



*Jacqueline “Jackie” Sue Minton*

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Jacqueline “Jackie” Sue Minton: Born on June 30, 1937 the only child of Ova “Jack” and Ollie Russel, in Carbondale, IL. Jackie’s time on this earth came to an end on January 15, 2026, following complications from a heart attack. During her 88-years of life, Jackie was surrounded by those who she loved the most. She married the love of her life, Donald R. Minton in 1968, raising a son, Bryan, together. Both her husband and son preceded her in death, in 2011 and 2016 respectively. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Jack in 1981 and Ollie in 1983. She is survived by her grandson and his wife, Shayne & Beth Minton, and Great-Granddaughter Cali Minton. She is also survived by her extended family Randy & Michelle Clover (Ava, IL) and her dear cousin Alan O’Neil and wife Cindy (Venice, FL).

Jackie’s passions in life were music and education. She obtained her Bachelors degree in music in 1963, as well as her Masters of Music Education in 1964. She obtained her education from Southern Illinois University, the University of Illinois, and the one she was most proud of, The Julliard School in New York City. Upon completing her education, Jackie began her teaching career in the Illinois public school system, where she taught for over 40-years, earning many distinguished awards and accomplishments, including a proclamation from the Governor of Illinois. During her time in the public school system, she spent the majority of her career at DuQuoin High School, serving as the Band Director, Choir Director, as well as teaching music and performing arts. After retiring from the public school system, Jackie continued sharing her passion for music education at the Murphysboro Christian Academy for another 10-years.

Jackie leaves behind a lasting impact on the lives of countless former students, coworkers, and her family who loved her so much.