Leo Cohen Memorial Service

Memorial services for Leo Cohen, professor of economics at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and an expert on governmental financing and taxation, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the University Religious Center.

Mr. Cohen, 57 years old, died at his home in Glen Carbon near the school campus Sunday after a lengthy illness.

Except for one year’s service as head of the office of financial affairs with the Illinois Department of Local Government Affairs, Mr. Cohen had been with SIU since 1969. He also served as director of the university’s Center for Urban and Environmental Research and Services.

Mr. Cohen attended Drake University and obtained master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles.

He wrote extensively on tax reform, and served on former Illinois Gov. Richard Ogilvie’s Task Force on School Finances and on the Illinois Superintendent of Public Instruction’s Advisory Committee on School Finances. He was a member of the Collinsville community Unit Board of Education for five years until 1972.

Mr. Cohen was born in Duluth, Minn.

Surviving are his wife, Norma; two daughters, Misses Judy Cohen of Riverside, Calif., and Susan Cohen of Champaign, Ill.; and three brothers, Nathan Owen of Minneapolis; George Cowan of Duluth, and Edward Cohen of Los Angeles.

Obituary for Leo Cohen (Aged 57)

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