



## Mr. Henry J. "Hank" Mayhall

August 23, 1923 - March 27, 2019

Henry J. "Hank" Mayhall, 95 of Ballwin, Missouri, passed away, Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at St. Lukes Hospital.

A celebration of life memorial gathering will be held at 11:00 am Saturday April 6th at Bellerive Gardens Cemetery Mausoleum, Visitation from 10-11 am 740 North Mason Road, St. Louis, MO 63141.

Hank was born August 23, 1923 in Chautauqua, Illinois to James Henry and Laura (Brown) Mayhall. He joined the Navy in 1942 and transitioned to the Army's 88th infantry, serving as an advance Scout. He was a POW, twice escaping before being liberated by the Allies in 1945. He married the former Mary Alyce Shellabarger of Davenport, Iowa on February 7, 1947. Hank was employed in the women's shoe industry his entire career, traveling domestically and internationally in the production of stylish, high-quality ladies shoes. He very much enjoyed his work and continued it well into his 70's.

Hank is survived by his two sons, Henry J. Mayhall III of Manchester, Missouri, and Richard A. Mayhall of Kirkwood, Missouri, three grandchildren: Henry J. Mayhall IV of Houston, Texas, Taylor A. Mayhall of Rockville, Maryland, and David G. Mayhall of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Alyce in 2003.

Memorial contributions to the Diabetes Foundation.

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“ I am Hank's great niece. His brother James was my grandpa. My mother, Marvel Mayhall Walker, remained close to him all these years. He visited her in Arkansas several times, and always brought her a pair of shoes because her feet were difficult to fit. I moved her in with me in Granite City in October 2017. She wanted to go visit him, and we had that planned for this past Spring, but sadly, she passed away November 5, 2018. I was sorry I didn't learn about Uncle Hank's passing until now. I know Mom would have liked me to attend in her name. She loved him very much.

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“ I met Hank when his wife was in Missouri Baptist Hospital. I was her nurse. I kept in contact with Alyce until her passing. Then, I took Hank to his doctors appointments for several years. He was like one of my family members attending birthday parties, family dinners, football and baseball games and track meets of my children. My husband and I drove him to Florida and I accompanied him to Washington, DC on an Honor Flight. He enjoyed taking rides thru parks and just being around me and my family. He was always kidding and being funny with those around him. He was a breath of sunshine when I was around him. We would plant vegetables in his garden at his house and when he was moved to assistant living, we planted tomatoes and flowers. He loved feeding the birds too. Hank loved telling stories about the war, his shoe travels, and his family growing up. Everywhere we would go, people were intrigued and would stop and listen to his stories. No matter how many times that he would repeat a story, I would act as though it was the very first time that he was telling it because I wanted to show him respect. Hank will always be remembered by my family and I for his funny sense of humor and the loving man he exemplified. From his stories, he was a very generous man seeing a need and then helping others. Hank, you will forever live in my heart and the hearts of my family. We already miss you and will forever love you! Thanks for all of the good times and for lending an ear while I went through the hard times. You were always there for me and I'll never forget you! I know you are watching over me from Heaven and you are enjoying Alyce. I love you eternally, my long old friend! Inside joke...

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