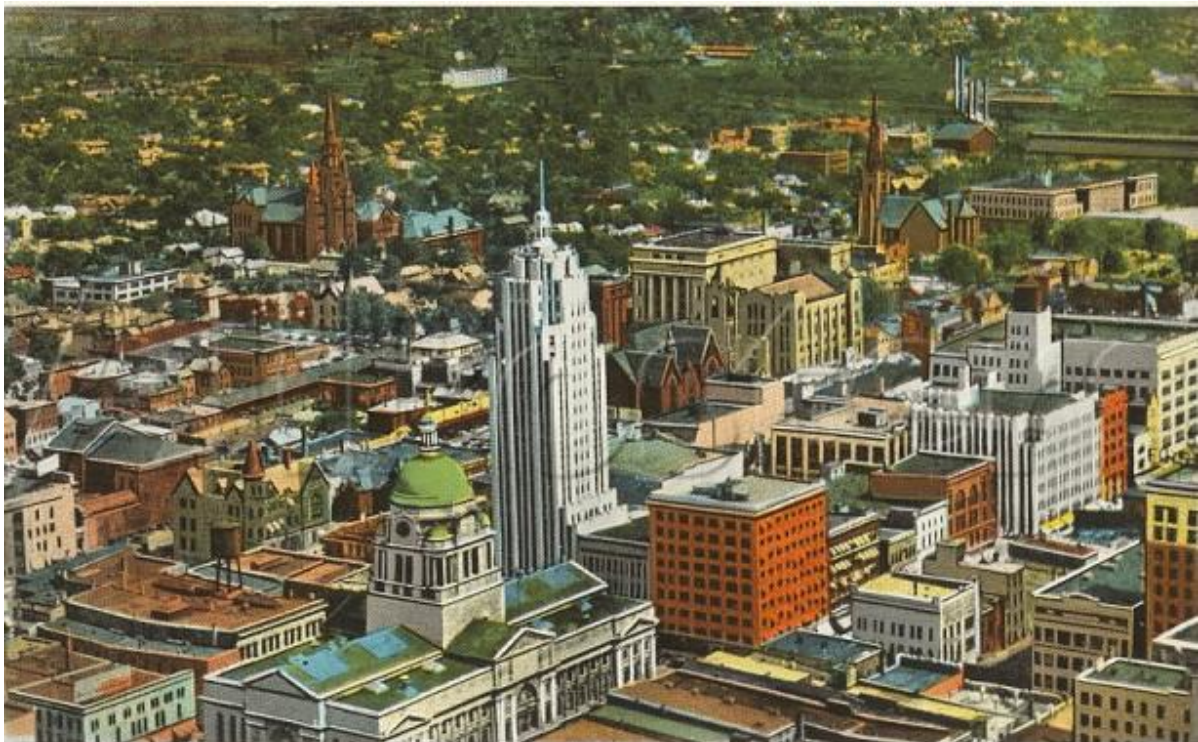


# INDIANA-OBITS

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AERIAL VIEW OF FORT WAYNE, IND.

### **Another Victim Has Been Claimed by the Waters of the Mississinewa.**

#### **Leopold Vieslet drowned - Was Fishing When the Accident Occurred - Mrs. Vieslet Prostrated by the Accident**

Leopold, the twelve year old son of Leopold Vieslet, senior, drowned while fishing Saturday morning about 10 o'clock. The accident occurred at the dam below the old bridge. Leopold was sitting on the bank fishing when the wind blew his hat off. He reached forward to seize it when he lost his balance and fell into the river. He was unable to swim and was drowned before he could be taken from the water. Frank Fey, a boy eight years of age was with him when the accident occurred and shouted for assistance. An old man who was fishing close by tried to get the drowning boy out of the water but was not successful. His body was recovered about an hour after the accident occurred. When Mrs. Vieslet, the mother of the boy was told that her boy was drowned she became completely prostrated and has not yet recovered from the effects. The father is a flatterer in the American window glass factory.

Funeral services occurred Tuesday at the home of the family on Railroad Ave, Rev. M. Pell having charge of the services. Interment took place at the Oddfellow's cemetery. Gas City Weekly Journal June 10, 1898. Gas City Indiana

**Henri Brigode**, of Hartford City, 12 years old, is dying from lockjaw as the result of stepping upon a piece of glass. –  
The Fort Wayne Sentinel, Fort Wayne, IN - 3 Sep 1902

### **WOMAN SUCCUMBS IN HER 90TH YEAR**

Mrs. **Pauline Lettellier**, Was Native of Louvain, Belgium, Came Here in 1868. Mrs. Pauline Lettellier, 90 years old and widow of Phillip Lettellier, who died last December, died at 10:30 this morning of senility at the home of her son, Phillip Lettellier, East Third Street. Mrs. Lettellier was born in Louvain, Belgium, and came to this country with her husband in 1868. She is survived by the following children: Phillip Lettellier, this city; Mrs. Mary Broughtrop and Frank Lettellier, David (sic) City, Nebraska; Mrs. Virginia Weis of Omaha, Nebraska. The funeral will be held at the St. Charles Catholic Church Friday at 9 o'clock in charge of the Rev. Father M. H. Bogeman and interment will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Bloomington Evening World December 1, 1915

*Xavier LETOT, 71 years old, dies suddenly here  
Veteran Miner Passed Away Friday After Heart Attack  
Two Sons killed in Mine Explosion*

*Sons met death in the Little Betty Mine Explosion*

**Xavier LETOT**, 71 years old died unexpectedly Friday at his home on "C" Street southwest.

The well-known Linton miner was preparing to go to the home of a friend to assist him in some garden work when he was suddenly stricken with a heart attack. His death followed a few minutes later.

Coroner Dr George Porter of this city conducted an inquest into the death of Mr. Letot Friday afternoon, and attributed the man's death to an acute heart attack.

The deceased was born in Belgium on July 1864, and spent many years of his life in that country. He came to Linton from his native Belgium twenty-nine years ago and had lived here since that time. He worked in various mines of the local coal field.

Two sons of Mr. Letot, **Julian** and **John Letot** were among the twenty-eight miners to meet death in the tragic explosion at Little Betty coal mine in the winter of 1931.

*Well known Miner*

Mr. Letot was well known in Linton and was particularly well known in this section of the mining field.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. **Clementine Letot**; one son, Guy Letot, of Princeton; four daughters, Mrs. Gabriel Lamarthe of Bicknell, Mrs. Louise Bouchet of Detroit, Mich; Mrs. Leon Fougennesse of Princeton and Mrs. Julian Reid of Detroit; one sister and a brother in Belgium; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Paul Bouchet, prominent Linton athlete and now a rookie pitcher with the Indianapolis Indians at the spring training camp in Florida, is a grandson of Mr. Letot. The young athlete has lived with his grandparents most of his life.

Funeral services will be held at the family home at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, with Marcel Coulomb reading the rites. Interment will be made in Fairview cemetery. The Clayton Funeral home has charge of arrangements.

The Linton Daily Citizen, Linton, IN – 14 March 1936

STURBOIS Rites Friday Morning – Alexandria – **Joseph Emil STURBOIS**, 78, a farmer residing near Alexandria, died early Wednesday morning at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, following an eight months illness. He had been a patient at the hospital the last month. Mr. Sturbois was born August 23, 1877 in Jumet, Belgium, the son of Gustave and Eugenie LOREAUX STURBOIS. The deceased came to this country in 1880 and was a glassworker during his youth. He had worked for several glass companies in this area and in Coffeyville, Kans... He lived in Osceola for 14 years and later operated a service station at Dundee on Ind 28, west of Alexandria, from 1931 to 1945. At that time he moved to a farm on Rt 1, Frankton. Mr. Sturbois married the former Ella Dwig gins of Alexandria in 1901. She preceded him in death in 1918. He was a member of St Joseph Catholic church in Elwood. Surviving is one son, Edward Rt.3, Alexandria, present operator of the Dundee service station; one daughter, Mrs. Nina Hiatt of Swayzee, a former teacher in Alexanria High School; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; one brother, Gustave Sturbois who ived with him in Frankton; two sisters Mrs. Gustave Falleur of Ft Smith, Ark., and Mrs. Frank Cook of Warrenton, Ore. The body was taken to the Gipe Williams and Kyle Funeral Home where friends will be received after 2pm Thursday. Final rites will be at 9:30am Friday in St Mary's Catholic Church, Alexandria, with the Rev. Fr Hammes of Elwood officiating. Burial will be in Park View Cemetery, Alexandria. - Anderson Herald August 16, 1956, Anderson, Indiana

<http://person.ancestry.com/tree/14707814/person/221233367/facts>

ALEXANDRIA — **Gustave A. Sturbois**, 88, retired glass blower, died today at 1am at the home of a niece, Mrs. Ray Hiatt, RR 1. Frankton, of a heart attack. He had lived in Alexandria for 30 years. He was born in Jumet, Belgium, March 6, 1874. He was never married. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Frank Cook of Warrenton, Ore., a niece, Mrs. Hiatt, at whose home he died: a nephew, Edward Sturbois, RR 3, Alexandria. Friends will be received at the Karl M. Kyle Funeral Home after 2 p.m. Sunday. Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Church here by the Rev. Robert Sorg. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Park View Cemetery. - Anderson Herald Bulletin September 8, 1962, Anderson, IN

Mrs. **Marie DeSMET**, 81, R.R., Winamac, (Indiana) died Thursday at 2:45 p.m. in Woodlawn hospital after an illness of five days. She was a native of Belgium and lived in Winamac 2 1/2 years, moving there from Mishawaka. Surviving are two daughters, sixteen grandchildren; fifty-two great-grandchildren; one brother and one half-sister. Rites will be Monday at 9 a.m. at St. Bavo Catholic church in Mishawaka with burial in that city. Friends may call at the Bubb funeral home in Mishawaka after 7 p.m. today. <http://www.fulco.lib.in.us/genealogy/Tombaugh/Obituaries/Html/1963.htm>  
The Rochester Sentinel, Rochester, IN - Friday, March 8, 1963

**Fernand DuBOIS**, 76, Liege, father of Mrs. William<sup>1</sup> H (Renee) Linkhorn, a former resident here, died in Belgium, Nov 3, following a short illness. A visitor in the United States on several occasions, he spent the summer of 1950 visiting here with his daughter and her family. During his stay here, Mr. DuBois met many persons and has remained in contact with them in the ensuing years. Mr. DuBois served the city of Liege in several public offices and spent most of his career as head of the department of public education (a position similar to the American Superintendent of schools). He retired in 1953. His surviving daughter, Mrs. Linkhorn lives in Mansfield, Oh. She was an instructor of French at the Kokomo campus of Indiana University while a resident of Kokomo. Her husband, William, was assistant superintendent at the American Standard Plumbing and Heating Corp. while residing here. The Kokomo Tribune, Kokomo, IN – 11 Nov 1964

Mrs. **Alice H. BELLERIVE**, 79, Mentone, died at 3:20 a.m. today at the Murphy Medical Center in Warsaw. Born May 16, 1895, in Belgium, Mrs. Bellerive moved to Mentone four years ago from the Beaver Dam area. She was married in 1920 to Jerry D. BENSART, who died in 1938, and she remarried in 1945 to George A. BELLERIVE, who survives. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Warsaw. Surviving with the husband are two daughters, Mrs. Orvel (Verna) WHITESELL, Tippecanoe, and Mrs. Julianne THOMPSON, Warsaw; one brother, Hector VEERECKE, Belgium; one sister, Mrs. Victor VERHELST, Saskatchewan, Canada, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Warsaw with Father Martin HORVATH officiating. Burial will be in the Mentone cemetery. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the King Memorial home in Mentone. <http://www.fulco.lib.in.us/genealogy/Tombaugh/Obituaries/Html/1975.htm>  
The Rochester Sentinel, Rochester, IN - Tuesday, January 7, 1975

Word has been received that **Francois BONGARRTS**, 69, Merksem, Belgium, brother of Mrs. Charles (Angele) BONGARRTS KOCHENDERFER, R.R. 2, Rochester (Indiana), died in Belgium. He served in the Belgium army in World War II and was a German prisoner during part of the war. Surviving with the sister are his wife, Hilda [BONGARRTS]; a daughter, Francoise [BONGARRTS], and a son, Walter [BONGARRTS], all in Belgium. <http://www.fulco.lib.in.us/genealogy/Tombaugh/Obituaries/Html/1978.htm>  
The Rochester Sentinel, Rochester, IN - Monday, February 20, 1978

**Raymond F. VERHOEBE**, 88, Kewanna, died at home at 8:45 p.m. Saturday. Born Jan. 18, 1899 in Klerken, Belgium to Renatus and Mary VANDEPOOLE VERHOEBE, he married Edna Marie St. JOHN MILORD on June 17, 1944 in St. Cyrilch Catholic Church in Chicago. She survives. He was a retired clerical employee at Youngstown Sheet Steel and Tube Co, Chicago and a member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna. Surviving with his wife are a step-daughter Joan CARR, Kewanna; two step-sons, Eugene MILORD, Greenwich, Conn. and Jerome MILORD, Santa Fe, N.M.; two sisters, Elizabeth SOENEN, Overland, Kan., and Glieve HOORNAERT, Houston, Tex.; seven step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. Seven brothers and ten sisters preceded in death. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna with Father Cornelius KELLY

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<sup>1</sup> **William H. Linkhorn**, 88 - Decorated WWII vet; world traveler; avid bridge player - Cape Cod Times (Hyannis, MA) - Friday, December 28, 2007: MASHPEE - William H. Linkhorn died on Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at the Cape Cod Hospital. Born in Cambridge, Ohio, on March 20, 1919, he was one of six children, and is survived by his older sister, Naomi Francis of Columbus, Ohio. In 1941, he graduated from Ohio State University, and received his degree in ceramic engineering. He spent his career as a manager of several large companies, including American Standard and the Hall China Co. of East Liverpool, Ohio, where he eventually retired. Bill was a highly decorated veteran of World War II and was discharged as a major, having earned, among many other medals, the Bronze Star and the French Croix de Guerre. He participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy as a commander of the 992<sup>nd</sup> Treadway Bridge Company, and was active in many campaigns throughout France and Central Europe. A man of many talents and interests, Bill was a world traveler and actually wrote his own travelogues, which he presented at various civic functions throughout his life. He directed plays and a chorus in his younger years, and was an avid bridge player. He was president of his Rotary Club in East Liverpool, Ohio. During his time there, he ran a cultural exchange program between the U.S., France, and Belgium (his wife's native country). Bill is survived by his wife, **Renée** of Mashpee; and his two children, Dr. **Suzanne Weiss-Pond** of Worcester and Mashpee, and his son, **Daniel Linkhorn** of Foster City, Calif., their spouses, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held in the spring after burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations in honor of William Linkhorn be made to the Alzheimer's Association or any other charity of one's choice.

officiating. Friends may call at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, after 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. until an hour before services. A Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

<http://www.fulco.lib.in.us/genealogy/Tombaugh/Obituaries/Html/1987.htm>

The Rochester Sentinel, Rochester, IN - Monday, July 6, 1987

**Cyriel Minne** (March 17, 1911-June 21, 1994) MISHAWAKA - Cyriel Minne, 83, of West 12th Street, died at 6:10 a.m. today in Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa. Mr. Minne retired in 1973 from Uniroyal Plastics Co. after 43 years of service. He was born March 17, 1911, in Schuiferskapelle, Belgium, and lived in Mishawaka since 1920, coming from Belgium. On Nov. 18, 1933, in Mishawaka, he married Laura Selis. She survives with two daughters, Lorraine Penrod and Jeannette Minne, both of Mishawaka; a son, Stephen of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Selis of Cleveland. He was a member of St. Bavo's Catholic Church, B.K. Club and Uniroyal Foremans Club. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the church. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in Hahn Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or the church.

MONROE CITY, Ind. - **Elmer L. ABRASSART<sup>2</sup>, 78**, died at 6:45 a.m. Sunday at his home. He was a sales representative for Kraft Foods of Chicago for 10 years and operated a Superax Inc. until his retirement in 1982. He then worked at Ramsey Orchard with his son. He was a World War II veteran with service in the 77th Infantry Division in the Pacific Theater. He received three bronze service awards for amphibious landings on Japanese-held islands, the Pacific Service medal, Philippine Liberation Medal and Victory Medal. He was a member of Old Cathedral Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Vincennes American Legion Post 73, American Association of Retired Persons and the 77th Infantry Division, New York City. He trained and sold bird dogs. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Ilarose (Anderson); two daughters, Debbie Abrassart and Dr. Renee Abrassart, both of Monroe City; a son, Brad L. of Monroe City; and a brother, Chet of Casper, Wyo. Services will be at 3 p.m. EST today at Old Cathedral Church, with burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Lincoln Trail Hospice. Goodwin Funeral Home is handling arrangements. - Evansville Courier & Press (IN) - Date: November 29, 1995 - Edition: Final - Page: A8

**George SCHUL**, 49, died Saturday at home. Born in Belgium, he was a Vietnam War veteran. Surviving are a sister, Valentina Randolph of Fort Wayne; and his mother, Barbara Schul of Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling from 9 a.m. until services. Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials to Disabled American Veterans. - The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, Indiana - 26 January, 1998

**James A. Minne, Sr.**, 54, of West 8th Street, Mishawaka, Ind., passed away at 4:20 a.m. early Thursday morning, May 21, in Hospice House, South Bend, Ind. He was born on Oct. 2, 1943, in Mishawaka, as the son of the late Camiel and Rosina (Van Landuyt) Minne. He was a lifelong Michiana resident. Mr. Minne is survived by his two sons, James A. Minne, Jr., and Timothy A. (Kim) Minne, both of South Bend; a brother, David A. (Nancy) Minne of Mishawaka; and by a nephew, Jason A. Minne, also of Mishawaka. He was a member of Bass Masters and American Legion Post #168 in Mishawaka. Mr. Minne was a veteran of the United States Army, where he served his country in Vietnam. He was a tool and die maker for Krizman International, Inc., Mishawaka, for 37 years. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, in the Hahn Funeral Home, with Rev. James Shafer officiating. Burial will follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola, Ind. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 25, in the Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th Street, Mishawaka. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Joseph County, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637-3437. - South Bend Tribune (IN) - Saturday, May 23, 1998

Bryan, OH - **JOSEPH R. ELEGEER, 87**, died Monday at Harborside Healthcare Center of Northwest Ohio, Bryan. Born in Belgium, he retired from the Aro Corp. after 32 years. He was a World War II Army veteran. His wife, Irene, died in 1996. Surviving are two sons, Andrew and Randy, both of Bryan; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a son, Russell Eugene. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rice Funeral Home, Bryan. Calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. Burial in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan, with military rites by Bryan VFW Post No. 2489. Memorials to American Heart Association or donor's choice. - The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, Indiana - February 9, 1999

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<sup>2</sup> the son of Herman and Novenia (could be 2nd wife) ABRASSART on the 1930 Uscensus, at Vincennes, Knox, IN. Parents listed as French; Jean Ducat lists them in "Caroloregiens au Nouveau Monde" p59, father: Ursmar, b in Charleroi, glassworker and mother Philomene MAJESKI, b. Jumet; SSDI: Elmer L. Abrassart b. 5 Aug 1917 - d. 26 Nov 1995 Monroe City, Knox, Indiana; His brother Herman Abrassart b. 24 Apr 1908 - d. Mar 1975 Vincennes, Knox, Indiana

Marriage record of parents: Indiana Marriage Collection, 1800-1941 Record

Name: U Abrassart

Spouse Name: Nannie Johnson

Marriage Date: 30 May 1905

Marriage County: Knox

Source Title 1: Knox County, Indiana

Source Title 2: Index to Marriage Record 1854 - 1920 Inclusive Vol

Source Title 3: W. P. A. Original Record Located: County Clerk's O

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**Jacqueline J. HENDERSON**, 67, of Marion, died Tuesday at Marion General Hospital. Born in Ghent, Belgium, she was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Robert G.; three sons, Robert M. of Maryville, Tenn., Mark A. of Marion and Rick J. of Warsaw; a daughter, Linda Elley of Gas City; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Services at 11 a.m. Friday at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine, with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. today. Burial in LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery.  
The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, Indiana - 8 April 1999

**Martha Marie DeBAILLIE**, 87, died Monday at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, Kendallville. Born in Stalin, Belgium, she was a homemaker. Her husband, Alberic, died in 1977. Surviving are three daughters, Betty I. Bushee of Markle, Julia R. Parker of Ligonier and Marcella M. Boman of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Memorials to Masses to the church or Shepherd of the Hill.  
The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, Indiana - 19 October 1999

**FM2030**, 69, a futurist philosopher who legally changed his name because of his conviction that he would live to be at least 100 died Saturday in New York. Born **F.M. Esfandiary** in 1930, FM2030 arranged to have his body cryogenically frozen in the hope of being re-animated if and when doctors find a cure for pancreatic cancer. His body was flown to Arizona for storage in a vat of liquid nitrogen. A teacher, author and corporate consultant, FM2030 was launched -- his word for born -- in Belgium. He lived in 17 countries by the time he was 11, fostering his self-proclaimed identity as a citizen of the universe. In 1977, he anticipated the correction of genetic flaws and fertilization and gestation outside the body. He wrote several books and revising his "Countdown to Immortality" when he was diagnosed with cancer. - The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, IN - 12 July 2000

**Gerald "Jerry" Desender**, 63, 1705 13th St., died at 9:35 a.m. Wednesday at Bedford Regional Medical Center. Born in Belgium, he was the son of Remie and Blanche (Nuella) Desender. He married Wanda Terrell on April 13, 1974, and she survives. He was a self-employed contractor. Surviving with his wife are two daughters: Elizabeth Johnson of Altoona, Iowa, and Julie Scott of Bedford; two sons: John Desender of Mitchell and Jack Pineira of Bedford; two brothers: George and Gabriel Desender, both of Canada; two sisters: Mary Vandevalk and Georgette Greco, both of Canada; and 12 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Day & Carter Mortuary, Bedford (Indiana), with Sister Joan Luerman officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the mortuary. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. - <http://www.genealogybuff.com/in/in-lawrence-obits2.htm>  
Dec. 6, 1936-Aug. 9, 2000

**Marilyn Sue VIRONET JARRETT**, 65, Welaka, Fla., and Yorktown, formerly of Fortville, died May 27. She worked 33 years for St. John's Medical Center, Anderson, retiring in 1993 as director of psychiatric services for the hospital's Anderson Center. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Anderson. She was a graduate of Holy Cross School of Nursing, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and Ball State University. Memorial contributions may be made to the Food Ministries at St. Mary Catholic Church, Anderson. Services: 10:30 a.m. June 1 in Ronald L. Seals Funeral Home, Fortville, with calling from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. May 31. Burial: Gravel Lawn Cemetery, Fortville. Survivors: husband Jackie E. Jarrett children Robin P., Paula S. Jarrett, Lori L. Gunn brother William E. "Skip" Vironet half brother James Amos half sister Mary Phyllis Decker four grandchildren.  
The Indianapolis Star, (IN) - Date: May 29, 2001 - Edition: CITY FINAL - Page: B04

**CLARA M. LOUAGIE**, 78, died Tuesday at St. Rita's Hospital, Lima. Born in Belgium, she was a homemaker. Her husband, Maurice W., died this month and son, William, in 1963. Surviving are two daughters, Mary Junkin of Fort Wayne and Diane S. Thornell of Paulding; two sons, Bob R. of Payne and Daniel J. of Convoy; three brothers, Andrew Darras and James Darras, both of Van Wert, and Richard Darras of Monroeville, Ind.; a sister, Dorothy Vorndran of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Prayers at 10:30 a.m. EDT (9:30 a.m. Fort Wayne time) Saturday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, Ind., followed by an 11 a.m. EDT Mass of Christian Burial at St. Rose Catholic Church, Monroeville. Calling from 3 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday at the funeral home, with rosary at 9 p.m. EDT. Burial in the church cemetery. Memorials to Masses or Convoy EMS. Condolences to [info@zwickjahn.com](mailto:info@zwickjahn.com).  
Obituaries/Fort Wayne & Northwest Ohio Journal Gazette, The (Fort Wayne, IN) - April 25, 2002

MICHIGAN CITY – Mr. **Andrew Willie**, 90, of LaPorte, died Monday, July 7, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. at Life Care Center of Michigan City. He was born April 27, 1913, in Belgium to Gustav and Helena (Coppens) Willie. Mr. Willie retired in 1978 as a custodian from Notre Dame Catholic Church after 20 years. He was a member of Notre Dame Catholic Church and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. On Sept. 13, 1945, in Mishawaka, he married Marguerite Lerade, who died April 26, 1995. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one sister, Gladys Earl; and one brother, Rene. Surviving are one daughter, Louise Hoffmaster of LaPorte, and two grandchildren. There will be no service or visitation. Cremation will take place and the ashes entombed in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens Chapel of the Chimes Mausoleum. Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. The La Porte County Herald-Argus, ( IN ) - Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mrs. **Elfrida Noë**, 75, of 209 Colfax St., LaPorte, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, in Denver, where she had resided for 3½ months. She was born May 19, 1928, in Belgium to **Celina Hesters DeLetter** and **Gustaaf DeLetter**, and had lived in LaPorte for 50 years. Mrs.

Noë was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She and her husband shared a love of nature and gardening and she was well known as the "flower lady of LaPorte." In 1949, she married Josef Noë, who died in 1992. Surviving are six daughters, Hilde, Annemarie (Rick) Frisz and Rita (Kit) Brekhus, all of the Denver area, and Kris (Mark) Stinnett, Jenny (Ernie) Hamby and Lori, all of the San Diego area; two sons, Bill (Debbie) of Goshen, Ind., and Rik (Kim) of LaPorte; 14 grandchildren; five sisters in Belgium; and one brother, Michel DeLetter of LaPorte. A memorial service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaPorte, with Rev. Ted Nordquist officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Godparent Program, 101 C St., LaPorte, IN 46350. The La Porte County Herald-Argus, LaPorte county, Indiana - Tuesday, December 23, 2003

**Margaret L. Deom, 83**, of Tell City, Ind., died Friday, June 25, 2004, at Beverly Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A native of Perry County, Ind., she was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Hagedorn and Anna (Bockhold) Hagedorn; her husband, Paul Deom; two sons, Gene Deom and Denny Deom; a grandson, Jerry Ray Deom; five brothers, John Hagedorn, Alvin Hagedorn, Raphael Hagedorn, Cletus Hagedorn and Nicholas Hagedorn; two sisters, Rose Harpenau and Agetha Harpenau. Survivors include three sons, Jerry Deom of Rineyville, Kenny Deom of Tell City and Mike Deom of Leopold, Ind.; four daughters, Pat Klueh of Troy, Ind., Diana Waninger of Lamar, Ind., Linda Mogan of Rockport, Ind., and Janet Gogel of Fulda, Ind.; a brother, Hubert Hagedorn of Tell City; a sister, Mary Lautner of Tell City; 22 grandchildren, Cheryl Stevens, Teresa Deom, Tom Deom, Valerie Cronin, Lisa Williams, Tonya Horsting, Ron Waninger, Kim Brown, Jamie Waninger, Shawn Waninger, Neil Deom, Stacy Holly, Tammy Deom, Tracy Beard, Tiffany Deom, Wes Deom, Brad Deom, Brandi Deom, Charlie Mogan, Nathan Mogan, Kelsie Gogel and Dani Gogel; and 20 great-grandchildren. The funeral service was Monday at St. Nicholas Church in Santa Claus, Ind., with the Rev. Jim Sauer officiating. Burial was in the St. Nicholas Church Cemetery in Santa Claus. Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Nicholas Church or the donor's favorite charity. The News-Enterprise, (Jun/30/2004)

**Thelma Mae Deom, 74**, Tell City, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at her home. A native of Tell City, born Sept. 25, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Preston H. and Josephine Boerste Richard. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter and son, and two brothers, Preston and Matt Richard. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, and the St. Paul Quilting Circle. Survivors include her husband of 57 years, John L. (Jack) Deom; three sons, Frederick J. and Thomas S. Deom, both of Tell City, and William Earl Deom of Evanston; four daughters, Kathy D. Shireman of Lanesville, Martha Sue (Susie) Fortwendel of Troy, Regina A. Davis of Heltonville and Carol Beth Smith of Mt. Holly, N.J.; nine grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Visitation: Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 3 to 8 p.m. with a Daughters of Isabella memorial service at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 5, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Huber Funeral Home in Tell City. Funeral: Thursday, Aug. 5, at 10 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church with burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Tell City. Officiant: The Rev. Carl Deitchman. The family suggests memorial gifts to VNA Hospice or St Mary Cemetery. The Corydon Democrat, Corydon, IN – 6 Aug 2004

**GAS CITY - William J. Vironet** (March 27, 1923-Sept. 3, 2004), 81, 400 E.S. "J" St., died at 5:12 p.m. Friday at home. He was born in Caney, Kan., to the late Edmund E. and Ethel M. (Hollingsworth) Vironet. He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the OSS and was a paratrooper. He married Patsie McNeal, who died May 11, 2002. Mr. Vironet was a truck driver for more than 30 years with Miller Trucking Co. He also was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6728 and American Legion Post 10, Marion. He was a good, kind, and loving man. Surviving are daughter, Lucinda (David) Losure, Marion; and sons, Daniel Vironet, Gas City, John (Marilyn) Vironet, Arizona, and William R. Vironet; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He also was preceded in death by three brothers; two sisters; and four children, Sherrie Lynn, Arthur, Melinda and Joseph. Services are at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., with the Rev. Jim Sexton officiating. Burial is in Riverside Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Chronicle-Tribune (Marion, IN) - Date: September 5, 2004 - Page: 4A

**GAS CITY -- William J. Vironet**, 81, 400 E.S. "J" St., died at 5:12 p.m. Friday at home. He was born in Caney, Kan., to the late Edmund E. and Ethel M. (Hollingsworth) Vironet. He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the OSS and was a paratrooper. He married Patsie McNeal, who died May 11, 2002. Mr. Vironet was a truck driver for more than 30 years with Miller Trucking Co. He also was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6728 and American Legion Post 10, Marion. He was a good, kind, and loving man. Surviving are daughter, Lucinda (David) Losure, Marion; and sons, Daniel Vironet, Gas City, John (Marilyn) Vironet, Arizona, and William R. Vironet; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He also was preceded in death by three brothers; two sisters; and four children, Sherrie Lynn, Arthur, Melinda and Joseph. Services are at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., with the Rev. Jim Sexton officiating. Burial is in Riverside Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Chronicle-Tribune, Grant County, Indiana – 6 September 2004

**TELL CITY - John L. "Jack" Deom, 82**, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at his home in Tell City. A native of Leopold, he was born March 1, 1922, the son of the late Ernest and Edna (Taylor) Deom. Also preceding him in death was a daughter in infancy, Linda Sue Deom, a son in infancy, a brother, Paul Deom and his wife, the former Thelma Richard Aug. 2, 2004, whom he married June 18, 1947 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Tell City. A World War II Army Air Corp veteran, he was a graduate of Oil Township High School and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. He retired in 1984 from Martin-Marietta after 15 years and was a farmer and electrician for many years. Surviving are four daughters, Kathy D. Shireman of Lanesville, Martha Sue "Susie" Fortwendel of Troy, Regina A. Davis of Heltonville and Carol Beth Smith of Hainesport, N.J.; three sons, Frederick J. and Thomas S. Deom, both of Tell City and

William Earl Deom of Evanston; two sisters, Ophelia Sprinkle of Leopold and Mar-jorie Wooldridge of Louisville, Ky.; nine grandchildren, Kevin Fortwendel, Amy Carter, Jeff and Ben Shireman, Jason and Justin Deom, Samantha Morron and Alex and Andrew Smith; and a great-granddaughter. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at St. Paul Catholic Church with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery in Tell City where the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2939 will conduct military rites. The Rev. Barnabas Gillespie OSB will officiate. Friends may call from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Huber Funeral Home in Tell City where a prayer service was conducted Wednesday evening. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Cemetery or Visiting Nurse Association Hospice. Messages of condolence may be sent online at [www.huberfuneralhome.net](http://www.huberfuneralhome.net).  
Perry County News (Jan/6/2005)

**Walter Henry DeGeyter**, 91, of Mishawaka, passed after a brief illness on Sunday, January 22, 2006, in Countryside Place, Mishawaka. Walter was born on February 4, 1914, in Mishawaka, as the son of the late Basil and Cyrilla (Christaens) DeGeyter. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Josephine Somnis. Walter retired in 1976 from Dodge Manufacturing Corporation in Mishawaka after 40 years of service. Walter was a very kind and generous man to everyone all of his life. He would often donate money and time to various charities throughout the community. He would always place others' needs and wants before his own, especially his family and friends. Walter was a World War II and Korean War Army veteran. He was a life member of VFW Post 360 in Mishawaka. He was also very faithful to his church, St. Bavo's. He was a member of the YMCA swim club, Dodge Quarter Century Club, and was an avid outdoorsmen. Walter loved to go camping and fish in different areas of the country. Walter is survived by four sisters, Leona (Albert) Nemes of Mishawaka, Martha Botos of Mishawaka, Florence Burkhart of South Bend and Gabrielle Poikus of Mishawaka; nine nephews, Albert, Robert, Kenneth and Kurt Nemes, Gary and Dana Botos, Tom and Lynde Burkhart, and Richard Poikus; six nieces, Joan Cook, Cheryl Lane, Cynthia Lehner, Patricia Yost, Susan Young and Diane Egendoerfer; and by 32 great-nieces and nephews. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today, January 24, in the Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th Street, Mishawaka. A wake prayer service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, in St. Bavo Catholic Church, Mishawaka, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka. Military rites will be conducted by VFW 360 and the American Legion 161 Burial Squad. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Walter's name be made to the charity of donor's choice.

South Bend Tribune, Suth Bend, IN - January 24, 2006 6:59AM

**Ernest E. Maiserouille Sr., 88**, Peru, passed away at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Oct. 29, 1918 in Frontenac, Kan. to **Henry J.**<sup>3</sup> and **Wilhelmina (Steffens) Maiserouille**. He married **Opal May Lee**, and she preceded him in death March 18, 2003. Maiserouille was an auto parts salesman and a member of the Masonic Lodge 187 F&AM of Pittsburg, Kan., Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Scott, Kan., Miaza Temple of Pittsburg, Kan., and Arab Patrol of Pittsburg, Kan. Survivors include two sons, Ernest Maiserouille Jr. and wife Glenda, Peru, and Charles J. Maiserouille and wife Diane, Pittsburg, Kan.; five grandchildren, Todd and Sherri Maiserouille, Jeremy Cox, and Travis and Travar Maiserouille; four great-grandchildren, Ashlee and TyAnn Gasaway, Caitlyn Maiserouille and Keagen Cox; and two sisters, Juanita Grubbs, Pittsburg, Kan., and Mary Bell Mitchell, Grove, Okla. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. - Peru Daily Tribune - Thursday, November 02, 2006, Peru, Indiana

**Anna NOWICKI**, 96, of South Bend, passed away at 6:05 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, at Healthwin Specialized Care Facility. She was born in Hellegem, Belgium, June 8, 1910, the daughter of the late **Rene and Lucina (Tavemier) Meuleman**. She had retired from Robertson's Department Store after ten years of service. She loved bingo, and liked to keep busy with crocheting. She made Afghans for all of her children, along with many neck scarves, and decorative dish towels. She was an excellent baker and cook. She had made many friends at Healthwin. She was a member of Holy Family Church and Altar & Rosary Society; and leader of the former Holy Family Harvest House for seventeen years. Surviving are daughters; Mary Ann (Michael) Rafalski, whom she resided with, Virginia (Ralph) Bartels of Osceola, Geraldine (Thomas) Sternal, of Fort Wayne, Elizabeth (LeRoy) Skodinski of Orting, Wash., and Catherine (Harriet Rumschlag) Nowicki of Fort Wayne, fifteen grandchildren, thirty-seven great grandchildren, and eleven great-great-grandchildren. On May 29, 1935, she married Leo C. Nowicki, who passed away in 2002. Also preceding her in death are brothers; Joseph, Ray and Albert Meulemen, sister; Mary Pinter. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Tuesday in Holy Family Catholic Church, with burial to follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, South Bend. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday St. Joseph Funeral Home, 824 S. Mayflower Road. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Church, Healthwin Activities Department, Center for Hospice and Pallative Care, and the Fort Wayne Center for Non-Violence.

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<sup>3</sup> The 1930 US Census in Frontenac, Crawford, Kansas shows **Henry J Maiserouille**, 40, b in Belgium, married at age 24 to Wilhelmina, 33, b Kansas (of German parents) with children: Ernest E, 11, b Kansas; Henrietta M, 9 b Kansas; Leonard J, 7, b Kansas; Elizabeth, 4y 8m b. Kansas; Juanita E, 2y 8m, b Kansas. He loaded cars in a Veneer plant. A few houses down from there lived a **Leon Maiserouille**, 73 b Belgium and his wife **Henrietta**, 65 b. in Belgium who both emigrated in 1893, which is the same year Henry J emigrated also. Leonard Maiserouille is found in the Social Security Death Index as being born on 14 Feb 1923 - d. in Dec 1969, Kansas; Opal M Maiserouille, wife of Ernest, was born 6 Sep 1920 and died 18 Mar 2003, Pittsburgh, Kansas. The WWI Draft cards show **Henry Jule Maiserouille**, b in Forshee, Belgium on 29 Mar 1890. He worked as a coalminer for the *Central Coal and Coke Company*. He was tall, slender, had blue eyes and dark hair.



H. J. Maiserouille  
(LEGATARY OF MISS.)

The News-Sentinel, Fort Wayne, Indiana - Sunday, November 19, 2006

Mrs. **Marie Richmann**, 85, of Michigan City, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at 2:05 p.m. at Saint Anthony Memorial Hospital, Michigan City. She was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Belgium. Mrs. Richmann was a homemaker and had also worked for Country Cousins drive-in and Carson Pirie Scott in Michigan City. She was a devoted wife and mother and a good cook. Surviving is one son, Rene of Michigan City. There will be no service or visitation. Cremation will take place. Lakeview Funeral Home and Crematory, LaPorte, is in charge of arrangements. - La Porte County Herald-Argus, The ( IN ) - Friday, December 22, 2006

**Jeanette Minne**, 67, passed away at 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, in her residence. Jeanette was born on January 28, 1941, in Mishawaka, as the daughter of Cyriel and Laura Charlotte (Selis) Minne. She was preceded in death by her parents, and by a sister, Lorraine Penrod. Surviving Jeanette are a brother, Stephen (Carla) Minne of Fort Wayne; and her nieces and nephews, Michael (Pam) Penrod, Lori (Tom) Skora, Rick Penrod, Bill Penrod, Susan Rodts, Alan Minne and Laura J. Minne; and several cousins. Jeanette worked for Uniroyal for 30 years from 1959 to 1989; she then went to work for St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Bend, and for Respite Care from 1990 to 2002. She was a lifetime parishioner of St. Bavo Catholic Church, Mishawaka, where she was a Eucharistic Minister and Wedding Coordinator, a member of Uniroyal Ladies Club and the American Business Women's Association. Friends and family may call on Friday, April 11, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th Street, Mishawaka, where a wake prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at noon on Saturday, April 12, in St. Bavo Catholic Church, with Rev. Barry England officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka. Jeanette's family would like to thank all the friend and caregivers who stopped by and helped out and sent cards to her during her brief illness. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Bavo Catholic Church, 511 W 7th Street, Mishawaka, IN 46544. - South Bend Tribune (IN) - Thursday, April 10, 2008

MISHAWAKA - **Fernanda G. "Bomma" Pierardt**, 83, of Mishawaka, died Sunday evening, Jan. 11, 2009, in her home. She was born Sept. 16, 1925, in Meerendree, Belgium, to Maurice and Marie (VanSteenkiste) Pauwels. She grew up in Belgium and moved to the United States in 1949. On Jan. 14, 1950, in St. Bavo Catholic Church, Mishawaka, she married Roger Pierardt. He survives, along with two daughters, Vivian (Joseph) Bowen of Elkhart and Monique (Patrick) Trippel of Crown Point; a sister, Adeline VandeSompel of Belgium; a brother-in-law, Andre Pierardt of Belgium; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Gaby DeMaegd. Mrs. Pierardt was employed in food service with Penn-Harris-Madison Schools, working at Fulmer and Grissom schools. She was a member of St. Bavo Catholic Church. She was known for her cooking and baking, particularly her breads. She enjoyed knitting and playing bingo and cards. She and her husband wintered for many years in Fort Myers, Fla., where she enjoyed bicycle riding and walking the beach. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Wednesday until the noon funeral service at Thallemer, Goethals & Wells Funeral Home, 503W. Third St., Mishawaka. The Rev. Barry England will officiate. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care. The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Indiana - Tuesday, January 13, 2009

SOUTH BEND - **Elsie M. Schosker**, 91, of South Bend, died Monday (Jan. 26, 2009) in Hospice House. She was born Aug. 12, 1917, in Belgium and lived most of her life in South Bend. Mrs. Schosker is survived by her daughter, Rebecca E. "Becky" (Charlie) Clark of Niles, Mich.; one son, Robert M. (Brenda) Schosker Jr. of Elkhart; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St. South Bend. The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend. The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Indiana - Wednesday, January 28, 2009

MISHAWAKA - **Joseph J. De-Meyer**, 74, died Wednesday (May 13, 2009) in Memorial Hospital, South Bend. He was born Jan. 31, 1935, in Gent, Belgium, to Morris and Clara (Monnaers) DeMeyer. He came to the United States when he was 17 and became a citizen. On Aug. 20, 1955, he married JoAnn Doyle in Elkhart. She survives along with four daughters, Debbie (Larry) Geisel, Kim (Terry) Hill and Julie Maes, all of Mishawaka, and Joy Spencer of Granger; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Jackie DeMeyer and Simon Berta, both of Mishawaka. He was preceded in death by one sister, Elsie De Loof; two brothers, August and George De-Meyer; and one son-in-law, John Spencer. Mr. DeMeyer loved being a butcher and owned McKinley Meat Market for 45 years. He retired after working 20 years at Dodge Manufacturing. He loved to cook (his leek soup was the best), dance, build bird houses and play cards. He was a member of the BK Club, Mishawaka, and an avid fan of Notre Dame and the Cubs. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. Eighth St., Mishawaka. The Very Rev. Sergei Holowko will officiate Saturday's 10 a.m. funeral service at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison, Mishawaka, IN 46545. Visit [www.hahnfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hahnfuneralhomes.com) send online condolences. - The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Indiana - Friday, May 15, 2009

COLUMBIA, Tenn. - **Nelly Jacobs**, 64, of 708 Sugar Bend Drive, formerly of White Pigeon, Mich., died Friday (Sept. 25, 2009) in Maury Regional Hospital. She was born Jan. 6, 1945, in Lede, Belgium, to Joseph and Irma (DeSmit) D'Haese. On April 30, 1966, she married Larry C. Jacobs in White Pigeon. He survives along with two grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters, Maria D'Haese of Sturgis, Mich., and Marie (Ted) Hillard of White Pigeon; and one brother, Frank D'Haese of Three Rivers. She was preceded in death by one son, Scotty Douglas Jacobs, on June 14, 2008; and one brother, Roger D'Haese. Mrs. Jacobs worked as an inspector at trailer factories and at GM. She attended St. Joseph Catholic Church and was a graduate of White Pigeon High School. She enjoyed fishing, horses, reading, spending time with her family and collecting dolls and Hummel figurines. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Farrand Funeral Home, 300 N. Kalamazoo St., White Pigeon. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m.

Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, White Pigeon. The Rev. Robert Moss will officiate. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the family. - [The Elkhart Truth, \( IN \) - Tuesday, September 29, 2009](#)

WAKARUSA - **Alice S. Wruble**, 88, formerly of Mishawaka, died on Thursday (Jan. 14, 2010) in Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa. She was born July 13, 1921, in Ghent, Belgium, to Alfonse and Flavie (Duchateau) De Clercq. On Jan. 3, 1942, in South Bend she married Marion Wruble. He preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 2003. She is survived by one daughter, Kathryn (Bob) Hillebrand of Granger; three sons, Tom (Linda) Wruble of Plymouth, Tim Wruble of Mishawaka and Terry (Debra) Wruble of South Bend; one brother, Roger De Clercq of South Bend; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. Eighth Street, Mishawaka. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The Rev. Larry Ferguson of Plymouth will officiate. Entombment will follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola. Mrs. Wruble was a member of West Side Church of Christ in South Bend. Memorials may be given to Miller's Merry Manor, 300 N. Washington St., Wakarusa, IN 46573. To submit online condolences visit [www.hahnfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hahnfuneralhomes.com).  
[The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Indiana - Sunday, January 17, 2010](#)

**Octavie C. ERVIN**, 81, passed away Monday, Aug. 9, 2010, at Hamilton House, Fort Wayne. Born in Antwerp, Belgium on Dec. 30, 1928, she came to the United States at the age of 18. She enjoyed playing cards, traveling, bowling and birthday parties with her friends. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church and a volunteer at Parkview Hospital. She and her late husband were members of the Johnny Appleseed Holiday Ramblers and made many trips through the U.S., Mexico and Canada with the group. They spent their winters in Texas, Florida and Arizona. She worked as a cook with Fort Wayne Community Schools for 16 years, retiring in 1980. Surviving are her daughters, Ann (Bob) Bick of Muncie and Deb (Paul) Demaree of Fort Wayne; son, Tim (Tami) Ervin of Shakopee, Minn.; grandchildren, Jason (Dawn) Bick of Fishers, Ind., Bryan (partner, Lee Thomas) Bick of Minneapolis, Minn., Erin Demaree and Megan (Matt) Clark, both of Fort Wayne, TJ (Mirtha) Ervin and Chelsea Ervin, both of Shakopee, Minn.; and great-grandchildren, Jordan and Julia Bick of Fishers. "Deb and Ann would especially like to thank the staff at Hamilton House and Parkview Home Health & Hospice for their compassion and loving care." She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Kenny Ervin; and her parents. Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St Joe Road, with calling one hour prior. Msgr. Bruce Piechocki officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with Rosary service at 7 p.m. Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice. To sign the online guestbook, visit [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com)  
[The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, Indiana - Tuesday, August 10, 2010](#)

**Marietta Meyers**, 85, of Washington, died at 4:32 p.m. Sunday at Washington Nursing Center. Born March 22, 1925, in Arlon, Belgium, she was the daughter of Bartelemy and Josephine (Tousarint) Ontari. She is survived by one daughter, Rosetta Michelle Slaydon of Leesville, La.; one sister-in-law, Jenny Barnett of Washington; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and two sisters. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Oak Grove Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are being made through Ed Lee Mortuary. Online condolences may be sent to [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com). (Oct. 10, 2010) - [The Washington Times-Herald, Washington, Indiana - Wednesday, October 13, 2010](#)

**Georgette V. (Vervae) Routh**, 86, of Anderson, passed away June 24, 2011, at Countryside Manor in Anderson. She was born Sept. 25, 1924, in Zelzate, Belgium, and had resided in Anderson since October 1992. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her daughter, Shirley (Leon) Chapman of Anderson; son, Donald Lee Routh of Clinton, Mo.; daughter-in-law, Vicky Routh of Bolivar, Mo.; grandchildren, Robert N. (Kirstin) Chapman, Elisa (Steven) Fulton, Veronica (Bob) Bell, Maida (Randy) Russell, Carrie (Liam) Wait and William Franks Routh; step-grandchildren, Katrina (Levi) Keithley and Marshall Ware; great-grandchildren, Alexander Wood Russell, Michael Bell, Nathan Fulton, Ethan Bell, Jacob Chapman and Clara Fulton. Georgette was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Clarence H. Routh, who died Feb. 25, 1995; son, Ronald R. Routh, on Dec. 7, 2010; grandson, Christopher N. Chapman, on March 25, 1992; and siblings, George Ver vaet and Laurette Roeland. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory, 200 W. 53rd St., Anderson. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fire Rescue House in Anderson. Post online condolences at [www.LooseCares.com](http://www.LooseCares.com) or [www.theheraldbulletin.com](http://www.theheraldbulletin.com).  
[The Herald Bulletin, Anderson, Indiana - Sunday, June 26, 2011](#)

**Frederic P. Whipple** - Dec. 19, 1922 - Oct. 2, 2011

CORNELIUS, Ore. — Fred was **born in** 1922 **in** Antwerp, **Belgium**, to Abner Davis Whipple (Hamilton County, Ohio) and Germaine Francoise Leone Craen of Liege, **Belgium**. The family moved to Portland, Ore., **in** 1931. Fred graduated from Grant High School and joined the Marine Corps **in** June 1940. He graduated as a Naval Aviator at USNAS, Corpus Christi, Texas, **in** November 1943. He married USMCWR 2nd Lieutenant Martha Jean Kaiser (Washburn) of Indianapolis, Ind., on Sept. 24, 1945, at the home of her parents, Wilbur and Minnie P. Washburn. They settled **in** Portland following military discharge. They and their two children moved to Indianapolis **in** 1953 where he joined Washburn Construction Co. Fred was variously employed **in** the automotive field, and he relocated his family to Anderson **in** 1959 for Chevrolet Motor Division. He later owned and operated several service station businesses **in** Anderson through 1980. He was very active **in** the Anderson Chamber of Commerce, Elks Club, Exchange Club and Mount Moriah Masonic Lodge. He retired from the City of Anderson **in** 1988 after serving as executive director of the City of Anderson Transportation System. Fred and Martha (who was well known for the YWCA swimming program) traveled extensively **in**

their RV and spent many winters in Florida and Texas. Martha and Fred were married for 56 years. Following Martha's death in 2001, Fred moved back to the Portland area. He passed away at his son's home in Cornelius, Ore., with both Anne L. Rohr, daughter, and William A. Whipple, son, present. His brother, Francis O. Whipple, Ph.D., preceded him in death. He is survived by a sister, Helen Foley MacDonald and her son, Edward Foley of Portland. He is also survived by grandson, Lance W. Whipple and great-granddaughter, Hannah J. Whipple of Alexandria and granddaughter, Danielle L. Rohr of Dallas, Texas. Arrangements handled by Westside Cremation and Burial Services, Beaverton, Ore. Post online condolences at [www.theheraldbulletin.com](http://www.theheraldbulletin.com).  
The Herald Bulletin, Anderson, Indiana – 2 October 2011

**ELKHART - Roger E. Behey**, 70, of Elkhart, passed away at 1:40 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, at Elkhart General Hospital after a brief illness. He was born May 11, 1941, in Ghent, Belgium, to Franciscus L. and Henriette M. (Verschraegen) Behey. He later married Peggy J. (O'Neil) Routson on Nov. 25, 2000, in Elkhart. She survives at home. Also surviving are a daughter, Sonya (Don) Smith, and a son, Rodney (Liz Strahla) Behey, both of Mishawaka; a stepdaughter, Kim (Jay) Ott of Friday Harbor, Wash.; three stepsons, Jeff (Birdget) Searer of Cloverdale, Ohio, Tim (Kristen) Routson and Shawn (Paula) Routson, both of Elkhart; a half brother, Ron (Nicole) Behey of Granger; his mother, Henriette M. Roets of Elkhart; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Preceding Roger in death are his father and his stepfather, Albert G. Roets. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today, Oct. 21, at Billings Funeral Home of Elkhart, where a funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Pastor Stan Hoover of Light of Life Church in Elkhart will officiate. In accordance to his wishes, Roger will be cremated after the services. Roger worked at Dodge Manufacturing in Mishawaka for more than 21 years, then spent another 20 years driving over the road for Roadway Trucking Company out of the Chicago terminal, retiring in 2004. Also a Harley Davidson enthusiast, Roger belonged to H. O. G., ABATE, the Belgium (BK) Klub and Elkhart Moose Lodge 599. Memorial donations may be made to the United Cancer Services of Elkhart County. - The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Indiana - Friday, October 21, 2011

**SULLIVAN, Kennedy**, 87, passed away Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, in Fort Wayne. She was born in Antwerp, Belgium, on Sept. 7, 1924, the daughter of **Pieter Frans Van Deuren** and **Joanna Vogels Van Deuren**. Maria was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Sullivan. She was preceded by her parents; her husband, Robert  
The Tribune-Star, Terre Haute, Indiana - Monday, November 21, 2011

**Lea J. Reese**, 97, of Michigan City, formerly from South Bend, passed away on December 6, 2011. Lea was born on January 17, 1914 in Stekene, Belgium. Surviving are granddaughter, Candise Schmidt; granddaughter-in-law Shawn Stroobandt; five great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. And 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bubb Funeral Chapel 3910 N. Main St Mishawaka. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday December 10 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.  
The La Porte County Herald-Argus, ( IN ) - Thursday, December 8, 2011

Mrs. **Mary Elizabeth Vantine**, 88, of North Liberty, Indiana, died Sunday, December 18, 2011 at her home in North Liberty. She was born October 10, 1923 in Antwerp, Belgium, the daughter of **Francis Doms and Bertha (Antonio) Doms**. Mary owned the Chanel Cafe in Fish Lake for many years. She was a member of the North Liberty American Legion Auxiliary and the Women of the Moose. Mary enjoyed traveling, camping, gardening and canning. In 1967, in Wisconsin, she married **Max W. Vantine**, who preceded her in death April 4, 1999. She is survived by her step-daughter, Carolyn (Ray) Callentine of Colorado; sister, Alice Goethals of La Porte, Indiana; two brothers, Joe Doms of Mill Creek, Indiana, Victor Doms of New Carlisle, Indiana; several nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents and one brother. Arrangements are being handled by Haverstock Funeral Home, 602 Maple Ave., La Porte, Indiana, where the family will receive friends Wednesday, December 21, 2011 from 3 to 7 p.m. CST and Thursday, December 22, 2011 from 10 a.m. CST until time of the service. A life celebration will be held at Haverstock Funeral Home, Inc., Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 11 a.m. CST with Rev. Dan McDonald officiating. Interment will follow at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Mill Creek, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the donors choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.haverstockfuneralhome.com](http://www.haverstockfuneralhome.com)  
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