

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JACQUELINE HILTON

SUNRISE SUNSET
JUNE 3, 1947 | SEPTEMBER 18, 2026



FRIDAY – OCTOBER 2, 2026

VISITATION: 10:30 AM
SERVICE: 11:30 AM

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
428 EAST MAIN STREET
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
DR. EUGENE L. GIBSON, JR. - PASTOR





Obituary

Jacqueline Lauvetta Hilton, more affectionately known as Jackie, departed this earth on September 18, 2026, at 79 years of age. Jackie will be remembered for her style, poise, grace, kindness, generosity, humanitarian acts, strength, and the lasting impact she had on the lives of family, friends, and all who encountered her.

A Life Remembered

Born on June 3, 1947, in Columbus, Ohio, Jackie was the third child born to Joe (Joseph) Thomas Miller and Christine Auvetta (Drummond) Miller. Joe & Christine raised their daughters on the east side of Columbus at 95 N. 20th Street, across the street from Christ Memorial Baptist Church, where she would later meet her future husband, Wm. 'Billy' Hilton. Jackie was a sweet young girl who attended Columbus Public Schools at Eastwood Elementary, Franklin Jr. High, and graduated from East High School in 1965. Jackie enjoyed the arts and entertainment and thoroughly enjoyed attending concerts at the Veterans Memorial or Masonic Temple seeing acts such as Aretha Franklin, Martha and The Vandellas, and Stevie Wonder.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Jackie was hired as one of the first African American employees at Banc One as a Key Punch Operator. This career opportunity sparked Jackie's interests for finance and auditing. In April 1967, Jackie and Billy Hilton were united in marriage, beginning a union that would become an important chapter in Jackie's life. Jackie eventually sought employment at Ross Labs in 1974. Jackie dedicated several years to Ross Labs before stepping away to pursue a new opportunity with Billy. In 1977, she and Billy opened Hiltons' Hot Dog in the Mt. Vernon Plaza, where they worked together until the business closed in 1980. Jackie later returned to Ross Labs, continuing her career while furthering her education at CTI, which would eventually become Columbus State Community College. Outside of her career, Jackie found joy in crocheting various beautiful pieces with family and friends to sell at craft shows and flea markets. Jackie developed a deep passion for preserving her family history. Alongside her father, Jackie spent countless hours researching their ancestry, documenting family stories, and uncovering the lives of those who came before them. Through this work, she helped preserve precious memories and family history for generations to come.

Jackie became a widow in 1994, which led her to join Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. During her earlier years of membership, Jackie often taught Vacation Bible School and Sunday School classes. Throughout her 32 years as a member at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Jackie formed incredible and lasting friendships with Mrs. Eva Crawford and Mrs. Ernestine Price. As a mentee to Mrs. Price and Mrs. Crawford, Jackie's heart for service and benevolence continued to blossom. Alongside Mrs. Price and Mrs. Crawford, Jackie faithfully served with the Rose of Sharon Missionary Society. As a Rose of Sharon administrator, she helped serve various missions, including Meals on Wheels, JOIN, CMAAO, and the Public Assistance Mission, where Central Ohio citizens and families received financial, housing, and food assistance. Jackie also found creative ways to give back to the church she loved. An avid couponer, she used her skills to find incredible savings, resell the products purchased in her home, and donate the profits and proceeds from her couponing efforts to Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, turning a hobby she enjoyed into yet another way to support her church and its ministry. The Rose of Sharon Missionary Society also adopted local families and businesses during the holidays, providing food, gifts, and assistance with daycare tuitions. Jackie's commitment to mission work continued until 2022, when health issues related to kidney disease led her to resign from active service.

In the beginning years of the century, during Jackie's mid-50's, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Kidney Disease. Stage 4 is indicative the kidneys are severely damaged. Jackie took the diagnosis seriously and decided it will not impede her outlook on life or defeat her. The Stage 4 diagnosis was NOT a death sentence to Jackie, but a testimony that would reveal God's grace, mercy, and blessings! Jackie was adamant about taking the diagnosis seriously, following doctors' orders, and being a definition of what living life with the disease can look like. Jackie told the physicians she would not receive dialysis, and would live beyond their estimates. After 15+ years of exams, testing, and lab draws, Physicians had to succumb and admit; Jackie was an UNDENIABLE miracle! Physicians were in awe of her health, active lifestyle, independence, traveling, cooking, active member in church, an active grandparent, and the lack of any signs of renal failure without ever receiving dialysis. Jackie received a kidney transplant on March 16, 2018, and had a wonderful recovery for +/- 8 years until she fell ill to infection, caught sepsis, and passed away at the OSU Hospice Center of Columbus.

Throughout Jackie's life, she valued family, faith, community, education, and service. Jackie devoted her time and energy to her family, Rose of Sharon Missionary Society, and finding joy with her grandchildren/great-grandchildren. Jackie thoroughly enjoyed being the family historian, documenting legacies in creative ways via hardback lineage books, spiral-bound cookbooks, or visual videos for the family.

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Those who knew Jackie will fondly remember her sense of fashion, her appetite for rehabbing a home, or taking on any project where she could knock down a wall, pick out tile, select paint, or have beautiful light fixtures installed. Jackie valued family traditions, and worked tirelessly to teach God's values, grace, and forgiveness to all she encountered.

Surviving Family

Jackie is survived by her daughter, Jannel (Chaughntai) Hogan, grandchildren Chaughntai 'CJ' Hogan II & Jamia Hogan, great-grandchildren Jassidy and Casyn. She is also survived by her beloved sisters Sandra Bennett and Judy Williams, as well as priceless nieces and nephews, amazing GREAT nieces and GREAT nephews, beautiful GREAT-GREAT nieces and GREAT-GREAT nephews, and one precious GREAT- GREAT-GREAT nephew whom she ALL adored. Jackie also had in-laws with whom she held near to her heart, cousins, and extended family members who she cherished. Some of her dear friends, to name only a few: Mrs. Ernestine Price, Diane Stigger, Barbara Bradley, Kenneth Watters, Mary (Donald) Duncan, Valerie Lamar, Marilyn (Melvin) Gravely, and Linda Drochak. Jackie was preceded in death by parents Joseph & Christine Miller, brothers Alvin Mentor and Joseph T. Miller, husband Wm. 'Billy' Hilton, and son Wm. 'Tony' Hilton.

Order of Service

The Prelude.....*"Come And Walk With Me"*

*The Processional with Scriptural Sentences

The Hymn of Assurance"When We All Get To Heaven"*

The Scripture Lesson:

The Old Testament Jeremiah 29:11.....Isabella Grace Turner, Great-Great Niece

The New Testament Philippians 4:6-7.....Isabella Grace Turner, Great-Great Niece

The Prayer of Comfort.....Nadia Jackson, Great-Great Niece

The Tributes.....Jamia Hogan, Granddaughter
Teauna Jackson, Great Niece

The Silent Reading of the Obituary

Acknowledgments

The Musical Selection*"It Ain't Over"*

The Eulogy:

Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Gibson, Jr.

Senior Pastor

Mt Olivet Baptist Church

The Recessional"Just Want To Praise You"*

The Postlude

* Please Stand

Interment

Acknowledgement

The Family of Jackie Hilton wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the vast expressions of love, kindness, and support displayed and provided during this hour of bereavement. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support and comfort. It is immensely appreciated!

The family welcomes and encourages loved ones to honor Jackie by performing an act of kindness or supporting any community benevolence mission.

Jackie will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered. Jackie's memory will remain in the hearts of all who had the privilege of her.

A Repass will be held immediately following the funeral service in the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.



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