



## Atea McArel

July 19, 1933 - September 15, 2024

Atea McArel, age 91, wife of the late David McArel, of Downingtown, PA, formerly of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on Sunday, September 15, 2024 in the Paoli Hospital. Born on July 19, 1933 in Philadelphia, she was a daughter of the late Alessandro and Vera (Scipione) Gasbarro.

Mrs. McArel was a graduate of Upper Darby High School, class of 1951. She worked in the cafeteria at the Schuylkill Elementary School, Phoenixville Middle School, and Phoenixville High School for nearly 40 years until her retirement in 2011.

Mrs. McArel was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Phoenixville, where she volunteered on several committees, including the altar guild. When her children were younger, she was an active Brownie and Girl Scout leader as well as a member of the Home and School Association. She participated in many aerobics groups in Phoenixville throughout the years, was a generous supporter of the Democratic party, and volunteered her time at the Phoenixville Hospital.

Mrs. McArel is survived by four children, Marlene, wife of Charles Johnson, Shirley, wife of Michael Misiak, Elaine, wife of Robert Stromberg, and Edward David, husband of Charlene McArel; nine grandchildren, Gregory Johnson (Adrienne), Christina Shephard (Kyle), Carolyn Chernous (Emma Chasen),

Nicholas Hubbard (Tiffany), Scott McArel, Emily Stromberg, Danielle Stromberg (Shane Strunk), Shaina Dolph (Robert), and Austin Hlavac; seven great-grandchildren, Amelia, Maddox, Brooklyn, Nash, Colby, Kellin, and Parker; sister-in-law, Joanne Gasbarro; and two nephews and a niece, Vincent Gasbarro Jr., Connie Volkman, and Alex Gasbarro. She was preceded in death by her brother, Vincent Gasbarro.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral service at the St. John's Lutheran Church, 355 Saint John's Circle, Phoenixville, PA 19460 on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM. Officiating will be Pastor Russ Crouthamel. Friends will be received from 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM at the Church on Friday morning. Burial will follow at 2:00 pm on Friday in the Arlington Cemetery, 2900 State Road, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the St. John's Lutheran Church at the address above. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Cemetery

2900 State Road  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 20. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St John's Lutheran Church  
355 St Johns Circle  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

## Funeral Service

SEP 20. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Atea McArel*



**Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home** - September 19, 2024 at 01:36 PM

MR

“ *Marianne, Grandma Mary and Rosalie purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Atea McArel.*



**Marianne, Grandma Mary and Rosalie** - September 18, 2024 at 02:34 PM

DF

“ *Her son David is a remarkable individual with integrity that only a mother could instill. Good on ya Miss Atea!! Ya done good in the most important role in humanity, being a "Mother," who is a great human being to others. Keep watch over him, we need him down here.*

**David's Friend** - September 17, 2024 at 05:31 PM

DG

“ *Dave, prayers to you and your family. Our sweet, cafeteria lady at East Pikeland Elementary. Wonderful Memories*

**Dave Gautreau** - September 17, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Atea McArel.



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September 17, 2024 at 02:32 PM