



Marilyn Atlas

April 20, 1954 - June 26, 2026

A loving memory for an amazing woman. Marilyn Atlas, 72, from Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on June 26, 2026.

Born in Portsmouth, OH, Marilyn graduated Phi Beta Kappa with honors in psychology from the University of Kansas. She earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin.

For many decades, Marilyn worked as a Psychotherapist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Certified Hypnotherapist at Atlas Counseling.

Her passions included family time and special time with her grandchildren, dancing, walking with her family and dog along the beach, boating on Lake Norman, watching movies with her daughters, and worldwide travel. She had a love for spirituality and personal development. Marilyn also loved giving to her community and was an active member of Temple Kol Tikvah and Awaken Spiritual Community.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Needham; children, Gretchen Fowler (Tony DeSimone) Michelle Sota (Ben Sota); grandchildren, Alexis Dixon, Lance Dixon, and Julius Sota; sisters, Laurie Schlesinger, Patti Howe, and Vicki Israel; and the family dog, Turbo.

Visitation will be held at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, on Tuesday June 30, from 10:00-11:00 AM. A service will follow at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at Carolina Memorial Park, Kannapolis, NC. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Heritage House of Cavin-Cook from 3:00-5:00 pm following the graveside service.

For those unable to attend the service please use the following link to view the service: <https://together.oneroomstreaming.com/2XP2XA>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Kol Tikvah (templekoltikvah.org) or Awaken Spiritual Community (awakeningcarolina.org).

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Atlas family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Carolina Memorial Park

601 Mt. Olivet Road
Kannapolis, NC 28083

Upcoming Events

Receiving Friends

JUN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

JUN 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Graveside Service

JUN 30. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Carolina Memorial Park
601 Mt. Olivet Road
Kannapolis, NC 28083

Celebration of Life

JUN **30**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Marilyn Atlas*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - 5 hours ago

JD

“ *Marilyn and I worked at a home for children who had lost their parents. This was shortly before graduation from college. Her kindness with those kids was very special, although they could be difficult at times. One happy memory was that we loaded the kids up and went to Kansas City to see the Christmas lights. The kids loved it. She was a kind person and fun to be around a loss for all of us.*

Joe Duley - Yesterday at 05:08 PM

ML

“ *Millard and Ginny Landis purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn Atlas.*



Millard and Ginny Landis - Yesterday at 10:25 AM

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“ *Millard and Ginny Landis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Atlas.*

Millard and Ginny Landis - Yesterday at 10:25 AM

SL

“ *Patti so sorry for your loss. Thinking about you and your family. Prayers for peace and comfort*

Sandra Lawyer - Yesterday at 08:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marilyn Atlas.*



June 26 at 11:37 PM



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