

**George M. Meklos**

P.A.H.S. Class of 1932

World War II and Korean War Veteran, Scholar, Educator, Coach

Born and raised in Phoenixville, PA  
Son of John and Mary (Olexa) Miklos and Married to Anna (Firczak) Meklos  
1932 Phoenixville Area High School Graduate -Academic

Member of Hi-Y Club, Vice President of Senior Class, Glee Club, Yearbook, Class Nominating Committee.

Member of basketball and baseball team's sophomore, junior and senior year. Star Center Fielder and hardest hitter on the team.

Football captain senior year and selected as first team center by The Daily Republican's All Chester County Team, West Chester Daily Local News, The Coatesville Record, The Downingtown News and Main Line Daily Times. The coaches and sports writers of the Suburban Philadelphia area gave Honorable Mention to Phoenixville's great center.

1931 Doctor J. Elmer Gotwals Award Winner

1934 Wyoming Seminary Graduate; Wrestling and Football Letterman and Wrestling Captain  
1939 Ursinus College Graduate B.S. Chemistry-Biology

Member of Chemical Society, Football Freshman to Senior Year and Wrestling Sophomore to Senior Year; Captain Senior Year.

1936 Middle Atlantic Wrestling Champion.

1954 Temple University Master of Education and additional graduate studies at University of Pennsylvania

Phoenixville Area Junior High School General Science Teacher 1941, 1946-1960

Football and Baseball Coach who coached the 1948 Undefeated football team and 1951 Football Chestmont League Champion

George was part of the "Greatest Generation", a First Lieutenant for 32nd Armored Regiment and served as a Tank Commander of the 3rd Armored Division in World War II from 1942- 1946. He fought in The Battle of the Bulge and was only survivor of a direct hit to his tank. He received the Belgian Fourraguerre Medal, Campaign Medal, the European African Middle Eastern with four battle stars, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart with One Oak Leaf Cluster, World War II Victory Medal. He attended Officers Candidate School at Fort Knox, KY and he was recalled in 1951 serving as a Military Governor in Czechoslovakia, then served in the Korean War before being honorably discharged as a Captain.

Phoenixville Area High School Religion, Science and Math Teacher 1947-1948

Phoenixville High School Science Teacher 1960-1966, Chemistry 1966-1979 and Science Department Chairman

He was active member of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Mont Clare, the Athletic Coaches Association of Harrisburg, The State Education Association, The National Education Association, and the Greek Catholic Union. He was a life member of the Old Timers Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Phoenixville.

George was a lifelong resident of Phoenixville and dedicated chemistry teacher for 39 years at Phoenixville Area School District, helping to shape the minds of scholars and athletes for the next four decades. He was a stellar athlete and student. But most importantly, he was someone who sacrificed for his country and dedicated his life to serving his hometown. He was a loving and supportive brother to his six siblings and many nieces and nephews. Phoenixville became a family-oriented community known for its educational and athletic achievements because of men like George Meklos.

*"No dangers fright him and no labors"*