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Jacqueline “Jackie” Keogh Morton, age 95, passed away September 30, 2021. Jackie was born on April 30, 1926 in Bayonne, NJ, to the late Frederick and Ida (Binschi) Keogh. She graduated from Grover Cleveland High School, Caldwell, NJ, in 1944. She attended college at Montclair State Teachers College in Montclair, NJ.

The 1950s saw Jackie move to Columbus where she settled in Clintonville, a neighborhood she loved and in which she resided until her passing. Jackie enjoyed a variety of occupations that connected her with people. She was the Midwest Representative for Judith McCann Jewelry Designers of Manhattan (1955-62), worked in the Programming Department at WTVN-TV (1963-1967), and was an integral part of Promotions at WBNS-TV starting in 1968 and retiring in 1992.

Never one to sit idle, Jackie was a member of the Columbus Swiss Club for more than 50 years and President of the club’s Edelweiss Damenchor from 1994-1996. She was one of the founding committee members of Picnic with the Pops. She also volunteered with March of Dimes, Columbus International Festival and Recreation Unlimited. For more than 70 years, Jackie was a member of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. Her devotion resulted in her becoming a lay minister, where she ministered to others by serving communion.

Friends and family will always remember Jackie as a woman who was “dressed to the nines” and an enthusiastic participant in life. She was always up for spending time with family, going on outings with her many loyal friends, traveling cross country with her two sisters, cheering on the Buckeyes, digging in her beautiful garden and working out—until the age of 94—at the McConnell Heart Health Center.

Jackie was preceded in death by her beloved parents and her sister Joan. She is survived by the daughter she loved dearly, Kelly (Gil) Godshall, her granddaughter Alexis (Will) Moore and her sister, Kay Keogh Nicola.



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Jackie would encourage us to have faith, laugh when we can, and extend ourselves in kindness to others. She would want everyone to raise a glass of scotch in honor of a life well lived.

Due to current conditions, a celebration of life will be held in the spring. Jackie will be interred in her home state of New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mobile Stroke Unit via the Columbus Firefighters Foundation at www.columbusfirefightersfoundation.com or 379 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215.



Tribute Wall

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JS

Jeanne Schoedinger posted:

Kelly, I remember your Mother and her infectious warmth and personality. Know she never met a stranger ! You two had a remarkable closeness. You dragged her everywhere you went and that was EVERYWHERE in this community. It has been years since I have seen either one of you, but I have memories like it was yesterday. She made her life count. She will be missed by more then family. Think of her life as having changed, rather than being taken away, because she will remain within you for always. Blessings "old" friend, Jeanne Schoedinger

October 20 at 12:42 PM

ET

E.J. Thomas posted:

Sincere condolences to Kelly and all regarding Jackie's passing. She was a wonderful personal friend and supporter of many community projects all of us shared. Her memory will live on in the lives she touched and the example for service she leaves for us all.

October 19 at 9:47 AM

SK

Susie Kelly posted:

I'm so sorry to learn about Jackie's passing. We worked together at WBNS-10TV in the early '80s on the staff of the magazine show and in the promotions department. She was the "mom" figure to all of us twenty-somethings who were just getting started in our careers. I had moved to Columbus from Texas and was homesick, so Jackie's friendship was just what I needed! She was so full of spunk and personality, I just loved Jackie. I will always remember how welcoming and kind she was to me in our two years working together.

January 4 at 4:17 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jacqueline by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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