



## Hwason C. Mayhall

April 19, 1933 - September 2, 2025

Hwason "Lana" Chang Mayhall passed away in her Alexandria, Virginia home on September 2, 2025 at the age of 92. She was the beloved wife of the late William "Bill" Walker Mayhall, Jr., loving mother of Harry Mayhall, Karen Best (spouse of Dan Best), and Joan Mayhall; cherished grandmother of Natalie, Jacqueline, Frances, Daniel, and Allison Best.

Hwason was born to a prominent family in Yonan City, Hwanghae Province, Korea on April 19, 1933, daughter of Myong Chang Chang who was mayor of the city and A-dam Lee Chang. She was the fourth of eleven children and is survived by her brothers Hoon Yong Chang, Kyong Koo Chang and sister Clara Min. She spent her childhood in Yonan while Korea was under Japanese occupation. After WWII, the country was divided by the 38th parallel and Yonan became part of South Korea. In 1950, the Korean War broke out and her family was forced to flee to the south and became separated from each other. After the war, the boundaries shifted and Yonan became part of North Korea. Because of this she was never able to visit her hometown again which was one of her greatest regrets.

Her family eventually re-united and after some struggle managed to start a new life in the south. Hwason later found a job at the US air force base in Osan where she met Bill. They married in 1958 and moved to Bill's hometown of Cullman, Alabama. While in Cullman her neighbor Mrs. Schlosser

introduced her to Christianity which she embraced and her new found faith became one of the most important aspects of her life.

Bill was able to get a job with the DOD in Huntsville, Alabama where they purchased a home. In 1971 he was posted to Korea which allowed her to see her family again. After assignments in various parts of the world including two assignments in Korea, they moved to the Washington, DC area and purchased a home in Springfield, VA where they lived for 14 years and became members of Westwood Baptist Church.

Bill retired from the DOD and they returned to their Huntsville home in 1999 where they remained until his death in 2011. In 2012 she made the decision to return to the DC area (Alexandria) to be close to Karen and Dan and her grandchildren where she lived for the remainder of her life.

Hwason loved life and people and took pride in her country of birth and her adopted country. No one was a stranger and she could (and did) strike up the most intimate conversations with anyone. She was thoughtful to a fault and loved giving gifts. She loved music, dancing, and was a woman of many talents including juggling, harmonica, and had a wonderful singing voice which earned her many church solos. She was known for being fashionable with her own sense of style independent of the latest trends. She embraced the role of mother and grandmother and loved participating in her children's activities. She was the life of any party and touched many lives. She is much loved by many and will be missed.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Dr  
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516  
(703) 971-7400

## Funeral Service

SEP **20.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Graveside

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Cemetery  
17488 US Highway 31  
Cullman, AL 35058

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Harrison Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hwason C. Mayhall.*

The Harrison Family - September 19, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ *The Harrison Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hwason C. Mayhall.*



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“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hwason C. Mayhall.*

September 19, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hwason C. Mayhall.*



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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hwason C. Mayhall.*



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September 19, 2025 at 07:54 AM



“ *Dave & Becca Cullen purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Hwason C. Mayhall.*



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**Dave & Becca Cullen** - September 18, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Dave & Becca Cullen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hwason C. Mayhall.*

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**Dave & Becca Cullen** - September 18, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Loved her , she was a wonderful sister in law. She treated me like her sister. She made my prom dress for my senior year. We would eat raw sweet potatoes together when I was young. Loved to talk to her on the phone missed her when she moved away. She was a loving person who lived like a true Christian. I would of loved to see her one more time. I will truly miss her.*



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**Wanda G Whatley** - September 13, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Hwason C. Mayhall.*



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September 11, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hwason C. Mayhall.*



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September 10, 2025 at 03:58 PM