

## **Neil P. Cohen**

Neil P. Cohen, PhD, retired Foreign Service Officer with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), died October 9, 2024, in Gainesville, Florida. Dr. Cohen was born March 9, 1945, in Brooklyn, New York. He received a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a PhD in development economics from the University of Wisconsin. He February 2025 • DACOR Bulletin 31 taught at Eastern Michigan University and St. Louis University. His first international stint was teaching economics at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria, He accepted a Fulbright teaching fellowship in Kathmandu, Nepal, and moved to Arusha, Tanzania, with Development Alternatives. He joined USAID as an economist in 1980. Dr. Cohen's overseas posts included Mbabane, Swaziland (now eSwatini); Colombo, Sri Lanka; Kathmandu, Nepal; Nairobi, Kenya; and Pretoria, South Africa. He retired from USAID as an officer in 2000 but continued with USAID as part of President Bush's program to combat AIDS in Africa. In 2006, Dr. Cohen moved to Gainesville, Florida. He continued short assignments abroad to Afghanistan, Yemen, and Cambodia. He was a runner and a biker, racing for pleasure and good causes. He was a proud Rotarian and Fulbright board member. Dr. Cohen was predeceased by his brother Jeff and beloved second son Richard. He is survived by his wife Jan, son Matthew, daughter Leah and grandchildren Sawyer, Grady, and Calyra.