



## Jack Y. Kochen

August 31, 2000

Jack Y. Kochen, a long-time resident of Chester, Maryland passed away on August 31, 2000 at the Chesapeake Hospice from complications associated with Alzheimer's Disease. He was 87.

The son of Russian immigrants, Mr. Kochen enlisted in the Navy in 1932 at the age of nineteen and served as the official Russian interpreter aboard the U.S.S. Augusta in its visit to Vladivostok following the initial U.S. recognition of the Soviet Union in 1933. During the 30's, he was on the Yangtze Patrol aboard the U.S. Gunboat Luzon, a sister ship of the U.S.S. Panay, which was sunk in a Japanese aerial attack in 1937. One of the last men off Corregidor in 1942, he was evacuated by submarine to Australia. He was awarded the bronze star for his duty on Corregidor. He spent the remainder of the war with Naval Intelligence decoding Japanese Naval traffic.

Retired from the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1962, Mr. Kochen continued to work in intelligence at the National Security Agency until his final retirement in 1974 after 42 years of combined military and civilian service. In 1948 he married Marion Chatterton, who also served in the Navy as a nurse from 1940 to 1949 and as a public health nurse thereafter.

She survives him as does a son, Jackson Kochen, of Ellicott City, and a daughter, Michelle Christensen of Alexandria, Virginia.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Christopher's Catholic Church, in Chester, MD on September 5, 2000 at 9:30AM, followed by interment at Crownsville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Dept. of Aging in Centreville, MD.

# Tribute Wall



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