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Chicago Daily Tribune, Chicago, IL - 11 Jan 1903

The Rev **John SETTERS**, SJ, Chicago, died yesterday at St. Ignatius' college, at the age of 72 years. He was one of the pioneer Jesuit priests of the city. He was a native of Belgium and came to Chicago in 1869. Fathers Setters was the confessor of nearly every local priest. The body will be placed in the parlors of the Holy Family Jesuit church this afternoon, where it will remain until Tuesday, when the funeral will be held.

Chicago Daily Tribune, Chicago, IL - 27 May 1904

Chevalier **Auguste WIEGAND**, the noted Belgian organist and composer, who was organist of St. Paul's Roman Catholic church at Oswego, NY, died in the Oswego hospital of appendicitis. He was born at Liege, Belgium fifty-three years ago. He was organist to the king of Belgium, by whom he was decorated.

Chicago Daily Tribune, Chicago, IL 6 March 1913

Henry TROOST, the first monument dealer to Forest Park and for forty-seven years a resident of Illinois, died yesterday at his residence of Illinois, died yesterday at his residence, 1040 Troost Avenue, Forest Park. He was 70 years old. He was born in Belgium and came to the United States in 1872. He is survived by a widow and seven children the eldest of whom is Edward H Troost, one of the trustees of Forest Park.

Moline, IL -28 August 1958 - Funeral Card sent by Rob and Dixie Gardner, gardner.rob@imonmail.com

Alois VAN LOO, husband of Gabrielle SWEETLOVE - Born at Maldegem, E. Flanders, Belgium, on August 6, 1879. Died at East Moline, IL August 28, 1958. Fortified by the last Holy Sacraments.

"We have loved him during life, let us not abandon him until we have conducted him by our prayers into the house of the Lord" St.

Ambrose. Farewell dear family and friends, remember my soul in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Evanston Review (IL) - Thursday, December 30, 1999

Madeleine (nee **Paquot**) **Koziorowski**, a 53-resident of Evanston, died Dec. 15 at Vencor Lake Shore Hospital in Chicago. She was 74. She was born March 17, 1925, in Jumet, Belgium. Mrs. Koziorowski worked in food services at Evanston Township High School District 202 and as a hostess at the Presbyterian Homes in Evanston. She was a member of the former Ascension of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church in Evanston. She was preceded in death by a son, Michael, and a grandchild. Survivors include her husband, Adam "Ed"; son Edward (Peggy) of Antioch, Ill.; and three grandchildren. A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 18 at St. Athanasius Roman Catholic Church in Evanston, with entombment in the St. Adalbert Mausoleum in Niles.

Chicago Tribune - July 2, 1997

Christine Rabe, 100, died Sunday of heart failure in her Chicago home. Ms. Rabe was born in Belgium on May 8, 1897. She came to Chicago at age 14 and later was a receptionist and a switchboard operator for Imperial Eastman in Niles for 40 years. Ms. Rabe joined the Girl Scouts at age 75 and served as an assistant troop leader. She was former chairwoman of the Women of the Moose Portage Park Chapter, where she earned a Friendship Degree. She is survived by one sister, Catherine. Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Matz Funeral Home, 3430 N. Central Ave. A mass will be said at 10 a.m. Thursday at Resurrection Catholic Church, 3043 N. Francisco Ave

Chicago Tribune - August 28, 1997

Madeleine Dhaens, 94, of Elgin and formerly of Chicago, died Sunday in Elgin. Born in Belgium, she was a homemaker. She is survived by two sons, Edward and Robert; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Laird Funeral Home, 310 S. State St., Elgin. Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 226 Orchard St., Elgin

Chicago Tribune - November 11, 1997

Germaine Group, 94, of Arlington Heights, died Friday in Manor Care Nursing Home, Rolling Meadows. Mrs. Group, who was born in Belgium, is survived by her daughter, Marjorie Bendell; two granddaughters; a grandson, and a sister. Prayers will be said at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday in Glueckert Funeral Home, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd., followed by mass at 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, 440 S. Mitchell St., Arlington Heights

Chicago Tribune - December 17, 1998

Marie Bogaert, 89, a homemaker from Downers Grove, died Monday in Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. Mrs. Bogaert was born in Belgium. Survivors include a daughter, Rita Barrick; and a sister, Constance Willekens. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Cypress Funeral Home, 1698 N. Bloomingdale Rd., Glendale Heights, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday.

Chicago Tribune - February 25, 1999

Charles E. De Cook, 88, died Tuesday in his Downers Grove home. Born in Belgium, Mr. De Cook served in the Army during World War II and retired after 40 years with the Chicago Transit Authority. Survivors include his wife, Florence; a son, Roger; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Adams-Winterfield and Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main St., Downers Grove.

Chicago Tribune - August 14, 1999

Myriam Macdonald, 53, who family members say will be remembered for her "movie-star quality" beauty as well as her love for dogs, died Tuesday after a yearlong battle with cancer at Weiss Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Macdonald, whose father was a career Army man, was born in Belgium. The family settled in Gary, where Mrs. Macdonald graduated from Horace Mann High School. Afterward, she took a job as an office manager in a downtown Gary furniture store, where she would meet her husband, James Macdonald II. "I just remember seeing her and thinking she was extremely beautiful--movie star quality," said James Macdonald. The couple lived in Chicago for several years, before moving to Evanston, where Mrs. Macdonald became involved in raising and training dogs for competition. "She had some champion golden retrievers and Samoyeds," her husband said. She was the first president of the Evanston Figure Skating Club. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Macdonald is survived by son, James Macdonald III; and her mother, Yvette Hoppe. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, followed by services at 4 p.m., in William H. Scott Funeral Home, 1450 Sherman Ave., Evanston.

Chicago Tribune - July 28, 2002

Robert B. DeClercq, age 64, of Hot Springs, AR, formerly of Lake Forest, IL, July 22, 2002, born in Belgium on December, 14, 1937, retired from Abbott Laboratories. Member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Survivors include daughter, Jackie (Laurent) Pernot; and grandson, Gabriel Pernot of Chicago; and two sisters. Visitation 6:30 to 9 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2002 at Hot Springs Funeral Home. Services 1 p.m., Monday, July 29 at St. Lukes Episcopal Church. Officiating Rev. Dr. Larry C. Williams. Memorial Service will be held at a later date at Lake Forest, IL. Arrangements are by Hot Springs Funeral Home.

News-Gazette, The (Champaign-Urbana, IL) - October 7, 2003

DANVILLE - Memorial services for **Henry Leon "Butch" Haurez, 60**, of New Bern, N.C., formerly of Danville, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Pape Memorial Home & Cremation Gardens, 10 E. Williams St., Danville. The Rev. Jay Sorrell will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Danville. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Mr. Haurez died Thursday (Oct. 2, 2003) at home. He was born Nov. 28, 1942, in Danville, a son of Henry Leon and Helen Geraldine Keerns Haurez. He married Debra Lynn Bartenschlag on May 26, 1979, in Danville. She survives. Also surviving are his mother, Geraldine Greenwood of Bradenton, Fla.; two sons, Tim Haurez of Lewisburg, Tenn., and Randy Haurez of Westville; a daughter, Wendi Singleton of Lewisburg, Tenn.; two sisters, Marlene Moore of Geneseo and Sharon Martini of Hallsville, Texas; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father. Mr. Haurez graduated from Danville High School in 1961 and served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a power house operator at Tilton Central Foundry and retired in 1993. He was a member of VFW Post 2514 in Craven County, N.C., and enjoyed golf and bowling. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Commercial News – Danville, IL – 1 Nov 2003

Henry R. DeTournay, former resident of Westville, Illinois, passed away from complications of pneumonia early Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, in Sarasota, Fla. He was the youngest child of **Hortense and Vital DeTournay** who immigrated to the United States from their Belgian homeland. They settled temporarily in Patton, Pa., where Henry was born on Sept. 19, 1909. Following the coal seams they moved to Westville where they sank roots, educated their five children and gave them an opportunity to pursue the American dream. Anxious to help his parents financially, Henry left high school after his sophomore year and followed his father into the mines. In 1935 he joined his best friend, Dominic Giacomini, in establishing Bee Line Transit to provide bus service from Danville to Georgetown. In 1939 he advanced to manager of a new city transit system in Cape Girardeau, Mo. It was the beginning of a life-long career and passion for the bus business. In 1943 he married the former Duralee Tucker of Georgetown. Shortly afterward Henry was drafted into the U.S. Army and saw service in the European Theater of World War II. He went in on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day + 19 and was immediately routed to Belgium to prepare for a counter-attack by the German army, the Battle of the Bulge. Being in the motor pool, he was able to drive to Charleroi, Belgium, and unofficially free his relatives from their Nazi occupation. Following the war, he and his bride returned to Cape Girardeau where their first child, Linda Duralee, was born in 1948. In 1950, as the company grew, Henry was given the assignment of turning around a derelict bus company in Pensacola, Fla. Their second child, Henry Nicholas, was born there. In 1952, the company incorporated as American Transit Corporation and made its headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. Henry and family moved there when he assumed the position of Director of Operations for the entire corporation. During his tenure ATC grew to become one of the largest privately owned bus companies in the world. Following his retirement as Executive Vice President in 1984, he was inducted into the Transit Hall of Fame. It was a distinguished honor reserved for transit professionals acknowledged to have exhibited "great leadership and unparalleled knowledge and devotion to the industry." To share his business experience, he joined Bus Ride magazine as its Senior Forums advisor, a position he held until 1995. The remaining years were spent as a resident and member of Bent Tree Country Club in Sarasota. In addition to his wife of 60 years, DeTournay is survived by their daughter, Linda and a son, Raymond, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; granddaughters, Dr. Lisa DeTournay of Miami, Fla., Christienne Birkhahn of San Rafael, Calif., and Andrea Kramer of Granada Hills, Calif., and four great-grandchildren. Interment was on Oct. 19 in Sarasota.

News-Gazette, The (Champaign-Urbana, IL) - April 1, 2004

CATLIN - Funeral services for **Robert E. Beauvois, 62**, of Catlin will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Robison Chapel, 103 Douglas St., Catlin. Pastor Raymie Gordon will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Vernon Cemetery, west of Catlin. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Mr. Beauvois died at 6:29 a.m. Tuesday (March 30, 2004) at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan Campus, Danville.

News-Gazette, The (Champaign-Urbana, IL) - May 19, 2004

CATLIN - **Aime Beauvois, 100**, of Catlin died at 3:24 p.m. Monday (May 17, 2004) at Vermilion Manor Nursing Home, Danville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sunset South's Westville Chapel, 414 S. State St., Westville. Pastor Janet Roy will officiate. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Danville. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

News-Gazette, The (Champaign-Urbana, IL) - December 21, 2005

OAKWOOD - **Herbert Michael Pichon, 48**, of Oakwood died at 6:03 a.m. Monday (Dec. 19, 2005) at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 3940 N. Vermilion St., Danville. The Rev. James Blue will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Danville, with military rites accorded by American Legion Post 210. Visitation will be 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Mr. Pichon was born Oct. 20, 1957, in Danville, a son of Herbert H. and Jacqueline McCoy Pichon. Survivors include his father and stepmother, Herbert H. and Carol Pichon of Danville; his stepfather, Darrell Redman; two daughters, Minda Pichon and Marissa Pichon, both of Fithian; two brothers, Bob Pichon of Danville and Kenny

Pichon of Monticello; a sister, Julie Tabor of Danville; and four stepsisters, Dawn Koers of Indianapolis, Paula Newton of Florida, Debbie Lever of Danville and Barb Hunter of Florida. He was preceded in death by his mother. Mr. Pichon graduated from Oakwood High School in December 1974 and served in the Navy from 1975 to 1979. He was an electrician and a member of the local Electricians Union 538. He was a member of Blue Lodge Masonic Temple of Collison and enjoyed mushroom and arrowhead hunting. He was a member of the band the Sundowners and played the guitar and banjo. Memorials may be made to an organization of the donor's choice. Condolences may be offered at www.sunsetfuneralhome.com

The State Journal-Register, Springfield, IL - Thursday, March 22, 2012

SPRINGFIELD - Maud Keldermans, 97, of Springfield, died peacefully at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at her home with her loving family. Maud was born January 1, 1915 the daughter of Hippoliet and Josephine Pouliart Smets of Mechelen, Belgium. She married Raymond Keldermans on October 2, 1939, musician and former Carillonneur of the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon. He preceded her in death in 1984. Maud taught French at the former Springfield College and was a member of St. Agnes Church. She was also a member of The Carillon Belles, Legion of Mary, and the Guild of Carillonneurs of North America. She was also preceded in death by her parents; brother, George Smets; sister, Marie Therese Hofman Smets; two grandchildren, Angela Greer and Joshua Keldermans; and one great-grandson, Michael Keldermans. She is survived by her ten children, Josephine (William) Greer of Chatham, IL, William (Tos) Keldermans of Belau, Micronesia, Marlene Keldermans of Springfield, Annamaria (Randy) Beal of Avon, ME, Karel (Linda) Keldermans of Virginia, IL, Hilde Keldermans of Sedona, AZ, Kathie (Gary) Baker San Angelo, TX, Steve (Mary) Keldermans of Springfield, Frank (Kim) Keldermans of Riverside, IL, and Rita (Robert) Brozka of Fort Collins, CO; twenty-nine grandchildren, Betsy (Randy) Alley, Amy (Billy) Foster, and Bill (Erin) Greer, Esel (Miver) Keldermans, Mia and Rombout Keldermans, Kimberly and Matthew Keldermans, Shosha, Nathaniel, Caleb, Sarah, and Jedediah Beal, Elizabeth Pulliam, Madeleine (Eric) Baker-Goering, Zachary, Nicholas, Ryan, and Mary Josephine Baker, Kate (Brandon) Tierney, Chris (Jessica), Anne, Jonathan, and Phillip Keldermans, Claire (Devon) Kramer, Adam and Bridget Keldermans, and Collin and Ethan Brozka; eighteen great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, all of Belgium.

Visitation: Family will receive friends from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2012 at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. 6th St., Springfield. Visitation will begin with a prayer service at 4:00 p.m. Celebrated Funeral Mass: 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at St. Agnes, 245 N. Amos, Springfield with Rev. Robert Jallas, Rev. Msgr. John R. Ossola, and Rev. Philip Kraft, co-celebrants. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Raymond Keldermans Music Foundation, c/o Heartland Credit Union, 2213 W. White Oaks Dr., Springfield, IL 62704. Please visit butlerfuneralhomes.com to offer your condolences.

Pekin Daily Times (IL) - Monday, March 26, 2012

Peter Loncke, 58, of Groveland, passed away March 24, 2012, at OSF St Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Peter was born in Neerpelt, Belgium on Sept. 26, 1953, to Raymonde Duysburgh Loncke and Gerard Loncke. He married Constance Crandell Moss on October 24, 2003. He is survived by his wife Connie of Groveland; his mother of Overpelt, Belgium; a daughter Elsbeth Loncke; a sister Rosemarie Loncke; and a niece, Esther Van Thoor Jehoul (Bert), all of Belgium. Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Joann Moss (Denny Smith) of Hermitage, Tenn. and Julie (Brody) Maag of Peoria; and five grandchildren, Taylor Moss of Hermitage, Tenn., Holiday, Angus, Scarlett and Elliott Maag, all of Peoria, who will always remember him for the "magic window." Also surviving are his father and mother-in-law, Joseph and Barbara Crandell of Groveland, three sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law; Linda (James) Curto of Pekin, Joseph (Debi) Crandell of East Peoria and Nancy (Jeff) LaGrow of Morton. He was preceded in death by his father in 1979 and his step father, Albert Loncke, in February 2012. Peter was an honorary member of the Irish Guards Association London Branch, 50-61 Squadron Association Royal Air Force, 75 Squadron Royal New Zealand Air Force, 75 New Zealand Squadron Association United Kingdom Branch, and recipient of the British Ambassador's Meritorious Service Medal. He was a member of the USAAF 44th Bomb Group Veterans' Association, The Escape and Evasion Association and the Prairie Aviation Museum in Bloomington. For 10 years Peter was the secretary of the Limburgse Friends of the Allied Forces. Peter was recognized as a benefactor and founder of the Bomber Command Museum in England. Peter retired as 1st Sgt. Chief in the Belgian Air Force in 2009, having served 38 years. For the past 30 years, Peter researched and located WWII aircraft crash sites and matched them to crew members, bringing closure to families. He honored the survivors by planning annual reunions and ceremonies. He was instrumental in placing several memorials in Europe for those killed in action. He also arranged for a memorial stained glass window to be placed in the church he attended in Belgium. His dedication to honoring the memories of these war dead has captured the attention and gratitude of many hundreds. Peter received his most meaningful award December 1996, when he was awarded the British Ambassador's Meritorious Commendation for his research of British WWII Aircraft crashes and for establishing several memorials. He was the first Belgian to receive this honor. He also was nominated to be a member of the British Empire. In 1985, he was instrumental in placing a monument at Joe's Bridge for the British Army's Irish Guard who had liberated his Belgian village from Hitler's Regime in 1944 during "Operation Market Garden." Peter authored two books regarding his research, one of which one was instrumental in the making of the documentary film, "The Bombardment of Beverlo in Leopoldsburg, Belgium." Peter remained involved in his research after his move to Groveland in 2003. Peter attended Northfield Christian Fellowship Church in Tremont where his funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 30. Matt Miller will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, also at the church. Memorial contributions may be made in Peter's honor to his church or Apostolic Christian Timber Ridge in Morton, where he volunteered in the maintenance department. Peter's passing has left a huge void in the lives of his family and his friends around the world. Peter dedicated his life to helping so many. He met and bravely fought his only enemy, a very aggressive cancer. He will be loved forever and beyond. Davis Mortuary in Tremont is in charge of arrangements. To offer online condolences, visit www.davismortuaryinc.com.

