



Robert E. Cohn

September 28, 1924 - November 10, 2012

COHN. Robert E.

Robert E. (Bud) Cohn, 88, beloved husband of Sherry Banks-Cohn, of Bloomfield, died suddenly Saturday, November 10, 2012, at Hartford Hospital. Born in Springfield, MA, the son of the late Frederic and Esther (Berkman) Cohn, he made his home in Bloomfield for over 60 years. After attending Classical High School in Springfield, he joined the Army Air Forces during World War II. Following his service, he attended West Point and then graduated from Amherst College with the assistance of the GI Bill. With an eye toward social justice, he entered Columbia Law School. As a young lawyer at the Hartford firm of Pelgrift, Dodd, Blumenfeld & Nair, he assisted Thomas Dodd in reparation cases following the Nuremberg Trials. Bud co-founded the law office Cohn & Birnbaum, PC, in 1976, working there until his retirement in 1994. He combined a broad understanding of the law with a terrific business sense, but the feature that most marked his work as an attorney was his unceasing compassion. These qualities made him not only a trusted advisor to his clients, but an esteemed mentor to the young lawyers in his firm. He served for many years as chairman of the board of the Hebrew Home and Hospital. He was on the board of directors of Guida-Seibert Dairy up until its sale in 2012. Bud was also chairman of the board of Mt. Sinai Hospital and was instrumental in facilitating its merger with St. Francis Hospital. Bud loved outdoor activities, especially skiing in his beloved second home of Stowe, VT—a pursuit he reluctantly abandoned only two years ago,

at age 86. He also enjoyed tennis and sailing, and late in life became an avid golfer, playing as often as possible with a treasured group of friends. He also enjoyed a good game of bridge and a day at the race track, where he would occasionally pick a winning horse. In his retirement, Bud spent much of his time visiting the world's great destinations with his wife; when he'd return, he'd relive the experience through the beautiful landscapes and street scenes he painted. He reveled in the time spent with his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his son Frederic Cohn and his partner Robert Bowe of New York, NY; his son William Cohn and his wife Susan Dahl of Lexington, MA; his son Jonathan Cohn and his wife Lynda of Farmington; his stepdaughter Wendy Steiner and her husband Steven Schwartz of New York, NY; his stepson Bradford Steiner and his wife Karin Raye of Newton, MA; and his grandchildren Maxwell, Charlotte, Emma, Benjamin, Eric, Julia, Zachary and Samuel. He was predeceased by his brother, Herbert Cohn, a fighter pilot who was lost at sea during the North African campaign in World War II. The funeral will be held Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 11:00 a.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Burial will be private. Well-wishers may visit the family at Bud's home immediately following the funeral, until 8 p.m.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV **13**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Dear Sherry,
Your friends at French Cleaners continue to think of you and keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We are dearly sorry for your loss of your wonderful husband, Bud.
Phil Cote and staff

L. Philip Cote - November 20, 2012 at 02:23 PM

EU

“ Dear Sherry and family,

Please accept our deepest sympathy upon the loss of your beloved Bud.
We are thinking of you.

Ellie & Len Udolf

Ellie Udolf - November 16, 2012 at 03:13 PM

GW

“ Please accept our condolences from his distant Hertzmark (Abner/Elliott) cousins.
We are grateful we had a chance to meet and talk with him at Uncle Elliott's 90th birthday party. He left a lasting impression on all that knew him and his influence will be felt for many generations through his art and his work on behalf of humankind.
Gail Hertzmark Wohl and family.

Gail Hertzmark Wohl - November 15, 2012 at 06:04 PM

JV

“ To Lynda and Jon, Max, Ben and Julia... to Sherry and the entire Cohn Family...

We are so saddened by and sorry for your loss. What a beautiful tribute you gave to Bud, as each of you shared how much he meant to each and every one of you. He was as blessed to have all of you in his life as you were to have him. Thinking of you and keeping you all in our prayers now and in the days and weeks to come.

*Always,
Jane, Jim, Ben and Lisa Vallee*

Jane, Jim, Ben and Lisa Vallee - November 15, 2012 at 03:46 PM

KL

“ To The Cohn Family,

We at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course would like to express our sincerest condolences for your loss. It was a pleasure to have shared Bud's passion for golf with him. He was always the perfect gentleman and a true joy to be around. Bud was always thoughtful and had nothing, but kind words for everyone at our course. His absence will be a genuine loss at the club.

The entire staff at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course

Kevin Laing - November 12, 2012 at 07:15 PM

NL

“ Dear Sherry,
I am so sorry for your loss. Bud was a sweet person, full of energy, your inspiration and the love of your life. My heart goes out to you and your family.

Nelly

Nelly Lugo-Larcheveque - November 12, 2012 at 05:04 PM

LT

“ *Len and I were so sorry to learn of your loss. You were blessed with so many years of his wonderful presence that we hope you can draw comfort from the wealth of memories that he left for you.*
Len and Susan Tsantiris

Len and Susan Tsantiris - November 12, 2012 at 04:23 PM

DB

“ *Dear Sherry and Family,*

On behalf of the entire Kingswood Oxford community, I extend Monica's and my heartfelt and sincere condolences for your loss of Bud, a remarkable and wonderful human being indeed. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Monica and Dennis Bisgaard

Dennis Bisgaard - November 12, 2012 at 03:47 PM

AV

“ *Jon & Family*

Our sincere condolences for your loss. Please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

*The Vaughn family
Antony, Laura, Michaela, Ella*

Antony Vaughn - November 12, 2012 at 07:08 AM



“ *Jon and family,*

We were saddened to learn of the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May memories keep his spirit alive and help you get through this difficult time. If there is anything we can do to help, please let us know.

Mark, Sue and Anna Manser

Susan Manser - November 11, 2012 at 06:49 PM



Sherry so sorry for your loss My thoughts are with you. Nancy Nassau

Nancy Nassau - November 13, 2012 at 05:38 PM