“ *I shared so many wonderful times with Terese on the Albany ARC Board and enjoyed the many times I transported her to board meetings. I will truly miss her.*

Nancy Reimer

Nancy Reimer - December 02, 2018 at 07:09 PM

SP

Prayers to All The Cohen family. She was a Beautiful Person in many ways...A Great Role Model to follow...Sylvia Phillips

Sylvia Phillips - December 08, 2018 at 09:25 AM