

# MASSACHUSETTS-OBITS



Boston Herald (MA) - Monday, March 23, 1992

**Herman DeWilde** of Belmont, a dentist, died Wednesday in Hawaii while on vacation. He was 80. Born in Ghent, Belgium, he received his medical degree from Ghent University. He was a 1941 graduate of Harvard Dental School, where he taught for 45 years. Dr. DeWilde was a member of the Harvard Dental Society, Harvard Odontological Society, past president of Harvard Dental Alumni Association, Massachusetts and American Dental Associations, American Academy of Dental Science and Guild of St. Apollonia. Dr. DeWilde was attending dentist at Phillips Academy in Andover for more than 40 years. He was former associate chief of pediatric dentistry at Children's Hospital and was active in the Alumni Association. Dr. DeWilde also worked on the oral surgery staff at Massachusetts General Hospital. He was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award by Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He is survived by one son, James A. of Anchorage, Alaska, two daughters, Susie A. Smith-Brunet of Belmont, Claire E. of Boston; and two grandchildren. A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. tomorrow at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Belmont. Interment will be in Belmont Cemetery. Arrangements are by Stanton Funeral Home, Watertown.

Boston Herald (MA) - Wednesday, October 28, 1992

**August J. VanNewenhoven** of Dorchester, retired worker for Peter Fuller Cadillac in Boston, died Sunday in Providence, R.I., after a lengthy illness. He was 89. Born in Belgium, Mr. VanNewenhoven had resided in the United States for many years. He enjoyed golfing and bowling. He is survived by a son, Augustus J. of West Springfield; two daughters, Marion Wilbur of Milton and Joan Slaney of Roslindale; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. today at St. Mark's Church, Dorchester. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. Arrangements are by McHoul Funeral Home, Dorchester.

Union-News (Springfield, MA) - Wednesday, April 28, 1993

**Louise M. (Marsden) Skelton**, 94, of 325 Foley Road died Tuesday morning at home. Born in Antwerp, Belgium, she came to Elmhurst in the Queens borough of New York City as a child, and attended schools there. A vacation resident of Sheffield from 1920, she lived here permanently from the late 1950s. She moved from Sayville, N.Y. While there, she was a World War I Red Cross volunteer, and worked with the soldiers at Camp Upton on Long Island. She worshipped at Christ Church here, and belonged to the Sheffield Garden Club and the Federated Garden Club in New York state. She was also a life member of the Sheffield Historical Society. Her husband, Frederick Skelton, died in 1955. She leaves a son, Frederick Wood Skelton at home; a daughter, Carol Logan of New Fairfield, Conn.; two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. Private burial will be at the family's convenience in Sayville. There are no calling hours, and memorial contributions may be made to the Lee Visiting Nurse Association, in care of Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home of Great Barrington, which is in charge.

Boston Herald (MA) - Wednesday, July 28, 1993

**Nicole B. (Keymeulen) Maher** of Allston, a former dressmaker, died Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Hospital after a brief illness. She was 57. Born and educated in Belgium, Mrs. Maher lived in Allston one year. She ran a Brookline dress shop with her mother for several years. Mrs. Maher also taught at the Women's Educational and Industrial Union in Boston. She leaves her husband, David P.; an aunt, Angela Dickens of Newton; and a cousin, John Van Lierde of New York. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony Church, Allston. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Arrangements are by Lehman and Reen Funeral Home, Brighton.

Boston Herald (MA) - Monday, October 25, 1993

**Francoise Y. E. Kreglinger Schmid** of Sherborn, an artist and philanthropist, died Thursday at home after a battle with cancer. She was 73. Born and raised in Antwerp, Belgium, Mrs. Schmid married and settled in Wellesley in 1940 with her husband, the late John G. Schmid. During World War II, she was co-chairwoman of the Belgian War Relief Effort, for which she was later decorated. Her home in Antwerp, the Chateau du Brandt, became the headquarters for the staff of the Allied Command under General Montgomery. In 1945, Mrs. Schmid moved to Dover, where she became associated with numerous philanthropic organizations. She was a director of the Massachusetts Prison Art Project and participated in the Dover Garden Club for many years. Mrs. Schmid was a member of the Chilton Club, the Mid Ocean Club in Bermuda, the Pan American Society, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and Dover Church. Since childhood, painting was Mrs. Schmid's passion. For many years she was a student of George Dergalis. Through her generosity, a community exhibition space was created at the Dover Library. A showing of her paintings inaugurated the gallery. Mrs. Schmid also exhibited at the Dover Arts and Crafts Show and in Boston. She is survived by three sons, Christian K. of Indianapolis, Matthew F. of Medfield and Allan A. of Yarmouth, Maine; and six grandchildren. A memorial service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Dover Church. Burial will be private. Arrangements are by Eaton Funeral Home, Needham

Sunday Republican (Springfield, MA) - Sunday, November 14, 1993

**Alfons DeDeurwaerder**, 94, formerly of 7 Elmshade Way, a retired architectural ornamental plasterer for Fred Weeks Contractors and Leo Conti Contractors, both formerly of Springfield, died Friday in a local nursing home. He retired in 1973. He, his father and his late brothers were known as the "Belgium brothers" for their trade. Born in Antwerp, Belgium, he was a longtime Springfield resident. He was a member of Local 1 Bricklayers and Plasterers Union, AFL-CIO. His wife, the former Amelia Pio, died in 1976. He leaves two sons, Alphonse H. Jr and Andrew, both of Springfield; a daughter, Angelina "Angie" LaRiviere of East Otis; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The funeral will be Monday morning at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home, and in St. Catherine of Siena Church in Springfield, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Visiting hours are Sunday afternoon and evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, 240 Main St., Memorial Hall, Northampton 01060.


Sunday Republican (Springfield, MA) - Sunday, July 10, 1994

**Josy M. Vroonen**, 69, of 114 Marlborough St., a former sales clerk at City Cleaners in Springfield, died Wednesday at home. Born in Liege, Belgium, she was educated in Belgium schools and attended college there. She was a resident of this city for 30 years. She leaves a daughter, Georgine Larson of Des Moines, Iowa; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a friend, Howard Mitchell of Springfield. The funeral will be private. Harrell Funeral Home is in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 53 Bliss St., Springfield, 01105.

Union-News (Springfield, MA) - Wednesday, December 7, 1994

**Ferdinand L.J. Choux**, 91, formerly of 160 Maynard St., a retired 38-year millwright for Monsanto Chemical Co. in Indian Orchard, died Monday in a local nursing home. He retired in 1968. Born in Tirlemont, Belgium, he came to this country in 1922, and settled here in 1928. He worshipped at the Christadelphian Chapel. His wife, the former Elsie F. Blood, died in 1990. He leaves three daughters, Louise Stevens of St. Petersburg, Fla., Virginia Kibbe of Hampden, and Priscilla Palmer of Melbourne, Fla.; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The funeral will be conducted Friday afternoon at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, and burial will be in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Calling hours are on Thursday evening, and memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

**Zora Arkus-Duntov**



"Father of the Corvette"

<b>Born</b>	Zachary Arkus December 25, 1909 Belgium
<b>Died</b>	April 21, 1996 (aged 86) Detroit, Michigan
<b>Spouse</b>	Elfi Arkus-Duntov

Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton, MA) - Monday, April 29, 1996

WASHINGTON It is a truism that journalism often involves reporting the death of a person to a public that has never heard of that person. So: **Zora Arkus-Duntov** died the other day in Detroit at 86. And if, 700 words from now, you do not mourn his passing, you are not a good American. The headline on The New York Times obituary said Arkus-Duntov "made the Corvette classic." The text of the obituary said he turned that car "into a symbol of power and ostentation in the late 1950s."

Is there a trace of disapproval in those words? Wouldn't be surprised. The Times is the keeper of liberalism's conscience, and liberalism, as is well-known, is not fond of fun, or at least of many forms of fun that many people like (such as cheeseburgers, talk radio, guns, fur coats, Las Vegas). Least of all does liberalism look kindly on the Fifties, when the wrong kind of fun was busting out all over.

McDonald's franchises were springing up like dandelions, the yahoos (a k a the electorate) preferred Dwight Eisenhower's smile to Adlai Stevenson's syntax, and irresponsible consumers liked cars that were larger than roller skates, did not sip gas the way Aunt Minnie sips tea, and expressed the exuberance of a nation not yet susceptible to liberalism's favorite emotion guilt.

The Corvette was born, wouldn't you know it, June 30, 1953, year one of the Eisenhower era. Its body was made of fiberglass, a cousin of plastic, which caused the intelligentsia to curl its collective lip. (Remember the scene early in the 1968 movie "The Graduate," when Benjamin, played by Dustin Hoffman, was fresh from college and in need of a career? Someone doubly

repulsive - an adult and, even worse, a businessman - told Benjamin to remember one word, "plastics." Audiences of advanced thinkers adored that summation of American vulgarity.)

But the Corvette was born with a piddling little 150-horsepower engine. Enter Arkus-Duntov, who was born in Belgium but was born to be an American.

He became one after retiring as a gold smuggler at age 16 and then earning an engineering degree in Berlin and fighting with the French air force early in the Second World War. (This information was in Keith Bradsher's Times obituary, which actually was splendid.) As soon as he saw the Corvette, he sought and got a job with General Motors, where before he retired in 1975 he designed four-wheel disk brakes for mass production cars and the fuel injection system now standard in many cars.

However, his signal contribution to American civilization was to rev up the Corvette to 195-horsepower in 1955, 240 in 1956 and 283 in 1957. America's first muscle car. You got a problem with that? Go to court.

But not to the Supreme Court. Justice Clarence Thomas drives a Corvette. A 1990 ZR1 with 420-horsepower. Its license plates read "Res Ipsa." From a Latin phrase meaning, "It speaks for itself."

Arkus-Duntov had colorful company at GM in the Fifties. There was Harley Earl, "the Cellini of Chrome" who designed cars that looked, said a disapproving critic, like jukeboxes on wheels.

David Halberstam, in his history of the Fifties, writes that whereas Henry Ford (who said people could have cars of any color they wanted, as long as they wanted black) represented America's Calvinist past, Earl was perhaps the most influential shaper of American style and taste in the Fifties' years of abundance and indulgence. He loved airplanes (other GM executives drove Cadillacs, he drove a Buick LeSabre, based on the F-86 Sabre jet) and sharks (hence tailfins). Earl sometimes dressed like a negative of a photograph of a

GM executive, in a cream-colored linen suit and dark blue shirt, and it was said that if Earl could have put chrome on his clothes, he would have.

And Earl was a great patriot. When his son said he was going to get a Ferrari, Earl said otherwise. Instead, the son drove a Corvette. The first Corvette rolled off the assembly line 10 months after the first Holiday Inn was opened, on the highway between Memphis and Nashville, and 22 months before the first McDonald's was opened, in Des Plaines, Ill. America was on the move and in no mood to linger over lunch. A lunch of cheeseburgers. Today's food fascists must really hate the Fifties.

If you seek Arkus-Duntov's monument, look around, at that 'vette coming on in the passing lane. Or look in Bowling Green, Ky., where, at Arkus-Duntov's request, his ashes will be entombed in a display at the National Corvette Museum.

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Union-News (Springfield, MA) - Thursday, August 21, 1997

**Mark G. Schmidt**, 19, of Tideview Terrace, died Friday in Amman, Jordan, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born in Brussels, Belgium, he was a 1996 graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy. He also attended the Harrow School in London, England and was to attend Georgetown University this fall. He leaves his mother, **Susan Schmidt-Letendre** of Kennebunk, his father, Dr. **Gerd Schmidt** of Frankfort, Germany; a brother, Christopher of Kennebunk and many relatives in Northampton, Mass., Agawam, Mass., and South Hadley, Mass. A funeral Mass will be Friday morning at St. Mary's Church, Wells, with burial in Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk. Calling hours are this afternoon and evening at Bibber Memorial Chapels.

Union-News (Springfield, MA) - Tuesday, November 4, 1997

**Rosalie (Cremer) Shaw**, 79, of 75b Wells St. died Sunday in a local nursing home. Born in Liege, Belgium, she came to this country, and settled in Cambridge in 1945. She also lived in Hyannis before moving here in 1987. Her husband, **Kenneth C. Shaw**, died last year. She leaves nieces and nephews, including Mary Lynn Shaw Pearlman of Ossining, N.Y., Linda Celtruda of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., Gregory Shaw of White Plains, N.Y., Timothy Shaw of Michigan, and Rocco Celtruda of Mystic, Conn. The funeral will be Wednesday morning at Walker Funeral Home, with the burial in Green River Cemetery. A calling hour will precede the funeral, and memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Union-News (Springfield, MA) - Wednesday, February 18, 1998

**Sarah Kathryn Sanborn**, 22, of French Village Boulevard died Sunday at Newnan Hospital. She was born in Belgium. She leaves her parents, **William ("Bill") and Cheryl Sanborn** of Sharpsburg; a sister, Melissa Sanborn of Sharpsburg; her grandparents of Greenfield, Mass., and of Pembroke, Mass. The funeral will be here on Thursday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Disease Foundation of America, 2250 North Druid Hills Road, Suite 250, Atlanta, Ga., 30329. McKoon Funeral Home of Newnan is in charge.

Sunday Republican (Springfield, MA) - Sunday, May 10, 1998

**Adolphine "Lily" (Roosbeek) Bury**, 94, formerly of Grove Street, died Friday in a local convalescent home. She worked 21 years in the Bridal Shop at the former G. Fox & Co. before retiring. Born in Seraing, Belgium, she moved to Windsor Locks in 1952. She was the wife of the late, **August Bury**. She leaves a daughter, Monique Gilbert of Windsor Locks; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandson. A funeral Mass will be Monday morning in St. Mary's Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the State Receiving Home, Resource Development Office, 36 Gardner St., East Windsor, 06088.

Cape Cod Times (Hyannis, MA) - Tuesday, March 30, 1999

YARMOUTHPORT - Guido R. Perera, 96, of Yarmouthport and Boston, died Thursday at his home in Yarmouthport. He was the husband of Faith (Phillips) Perera, who died in 1988. Mr. Perera was born in Brussels, Belgium. He attended elementary schools in Boston and graduated from the Middlesex School in 1920, Harvard College in 1924 and Harvard Law School in 1927. Mr. Perera practiced law with the firm Hutchins and Wheeler in Boston, where he was a partner until early 1941 when he entered active duty in the Army Air Corps some 10 months before Pearl Harbor. During World War II, Mr. Perera initially served as a staff officer in the Office of Chief Air Corps and Headquarters USAAF, where he worked on the legislative and administrative reorganization of the Army Air Corps. Thereafter, he served as deputy chairman of the Advisory Committee on Bombardment and as vice chairman of the Committee of Operations Analysts. In these positions, he oversaw the development of plans and target systems for the bombing of strategic industrial targets in Germany and Japan. At the end of the war, Mr. Perera served as assistant to Franklin M. D'Olier, chief of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey, and as a military advisor and member of the Secretariat to the Survey. After the war, he served as a special consultant to the Air Force from 1948 to 1949. He held the rank of colonel in the Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1945. He was awarded the Commendation Medal, Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit for his wartime services. Mr. Perera returned to Boston in 1945 and resumed the practice of law as a partner in the firm of Hemenway & Barnes. At the time of his death, he was of counsel to the firm. In 1947, he was elected president and later chairman of Eastern Utilities Associates, positions which he held until his retirement in 1972. He also served as trustee of the Massachusetts Investors Trust and Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund of Boston. In 1959, Mr. Perera was appointed deputy chairman of the Joint Disarmament Study Group by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Christian Herter. The group, which was known informally as the Coolidge Commission, reviewed appropriate means to achieve reductions in the military arsenals of the United States and the Soviet Union without compromising national security. A descendant on his mother's side of an old Cape Cod family, Mr. Perera led many conservation and historic preservation efforts in the town of Yarmouth. His other civic and charitable activities included service as president of the Beacon Hill Civic

Association, trustee of the Robert Breck Brigham Hospital, Dexter School and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. Mr. Perera was an enthusiastic outdoorsman and an ardent fly fisherman and upland bird hunter. He was a member of the Somerset, Tavern and the Country Club of Boston, Brook and Knickerbocker Clubs in New York and the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D.C. He was also a member of the Council of Foreign Relations in New York and the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston. Surviving are three sons, Guido R. Perera Jr. of Lincoln, Lawrence T. Perera of Boston and Ronald C. Perera of Northampton; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was also the father of Phillips Perera, who died in 1992. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at the Trinity Church in Boston. Burial is private.

Cape Cod Times (Hyannis, MA) - Tuesday, July 20, 1999

FALMOUTH - **Julia A. (VanDeun) Beliveau**, 97, a resident of Falmouth for 48 years, died yesterday at Olympus Healthcare in Falmouth. She was the wife of **Orlando E. Beliveau**, who died in 1970. Born in Belgium, Mrs. Beliveau moved to the United States as a young girl and was raised and educated in Malden. She and her late husband worked together in the upholstery business starting in 1929 in Winchester and later in Warren, R.I., and in Falmouth from 1951 until her retirement. She enjoyed playing bridge and was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Woods Hole. Surviving are a son, Roland E. Beliveau Jr. of Falmouth; a brother, Henry VanDeun of Brookton, Maine; a sister, Mary Stout of Wakefield; a grandson; and a granddaughter. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Patrick's Church, Main Street, Falmouth. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Falmouth. Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Charities, c/o St. Patrick's Church, P.O. Box 569, Falmouth, MA 02541.

Cape Cod Times (Hyannis, MA) - Friday, December 29, 2000

HARWICH - **Hortensia I. (Hoornaert) Pellegrino**, 98, a Cape resident since 1995, died yesterday at her granddaughter's home in Harwich. She was the wife of Joseph Pellegrino, who died in 1992. Born, raised and educated in Belgium, she came to the United States in 1957. She lived in Laconia, N.H., Belmont, N.H., then Hampton, N.H., and moved to Cape Cod in 1995. Mrs. Pellegrino was a seamstress in Belgium, where she specialized in blouses and clothing. She sewed draperies while in the United States. While in Belgium, she lived through two world wars. Surviving are a daughter, Ghislaine Cassella of Northboro; five grandchildren, including Sybille Perreault, with whom she lived; 10 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was also the mother of Victoria Falardeau, who died in 1988. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich. Burial is in Island Pond Cemetery, Harwich. Visiting hours are 2 to 4 p.m. Monday in the Doane, Beal and Ames Funeral Home, 260 Main St., West Harwich. Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of Cape Cod, 923 Route 6A, Yarmouthport, MA 02675.

Cape Cod Times (Hyannis, MA) - February 22, 2001

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. - **Elfriede Kohring Bowditch**, 99, formerly of Mayflower Place in West Yarmouth, died Feb. 15 in Hendersonville. She was the wife of Manfred Bowditch, who died in 1960. Mrs. Bowditch was born in Antwerp, Belgium, and came to the United States in 1931. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Jane Kohring; two nieces, Mary Highberger and Jane Hoey; a nephew, John Kohring; and a step-daughter, Eliza Neilson of Bermuda. Services are private. Memorial donations may be made to Boston Athenaeum, 101/2 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

Provincetown Banner (MA) - Thursday, June 21, 2001

**Christine Airson**, 38, died unexpectedly in her home on Shank Painter Road in Provincetown on June 13. Born in Charlerois, Belgium, Ms. Airson's first stop on the Cape in 1988 was in Orleans, where she worked at the Arbor Restaurant and first learned to speak English. After 18 months she moved to Provincetown, where she lived for 11-and-a-half years. She began working as a waitperson at former restaurants Mario's and The Town House and, volunteering to work on any presented project, amassed skills enough to ultimately become a caretaker and groundskeeper for 10 years at Ravenwood Apartments, seven years at the Provincetown Art Association and Museum, and three years at Gabriel's, often simultaneously. She loved to cook French cuisine and loved to dance, especially swing. She closely followed performances of local oldies band, The Fabulous Dyketones, and eventually became their roadie and stagehand. Surviving are her brothers Erick and Roger Airson, and sister-in-law Beatrice Airson, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins in Belgium. She is also survived by her life partner Michelle Flannigan of Provincetown and her former partner Debbie Schoonmaker and her children, Jason and Krista Schoonmaker, of Nantucket. Finally, she is survived by more people who cared about her than she probably ever knew. A memorial service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 236 Commercial St., on July 5 at 4 p.m. Donations may be offered at that time.

Union-News (Springfield, MA) - Tuesday, August 7, 2001

**Liliane (Chatel) Bosco**, 78, of 5 Robinson Road, a World War II veteran of the French underground, died Sunday at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. She and her father were couriers for the French Forces of the Interior (FFI) in France during the German occupation in 1940-44. Born in Marcinelle, Belgium, she came to this country in 1946, lived in New York City, and moved to West Springfield in 1955. She was a communicant of St. Thomas Church and a member of the Ramapogue Women's Club and the Friends of the Public Library. She leaves her husband of 56 years, Americo Bosco; two daughters, Patricia Pupek and Monique Cavanaugh, both of West Springfield; and five grandchildren. The funeral will be Friday morning at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. Calling hours are Thursday afternoon and evening. Memorial contributions may be made to Brightside for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale St., West Springfield, MA 01089, or the Parish Cupboard, 1023 Main St., West Springfield, MA 01089.

Worcester Telegram & Gazette (MA) - Tuesday, August 14, 2001

PAXTON -- **Joseph A. Soetens**, 77, of 23 Keep Ave., died Sunday, Aug. 12, in the Memorial Hospital. He leaves his wife of 56 years, Ghislaine M. (Leleux) Soetens; two daughters, Bernandette Howard of Underhill Center, Vt., and Francoise Soetens of Barcelona, Spain; three brothers, Arthur Soetens of Enghein, Belgium, Francois Soetens of Arlon, Belgium, and Rev. Louis Soetens of Marcinelle, Belgium; and three sisters, Nelly Declercq and Ginette Pihart, both of Enghein, Marie Rose Mahaudens of Lessines, Belgium; four grandchildren; nephews and nieces. He was born in Lessines, son of **Francois and Celine (Lenoir) Soetens**, and moved to the U.S. in 1955. He was educated in Belgium and became a certified public accountant. He earned his MBA at Boston University in 1957. He earned his masters in computer science at 1975 in WPI. He received the second highest mark in the country when he received his CPA license. Mr. Soetens first worked as a CPA in Europe and Africa. After he came to the U.S., he had offices in Worcester, Paxton and Rutland. He taught in the WPI Computer Science division and also taught in the Business Management area, retiring as an associate professor in 1992. He was a member of the Association of Information Technology Professionals and treasurer of the One Hundred Eleven Investment Club. The funeral will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, from the Caswell-King Funeral Home, 1147 Main St., Holden, with a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Columba Church, 10 Richards Ave., Paxton. Calling hours are 6 to 8 Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to UMass Memorial Home Health and Hospice, 43 Harvard St., Worcester, or a charity.

Union-News (Springfield, MA) - Sunday, November 11, 2001

Menands, NY - **William Kaufmann**, M.D., 93 of Menands, NY, formerly of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, died Friday, November 9, at the Albany Memorial Hospital. Born in Belgium on October 30, 1908, Dr. Kaufmann received his medical degree from the University of Geneva, in Switzerland and his post-graduate degree from the School of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium. With Charlotte, his wife of 64 years, who survives him, Dr. Kaufmann came to New York City in 1937, where he began his distinguished career as a pathologist. Over the years, he assumed many significant positions, including Pathologist-in-Chief and Director of Laboratories for the Springfield Hospital (Springfield, Massachusetts), Chief of Pathology at Western Massachusetts Hospital (Westfield, Massachusetts) and Chief of Pathology at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Northampton, Massachusetts. Dr. Kaufmann published more than 100 scientific research papers during his lifetime. His chief research contributions were in the field of cytology, especially cancer of the cervix. An outstanding educator, Dr. Kaufmann taught at the New York University Medical School, the Albany Medical College, and Tufts University School of Medicine (Boston, Massachusetts). He also served as the President of the New England Society of Pathologists in the early 1960's. In 1966, Dr. Kaufmann became the Director of Clinical Laboratories for the New York State Department of Health, a position he held for over a decade. He was responsible for the evaluation and licensing of all diagnostic laboratories in the State and he received a New York State Distinguished Service Award in 1969 in recognition of his efforts to improve the health of all residents of New York. Following his work with the State, Dr. Kaufmann became the Vice President of Quality Assurance and Medical Affairs at Revlon Health Care Group, a position from which he retired at the age of 78. Dr. Kaufmann was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, the College of American Pathologists, and the Massachusetts Medical Society. In addition to his wife, Dr. Kaufmann is survived by a son, John William Kaufmann, and his wife, Katherine, of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts; a daughter, Mary Ann Hansen, of Long Lake, Minnesota; and was the grandfather of Andrew and Amy Kaufmann and Blake, Tyler, and Whitney Hansen. Dr. Kaufmann also leaves a brother, Bruno Kaufmann, a niece, nephew, and their families, all in Argentina, South America. There will be no service or visitation. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

The Herald News, (Fall River, MA) - Saturday, December 1, 2001

**Valerie A. (Van Geyt) Lybeert**, 88, of Taunton, formerly of Berkley, died Friday at Longmeadow Nursing Home in Taunton. She was the wife of the late **Victor C. Lybeert**. Born in Belgium, she was the daughter of the late **Bernard and Maria (Knapen) Van Geyt**. She was a retired seamstress for Harvard University in Cambridge. She attended St. Bernard's Church in Assonet. She was also a member of many senior groups. Survivors include a niece and nephew. Arrangements are by Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home, 350 Somerset Ave., Taunton.

Harvard Hillside (MA) - Tuesday, September 10, 2002

HARVARD -- **Edward Anton Pieters**, 81, of Harvard died Aug. 13 from the effects of prostate cancer and stroke. He was born on Nov. 9, 1920 to **Laura (Neumiller) and Victor Pieters**. His father was an immigrant from Antwerp, Belgium. Ed grew up in New York City. His father, a brick layer, milkman, and then restaurateur, died when Ed was eight years old. Through the severe hardship of the Depression he witnessed his mothers' desperate struggle to support her family, and at age 10 Ed and his sister were separated and sent to live with relatives. These early experiences fueled Ed's life-long commitment to helping others and building a society which preserved individual dignity in times of despair and misery.

In 19409, after high school graduation, Ed joined the New York National Guard, 101st Cavalry Regiment, which was federalized after Pearl Harbor for the duration of the war. In 1941 he trained at Ft. Devens, where he met Mary Reed of Harvard. As an OCS graduate of Ft. Benning, Georgia in Aug. 1942, Second Lt. Pieters was assigned to the 104th "Timberwolf" Infantry Division in Oregon, where he married Mary. Shipped to France in Sept. 1944, he was a bomb disposal officer with the 414th Anti-Tank Regiment, clearing a path of mines through Belgium and Holland. He was one of WWII's first infantry combat officers to lead a black platoon. His unit helped liberate Cologne and several prison camps in Germany. He was discharged from the Army as a 1st Lt. in Dec. 1945 and settled in Harvard.

Ed completed a diploma course at the Bentley School of Accounting & Finance while employed as Harvard Town Treasurer. He worked as a salesman for Shaw-Walker Company in Boston and St. Louis, returning to Harvard in 1955 to help manage his father-in-law's General Store. After his wife died in 1964, he worked from home as Tax Collector-Treasurer and as a partner in Turner-Pieters, Inc. Realtors, so he could more easily care for his two-year-old daughter.

In 1966 Ed married **Diana Wool**, a widow with five children ages four to 19. He resided in Waban while continuing to work in Harvard. In 1980, he and his wife moved to Harvard where they took in a 14-year-old Cambodian refugee. Ed retired in 1990.

A man of tireless activity, unwavering social conscience, a parliamentarian and born leader, Ed served the community in countless ways during his 50 years in Harvard as Town Moderator; Treasurer and Tax Collector; cub scout leader; member of the Warner Free Lecture Board; Historic Commission; Harvard Garden Club; and Ayer Rotary Club. A member of the Northern Worcester County Board of Realtors, he served as President, Secretary and Chairman of several committees and on the Board of Directors. He was also Treasurer of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. He was on the Board of Directors as advisor to the President and a member of the Nominating Committee of the Devens Historical Museum, which was officially dedicated in Jan. 2002 by Senator Ted Kennedy.

A devoted member of the Harvard Unitarian Church, Ed served as President, Treasurer, and Moderator. As a master fund-raiser, he started the annual Harvard Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast with the church Men's Group and hosted an annual "St. Swithins Day" breakfast at his home in aid of the church auction. He also helped organize art shows of local talent (his own "primitives" included!)

A man of many interests and talents, Ed liked to try his hand at new things, such as taking art lessons with Elizabeth Turner and briefly writing a column for the Harvard Post. He enjoyed great books, theatre, concerts, golf, chess, gardening, square-dancing, toast-mastering, and acting ham parts in any local amateur productions that would take him -- from "Lil' Abner" in the 1960s to auctioneering for the church.

His greatest passion was bridge, which he learned as a boy of six by watching his father play whist and auction bridge. He was a regular at the Thursday night Harvard Men's Bridge group for half a century. He even played bridge in Emerson Hospital and in nursing homes during his last six months, and bid his last hands with his faithful bridge buddies just ten days before he died. He eagerly taught bridge at home and at the Shirley MCI and Concord prisons, where he also ventured to teach toast-mastering. Appalled at the number of young lives wasting in prisons on the grounds of minor non-violent offenses, he became a strong proponent of prison reform.

A staunch Democrat all his life, Ed strove to make the world a better place to live in. He quietly helped many people in need over his lifetime and gave moving lay sermons at his church on the senselessness of war and the urgent need for world peace, quoting Mahatma Ghandi in saying, "There is enough in the world for the needs of all, but there's not enough for the greed of all," and Supreme Court Justice Vinson in saying, "What man has created, man can change." For many years he was a member of the Harvard Democratic Town Committee, serving as Treasurer, Chairman, and delegate to the State Democratic Convention. An enthusiastic member of Veterans for Peace, his prayer was "Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me."

Ed leaves his wife, Diana, of Jamaica Plain; children of his late wife Mary, Ned of Carrizozo, New Mexico, Laura Cordy of Cambridge, England, Marcia of Harvard, and Katharine of Arlington; his step-children, Sylvia Wool Powers of Newton, Geoffrey and Adam Wool of Fairbanks, Alaska, Margaret Mor of Seekonk, and Elizabeth Allen of Gloucester, Rhode Island; foster son Rudy (Roueth Pheach) of Worcester; sons of his late sister Ethel, Jack Bayley of Los Angeles, California and Victor Bayley of Waldport, Oregon; his sister-in-law Constance R. McClellan of Harvard; brother-in-law David Reed of Rifle, Colorado; and seven step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Harvard Unitarian Church. Memorial donations may be made to: Devens Historical Museum, c/o Mildred Chandler, Freedom's Way Heritage Association Inc., 43 Buena Vista, Devens, Massachusetts 01432.

#### The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Tuesday, April 29, 2003

FEEDING HILLS - **Paula B. (Tonglet) Repinec**, 80, of Letendre Ave., died Sunday at the Palmer House in Palmer. She was born in Andenne, Belgium and has lived in Feeding Hills for most of her life. She was a cafeteria worker at Agawam High School for many years. She retired in 1982. Paula was a communicant of All Saints Parish in Agawam and was a member of the Agawam Senior Center. She was the beloved widow of **Ignatius C. Repinec** who died in 1988. She leaves her loving daughter, Patricia A. Mastalerz and her husband Joseph E. of Three Rivers; her devoted grandchildren, Charlotte Garvey and her close friend Joseph Fleming of Agawam, and Deborah Kelder of Wilbraham; and her 4 great-grandchildren, Sarah, Kristin, Nicole and Ryan. The funeral will be 9 a.m. Wed. at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, 1043 Westfield St., West Spfld, followed at 10 a.m. by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at All Saints Parish, St. Theresa's Church in Agawam. Burial will be at St. Thomas Cemetery. Calling hours are Tues., 4-7 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

#### The Republican, The (Springfield, MA) - Tuesday, July 1, 2003

SPRINGFIELD - **Pierrette Bosoni**, 78, of 260 Talmadge Drive, died Saturday in Heritage Hall, Agawam. Born in Belgium, Pierrette was a retired buyer for the former Brighams Department Store, Springfield. She leaves her husband, Emilio Bosoni; two sons, Tony Bosoni of Springfield and John F. O'Brien of Agawam; and three grandchildren, Johnathan and Mathew O'Brien, and Brittney Bosoni. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Nowak Funeral Home, 15 Ludlow Avenue, Indian Orchard (at the Ludlow Bridge), followed by burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. A calling hour will be held Wednesday morning from 9 to 10 a.m.

Cape Cod Times (Hyannis, MA) - Sunday, August 10, 2003

HYANNIS - **Marie T. (Maya) Ventura**, 82, died Thursday at Cape Cod Hospital. She was the wife of the late **Arthur J. Ventura** for 54 years. Born in and raised in Moresnet, Belgium, Mrs. Ventura came to the United States as a war bride in 1945. She lived in Provincetown from 1945 to 1954, and in Manchester, Conn., from 1954 to 1974, before moving to Hyannis in 1974. She and her husband had been the owners of Manchester Seafood in Connecticut and Collette's Restaurant in Provincetown. Mrs. Ventura was a member of St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis. She and her husband enjoyed traveling back to Europe over many years. She loved gardening and meeting new people. Surviving are a son, Arthur Ventura of Rumford, Maine; two daughters, Mary Ann Roark of Manchester, Conn., and Collette Achilles of Sherman Mills, Maine; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial Mass is at 12:10 p.m. Sept. 29 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Friday, September 12, 2003

BELCHERTOWN - **Tom H. Boode-Petersen**, 46, of Granby Rd., died suddenly at home on September 8, 2003. Born in Etterbeek, Belgium on March 28, 1957, he moved to Belchertown in December and formerly lived in Boylston, MA for 14 years. He was self-employed as a nutritional counselor and network marketer. Tom had a passion for photography and a love of nature. He was dedicated to environmental and nature conservancy organizations. He was a founding member of the Clay Men's Group in Central MA. Tom had studied macrobiotics and natural healing at the Kushi Foundation in Brookline, MA. He is survived by his caring daughter, Trine Boode-Petersen; a step-daughter, Jennifer Dean; and his ex-wife, **Susan Dunderdale**, all of Palmer. A funeral service and video tribute will be held Friday at 8:00 p.m. in the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Calling hours are Friday from 6-8 p.m. Burial is at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made in his memory to the Rain Forest Preservation Foundation, PO Box 820308, Fort Worth, TX 76182. Please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com) to sign guest register.

Worcester Telegram & Gazette (MA) - Thursday, April 22, 2004

PAXTON - **Ghislaine M. (Leleux) Soetens**, of 23 Keep Ave., Paxton, died Monday, April 19, in UMass Memorial Medical Center, Memorial Campus. Her husband of 56 years Joseph A. Soetens died in 2001. She leaves two daughters Bernadette Howard of Underhill Center, Vt., Francois Soetens of Barcelona, Spain and four grandchildren Jill E. Howard of Essex, Vt., Donald J. Howard of Fairfax, Va., Mari-Cruz Lera and Fernando Lera of Barcelona, Spain. She was born in Lessines, Belgium a daughter of **Jules and Celine (Dubrule) Leleux**. She came to Worcester in 1955 and moved to Paxton in 1984. She was a member of Worcester Art Museum, Paxton Woman's Club, Dilettantes Book Club and was a volunteer at Assumption College. She had been a part time French teacher at Holden and Jefferson 4th and 5th grade schools. A Mass will be held at 10 AM FRIDAY, April 23 in St. Columba Church, 10 Richards Ave., Paxton. Burial will be in Mooreland Cemetery, Paxton. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Richards Memorial Library, 44 Richards Ave., Paxton. Caswell-King Funeral Home, 1147 Main St., Holden is directing arrangements.

The Berkshire Eagle, (Pittsfield, MA) Berkshire Eagle, The (Pittsfield, MA) - Monday, May 3, 2004

PITTSFIELD -- **Emile Julien Deuss**, 85, of 5 Wallace Place died Wednesday at Berkshire Medical Center. Born in Charleroi, Belgium, on July 7, 1918, son of **Leon and Coralie Dumery Deuss**, he was educated there and graduated from the naval academy in Belgium. After immigrating to the United States, he joined the Merchant Marine and served during World War II. Mr. Deuss was a self-employed painter for 30 years. Before that, he worked as a painter in the maintenance department at the former St. Luke's Hospital and for area contractors. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church and a member of the Ralph J. Froio Senior Center and the Lt. John N. Truden Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 448. His wife, the former Anne A. Dion, whom he married Sept. 10, 1945, died Sept. 15, 2000. He leaves a son, Jeffrey M. Deuss of Lawville, N.Y.; a brother, Charles Deuss of Dusseldorf, Germany, and two grandchildren. An infant son, Gerard Deuss, died in 1946.

FUNERAL NOTICE -- **Emile J. Deuss**, who died April 28, 2004, is survived by his nephews, Scott Connor, Michael Connor, Thomas Fleming and Mark Fleming, and a niece. The funeral will be Wednesday, May 5, at 8:15 from DERY FUNERAL HOME, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 at St. Joseph's Church celebrated by the Rev. Michael A. Shershanovich, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Calling hours will be tomorrow, May 4, from 6 to 8 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in care of the funeral home, 54 Bradford St., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

The Sun, (Lowell, MA) - Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Westford **Kaylie Parent**, a resident of Westford and a middle-school student in town, died Sunday, Sept. 5, at home after a long illness. She was 13. She was born in Edegem, Belgium, on May 6, 1991, a daughter of **Christopher and Marceline Parent** of Westford. Kaylie attended Stoney Brook Middle School as an eighth-grade student. She enjoyed fun times with her friends and eating ice cream. Besides her parents, she is survived by her sisters, Svea and Inger Parent, both of Westford; her maternal grandfather, Robert Vercammen, residing in Belgium; her paternal grandparents, John Parent and his wife Florence of Chelmsford, and Nancy Duncan, who resides in Arizona.

The Berkshire Eagle, (Pittsfield, MA) - Saturday, March 12, 2005

PITTSFIELD -- **Joseph Henri Vanhoenacker**, 74, of 2001 Buckingham Way, Apex, N.C., died Wednesday at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. Born in Zwevegem, Belgium, on Feb. 27, 1931, he was the oldest son of **Marcel Vanhoenacker and Rachel Vanhoenacker-Verhaeghe**. He graduated from the seminary of Bruges, Belgium, in 1956 and was ordained a Catholic priest. Mr. Vanhoenacker was a teacher of languages in Stanleyville (now Kisangani) in the Congo from 1956 to 1958. For the next

nine years he worked as a priest in Brazil where he taught in the seminaries. He became the principal of the seminary of Governador Valadares in 1962 and the pastoral coordinator for the Archdiocese of Salvador, Bahia, in 1966. He was the founder and the first pastor of the parishes of Santa Rita in Governador Valadares and Amaralina in Salvador. In 1968 he left the priesthood, he moved to New England and became the executive director of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity in Burlington, Vt. In 1973, he became the executive director of the Berkshire Mental Health Center in Pittsfield. He was the Berkshire area director for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health in Pittsfield from 1976 to 1990. The last three years before retiring he was the executive director of the Franklin-Hampshire Community Mental Health Center in Northampton. He moved to Apex in 1997. He was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and The CaringPlace in Cary, N.C. He enjoyed literature and was fluent in 10 languages. He leaves his wife of 12 years, the Nancy S. Vanhoenacker; two sons, Jason Vanhoenacker of Leverett and Mark Vanhoenacker of London, England; two stepsons, William Deegan of San Francisco, Calif., and James Deegan of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Mary Vanhoenacker and Roos Vanhoenacker, both of Belgium ; three brothers Andre and Jan of Belgium , and Toon of Stockholm, Sweden. He also leaves his first wife, Christine Vanhoenacker of Pittsfield.

**FUNERAL NOTICE** -- A memorial service for **Joseph Vanhoenacker** will be held today, Saturday, at 4 the Apex United Methodist Church, 100 South Hughes St., Apex. A date will be set in the spring for a memorial service to be held in the Berkshires. Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat For Humanity of Wake County, 2400 Alwin Court, Raleigh, NC 27604. He leaves his stepdaughter- in -law, Chantal, and step-grandson, Zander, both of Atlanta. Condolences may be sent to Nancy Vanhoenacker at 2001 Buckingham Way, Apex, NC 27502, and to Mark and Jason and Christine at 227 Dawes Ave., Pittsfield. Throughout his life he was an enthusiastic student, devoted teacher and faithful advocate for the less fortunate. He was a loving and beloved friend, husband and father.

Boston Herald (MA) - Sunday, August 28, 2005

**Wilhelmina C. (Van Tiggelen) Abbate** of Cohasset, a Red Cross volunteer, died Wednesday at her home. She was 97. Born in Antwerp, Belgium, she lived in Pittsfield, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Lake Walls, Fla. She also lived in Quincy for 42 years. She graduated from Holy Angels Academy in Fort Lee, N.J., and Berkshire Business College in Pittsfield. She was an active volunteer at the Red Cross. She also volunteered in Catholic churches and ministry to shut-ins. She had a deep Catholic faith. Wife of the late **Jesse Carpenter** and **John Abbate**, Mrs. Abbate is survived by one son, Donald Carpenter of Savannah, Ga.; one daughter, Lesley Grilli of Cohasset; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Burial will be private at Park Lawn Cemetery, Bennington, Vt. Arrangements by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Boston Herald (MA) - Friday, April 7, 2006

**Dr. Charles L. Schepens** of Nahant, a Harvard Medical School professor known as the father of retinal surgery and clinical professor, died March 28 at Salem Hospital. He was 94. Born , raised and educated in Belgium, he immigrated to the United States in 1947. He was a graduate of several programs at the Faculty of Science College Notre Dame de la Paix Namur, University of Ghent in Belgium and Moorfields Eye Hospital. Dr. Schepens was a clinical professor of ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School, where his patients and trainees established the Charles L. Schepens Professorship in Ophthalmology in 2001. In a medical career that spanned 70 years, he created numerous surgical innovations that have saved the sight of millions of adults and children suffering from retinal disorders. One innovation, the renowned binocular indirect ophthalmoscope, is now used all over the world and is on permanent display in the Smithsonian Institute. Through the years, Dr. Schepens and his team of scientists advanced laser surgery and pioneered equipment, such as the laser doppler flowmeter. He also trained several generations of retinal specialists, now practicing throughout the world. He has published more than 360 scientific papers and four books on retinal diseases. Dr. Schepens established the Retina Foundation in 1950, which evolved under his direction into two separate organizations that are currently called the Schepens Eye Research Institute and the Schepens Retina Associates Foundation. The Schepens Eye Research Institute is the largest independent eye research facility in the nation and is affiliated with Harvard. The Schepens Retina Associates Foundation, where he has devoted his time for the last eight years, is dedicated to clinical eye research, teaching and patient care. On March 21, Dr. Schepens received the insignia of Knight of the Legion of Honor from M. Francois Gauthier, French consul general in Boston. This award, established by Napoleon as the most prestigious French government medal, recognized Schepens for his lifelong contribution to advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of retinal diseases and his patriotic service to the resistance in World War II. Dr. Schepens has received countless awards. In 1999, he was voted one of The 10 Most Influential Ophthalmologists of the Twentieth Century, living or dead, by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. In 2003, the American Academy of Ophthalmology named him one of only three laureates. Dr. Schepens is survived by his wife, Marie (vander Eecken); three daughters, Claire Delori of Belgium, Bernadette Butler of Nahant and Catherine Rojas of California; a son, Luc J. of Southboro; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., June 24, at the Memorial Church of Harvard University, Cambridge.

The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Friday, May 5, 2006

**EASTHAMPTON - Wanda (Furtak) Neville**, 56, passed away unexpectedly on May 2, 2006 at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. She was born in Gink, Belgium on Sept. 4, 1949, to the late **Stanley and Helen Furtak** of Holyoke. Wanda was a communicant of the Notre Dame Church in Easthampton and formerly of St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow, where she resided for 25 years and also at Holy Name Church in Springfield. Wanda had worked at the assessor's office in the Town of Longmeadow, Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks, CT, and presently working in the health care industry. She was a graduate of Holyoke High School and enjoyed cooking, traveling, and her family. She leaves her beloved husband of 38 years, **Thomas H. Neville, Jr.**; her son, Christopher Neville of Vernon, CT and his fiancée Chris Rooney Curtis; a sister, Theresa Swindell of Holyoke; and several nieces and

nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday at 10:00 at the Notre Dame Church in Easthampton. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Monday evening from 6:00-8:00 at the Boucher-O'Brien Funeral Home, 7 Pleasant St., Easthampton. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Heart Assoc. or to your favorite charity in memory of Wanda.

The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Wednesday, June 28, 2006

SPRINGFIELD - **Maria (Gils) Carter**, 93, passed away Monday June 26, 2006 at Wingate at West Springfield. She was predeceased by her husband of 37 years **Robert Lewis Carter Jr.** on June 28, 1975. Born in Antwerp, Belgium she moved with her parents, the late **Henry Gills** and **Joanna Maria (Dens) Gils**, and two sisters to Springfield in 1920. She and her husband were life-long residents of Springfield and Longmeadow. Maria is survived by her two daughters Jeanne Carter Stiles and her husband Whitney C. of Longmeadow, and Sandra Carter Nelson of Stuart FL, as well as a sister Bertha Gils Gorham of West Springfield. She also leaves five grandchildren Scott R. Elliott of Marblehead, Lauren J. Elliott of Longmeadow, Jonathan W. Milton of Stuart FL, David C. Milton of Vero Beach FL, and Amy E. Frank of Jacksonville FL, and five great-grandchildren. Besides her husband Robert, Maria was predeceased by a sister Olga Block. Donations may be made in Maria's memory to the MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center, 171 Union St., Springfield, MA 01105 or to Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, 417 S.E. Balboa Ave., Stuart, FL 34994, or to a charity of your choice. There are no calling hours, nor funeral services. Burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery will be private. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Byron's Funeral Home, Springfield.

The MetroWest Daily News, (Framingham, MA) - Friday, November 17, 2006

MAYNARD - **Cecile A. Karpeichik**, 82, of Maynard, died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at her home surrounded by her family. She was the wife of Edward S. Karpeichik for 60 years. Born in Liege, Belgium, the daughter of the late **Eloi and Alice Colot**, Mrs. Karpeichik arrived in the United States in 1947 and became a U.S. citizen in 1966. She was a well-known dressmaker and was the food service director for the Maynard public schools until her retirement in 1989. Mrs. Karpeichik was also known for her work at elections held in the town of Maynard. She enjoyed caring for her grandchildren and traveling with her husband and friends. Besides her husband, she leaves her children, Michael Karpeichik and his wife, Linda, of Marlborough, James Karpeichik and his wife, Elaine, of Cranston, R.I., and Monique Sherr and her husband, Thomas, of Maynard; six grandchildren, Ryan and Tyler Karpeichik of Marlborough, Katrina and Jessica Karpeichik of Cranston and Rebecca and Steve Sherr of Maynard; and many relatives living in Belgium. She was the sister of the late Leon Colot. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m., at St. Bridget Church, corner of Percival and Sudbury streets, Maynard. Burial will follow in St. Bridget Cemetery, Great Road (Rte. 117), Maynard. Visiting hours are Sunday, Nov. 19, from 3 to 7 p.m., at the Acton Funeral Home ( [www.thoughtfulguidance.com](http://www.thoughtfulguidance.com)), 470 Mass. Ave. (Rte. 111), Acton. Instead of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Partners Hospice, 48 Woerd Ave., Suite 102, Waltham, MA 02453.

The Sun Chronicle, (Attleboro, MA) - Monday, June 18, 2007

LINCOLN, R.I. - **Lucienne Gabrielle (Collin) Walker, 88**, of Lincoln Place, George Washington Highway, Lincoln, R.I.; formerly of North Attleboro and North Fort Myers, Fla., died on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at St. Joseph's Hospital-Fatima Unit, North Providence, R.I., where she had been hospitalized during a period of declining health. She was the beloved wife of the late **William Hartley Walker Sr.**, to whom she was married on January 7, 1937, and who died on Saturday, February 21, 2004. Born in Central Falls, R.I., on July 21, 1918, she was a daughter of the late **Camille and Marie (Istace) Collin**, both of whom immigrated to the United States from their native Belgium. Mrs. Walker resided in Lincoln, R.I. since August 2004, when she returned to New England following the death of her husband, after the couple had lived in Florida for the previous 21 years. Prior to retiring to North Fort Myers, Fla., Mrs. Walker was a longtime North Attleboro resident. She was employed as a sewer for Health-Tex, formerly Chesebrough-Ponds, in Cumberland, R.I. for 32 years prior to her retirement in 1980. While living in North Attleboro, she was a communicant of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church in the Village of Attleboro Falls. A woman of strong religious convictions, she was devoted to the Blessed Mother and had an admiration for St. Anthony. In Florida, she enjoyed volunteering and participating in activities at the Fountain View community in which she resided. Although a professional sewer, she also enjoyed sewing in her leisure time, as well as crocheting and knitting. In earlier years, she and her late husband enjoyed the time they spent dancing, with a particular fondness for ballroom and square dancing. Her greatest joy came from her family, as she raised two children and, in later years, welcomed with love her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom she was most proud. Mrs. Walker leaves two children: William Hartley Walker, Jr. and his wife, Elaine T. (Andrade) Walker, of North Attleboro, and Ellen M. Pietrzyk and her husband, Stan Pietrzyk, of Middlefield, Conn.; seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was one of four children and was predeceased by her sisters: Marie Fournier, Ernestine Bergeron and Rene Kenny. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the "Memorial Chapel" of the Dyer-Lake Funeral Home, 161 Commonwealth Ave. (exit 5 off I-95 N or S, go right at end of ramp, ¾ mile on left), Village of Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro. Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 8:45 a.m. from the "Memorial Chapel" of Dyer-Lake Funeral Home, 161 Commonwealth Ave. (exit 5 off I-95 N or S, go right at end of ramp, ¾ mile on left), Village of Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mark's Church, 105 Stanley St., Village of Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro with the Rev. Thomas Rita, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery and Arboretum, North Attleboro. Following cemetery services an invitation will be extended to join the Walker family for a time of continued fellowship and refreshment at a location to be announced. Children's room available during visitation and the funeral. Those in need of a ride to visitation may call the funeral home at 508-695-0200 to make an advance reservation for such gratis transportation. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bishop Feehan High School, Attention: Advancement Office, 70 Holcott Drive, Attleboro, MA

02703. To send the family an expression of sympathy, please visit an online register book at [www.dyer-lakefuneralhome.com](http://www.dyer-lakefuneralhome.com). Arrangements under the direction of the Dyer-Lake Funeral Home, 161 Commonwealth Avenue, Village of Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro, 508-695-0200.

The Weston Town Crier, (MA) - Thursday, January 10, 2008

WAYLAND - **Nora M. (Brassinne) Petersen** of Wayland, Marblehead and Chatham, formerly of Buffalo, N.Y., died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008. She was the wife of Albert E. Petersen. Born and raised in Belgium, she was the daughter of the late Marcel and Raymonde Van Winckel. Besides her husband, she leaves her children, Wim Petersen and his wife, Liz, of Boxford, and Jan M. Petersen of Weston; her sister, Lydia Vandenberghe of Belgium; her grandchildren, Katelyn Petersen; and two nephews. A Mass of Christian burial in celebration of her life was held Jan. 5 at St. Zepherin's Church, 99 Main St., Wayland. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery in Wayland. Instead of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory to the Pine Street Inn, 444 Harrison Ave., Boston MA 02118. The Brasco & Sons Memorial Chapels, Waltham, assisted the family with arrangements.

The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Tuesday, April 8, 2008

WARE - **Anne-Marie Boissy**, 84, of Ware passed away on Friday, April 4, 2008 at Heritage Hall in Agawam. Born in Stavelot, Belgium to **Leon and Jeanne**, she was a lifelong resident of Three Rivers. As a teen, she was an accomplished swimmer, placing in many national competitions. She was a survivor of World War II war-torn Europe, living through the Occupation and the Battle of the Bulge. Anne-Marie was a devoted at-home wife and mother who was a skilled seamstress and tailor. In her elder years, she became an active member of "Warm-Up America", creating and donating dozens of afghans to charities in the greater Springfield and Worcester areas. She was predeceased by her husband Victor in 1985, her grandson Steven in 2003 and her parents, brothers Joseph and Freddie and sister Emilie. Anne-Marie is survived by her son Leo and his wife Marsha of Wheeling, WV and grandchildren, Megan and her husband Justin Boyd, Matt and his wife Shannon Jordan and great grandchild Zylar. Her son Paul and his wife Denise of Ludlow and grandson Thomas and his wife Karen and great-grandchildren Ashley and Aubrey Boissy and Ashley and Jessica Foster. Her son Jean-Pierre and his wife Cheryl of Fitchburg, her daughter Nicole and her husband Duane, grandsons Mike and Nick, with whom she lived, laughed and loved for the last three years of her life and her son Daniel of Agawam. Her funeral will be held on Thursday morning, April 10, 2008 at 8:45 a.m. from the Belanger Funeral Home, 2067 Main Street in Three Rivers followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in Saint Anne Church, 2230 Main Street in Three Rivers. Her burial will be private at the convenience of her family. Her family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The parking lot is located across the street from the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 264 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Monday, May 26, 2008

SPRINGFIELD - **Nicole Marie (Hurbain) Dugan**, 83, of Sanderson Street, died Friday in Baystate Medical Center. She was born in Brussels, Belgium February 10, 1925 and had resided in Springfield for many years. She is survived by her daughter, Nan Dugan of Middlefield, MA., 2 granddaughters, Jennifer and Elizabeth and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be conducted at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Tinkham Road, Thursday at 1:00 pm. There are no calling hours. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Service has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Taunton Daily Gazette (MA) - Monday, August 4, 2008

**Maria G. (VanDerZwalmen) Jones** died suddenly Saturday evening, Aug. 2, 2008, at her home in North Dighton. Born in Belgium, daughter of the late **Julian and Georgette (Van Oppens) VanDer Zwalem**. She was educated in Belgium and came to the United States at the age of 16. Married to **Walter A. Jones** of North Dighton, she has been a resident of North Dighton for over 42 years and previously lived in Taunton and Medford. She was a member of the Eastern Star, was a Past Matron, past Mother Advisor to the Rainbow Girls and was very involved with many Eastern Star affiliations. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dighton. She was a retired employee of Crown Wire and Cable Co. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Nancy Jones Aguiar and her husband Ronald of Dighton, and a son, Arthur Jones and his wife Deborah of Wrentham. She is the grandmother of Ronnie and Rachel Aguiar of Dighton and Ryan Jones of Wrentham. Mrs. Jones is the sister of Chris Van Der Zwalem and his wife Lisa of Medford and she was the sister of the late Daniella Greene. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service on Wednesday in the Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home, 350 Somerset Ave. (Route 138 South) Taunton at 11 a.m. Visiting hours on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. Interment will be in the Mass. National Cemetery, private for the family. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to First Baptist Church of Dighton, Main St. Dighton, MA 02715. To light a candle, get directions or to access the Memorial Register go to [www.hathawayfunerals.com](http://www.hathawayfunerals.com).

Wilmington Advocate (MA) - Thursday, August 21, 2008

WILMINGTON - **Maria Julia (VanKeymeulen) Mauriello**, 75, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008, at the Winchester Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer. She was the wife of **Frank Mauriello**. She was born in Geraards-bergen, Belgium on Oct. 5, 1932, the daughter of **Melanie (Wynant) VanKeymeulen** of Wilmington and the late **Victor VanKeymeulen**. Maria grew up in Belgium and moved to the United States when she was 18 years old. She lived in Medford from 1950 until 1963 when she and her husband moved to Burlington for a few years. Her family then moved to Wilmington and have been residents for over 40 years. Prior to retirement, Maria worked at the Shawsheen School in Wilmington for over 30 years, retiring as the manager of the Cafeteria. She was a member of the Wilmington United Methodist Church. In her spare time she enjoyed cooking, reading, crocheting, and cruising with her

family. Maria was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. She loved her family dearly and was very proud of all their accomplishments. In addition to her husband of 53 years, she is survived by two sons, Stephen Mauriello and his wife, Karen, and Robert Mauriello and his wife, Darlene, all of Wilmington; four grandchildren; a great-grandson; her sisters Jeannine Sorrenti and her husband, Donald, of Whitman, and Rosette LoGuidice and her husband, Domenic, of Peabody; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., Wilmington. Burial will be in Wildwood Cemetery. Memorial donations in Maria's name may be made to the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., Wilmington, MA 01887, or the Winchester Hospital, c/o Development office, 41 Highland Ave., Winchester, MA 01890. Arrangements were under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., Wilmington.

The MetroWest Daily News, (Framingham, MA) - Tuesday, September 2, 2008

MARLBOROUGH - **Constance I. (Philippart) Whalen**, 84, of Marlborough, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2008, at Emerson Hospital in Concord after a lengthy illness. She leaves her husband of 69 years, **Donald A. Whalen**; her daughter, Constance "Connie" Philips of Maynard; a grandson, Daniel H. Philips of Maynard; and her brother, Hubert Philippart of Vise, Belgium. She was born in Lixhe, Belgium, daughter of the late **Hubert H. and Seraphine M. (Leverd) Philippart**, and had lived in Marlborough for the past 50 years. She was educated in the Lixhe, Belgium School System. She was a secretary and clerk for more than 25 years at Raytheon Corp. in Wayland, until her retirement. She was a member of St. Matthias Church, where she and her husband were very involved. She loved to grow flowers and tend her garden. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, Sept. 5, at 10 a.m., at St. Matthias church, 409 Hemenway St., Marlborough. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Marlborough. The John P. Rowe Funeral Home Inc., 57 Main St., Marlborough, is directing arrangements. There are no calling hours at the funeral home. Flowers may be sent or memorial donations may be made to the Oncology Dept., c/o Dr. Humberto Rossi, Emerson Hospital, Concord, MA 01742.

Sunday Republican (Springfield, MA) - Sunday, December 21, 2008

SPRINGFIELD - **Yvonne (Soiron) DesPlaines**, 84, of Springfield passed away peacefully Saturday December 20, 2008 in Willimans-ett Care East with her family by her side. Yvonne, a daughter of the late **Rudolph and Marjorie (Elder) Soiron** was born in Belgium on March 22, 1924. She was a resident of Springfield for 50 years where she brought up five children with her loving husband **Gabriel H. DesPlaines** who passed away on February 19, 2001. She married Gabriel in 1945 in Belgium, having met him in London while working with the Red Cross. Gabriel was a member of the Army stationed in London. Yvonne immigrated to the United States in 1946 and raised five children who will miss her dearly. She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church. Besides her parents and her husband, Yvonne was predeceased by a son-in-law Chet Ryba who passed away in 2003. She is survived by three sons, Henri J. DesPlaines and his wife Theresa of Tequesta, FL, Roger G. DesPlaines of Springfield, and Daniel J. DesPlaines and his wife Michele of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; two daughters, Marguerite Swartz and her husband Steven of Needham, MA and Pauline Ryba of Ludlow; a sister, Elma Ingram and her nephew Paul in London; five grandchildren, Brian DesPlaines of Tequesta, FL, Danielle DesPlaines of Bellingham, WA, Kimberly DesPlaines of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Daniel DesPlaines and his wife Kathleen of Bedminster, New Jersey, and Edward DesPlaines of Tequesta, FL; a sister-in-law, Marie Marshall and her husband Hal of Georgia; a niece Evelyn Houlst and her husband Gene of Georgia. Visiting hours for Yvonne will be held on Monday December 22, 2008 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, 21 Tinkham Road, Springfield. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday December 23, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. the funeral home followed the Liturgy of Christian at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 405 Boston Road, Springfield. Rites of Committal and burial will be held in St. Rose de Lima Cemetery, Christopher Street, Chicopee. Yvonne's family would like to express their appreciation to all at Willimansett Care East, for the loving care given to Yvonne for the past seven years, and Hospice Life Care, Holyoke VNA, for their love and spiritual support shown to Yvonne and her family. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Yvonne's memory can be made to Willimansett Care East, Community Life Department, C/O Donna Pike, 11 St. Anthony Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton, MA) - Wednesday, February 11, 2009

CHARLEMONT - **Anna Hendrika Fournier**, 85, passed away at the home of her daughter Shirley A. Rouleau on Jan. 30, after a bout with cancer. Born in Antwerp, Belgium, on Aug. 22, 1923, she was the daughter of **Joseph and Elizabeth (Ballings) Van Den Bergh**. Anna leaves her beloved nieces and family in Antwerp. Anna recently returned to Massachusetts, due to ill health, having lived in Myrtle Beach, S.C., for 20 years. During those 20 years she was an active member of the Myrtle Beach Senior Center and had the Senior Center kitchen dedicated in her honor. Anna greeted members with a smile, a great cup of coffee and time to chat. She will be missed by many friends and acquaintances. A devoted wife, mother and homemaker, she leaves behind her loving husband and best friend of 63 years, **Clarence A. Fournier**. They met and married in Antwerp, Belgium, during World War II. She will be deeply missed by her two children: Shirley A. Rouleau and her husband Conrad of Charlemont, and George A. Fournier of Northampton. She leaves four grandchildren, Karen Foley and husband James of Boise, Idaho, Andrea Lewandowski and husband David of Shelburne, Bradlee Fournier and wife Suzie of Las Vegas, Nev. and Justin Rouleau and wife Carroll of Leverett. She also leaves eight great-grandchildren: Anna Maitri, James Camden and Aurora Channing Foley of Boise, Idaho; Kelci Caroline and Keira Anne Lewandowski of Shelburne; Mason and Brodie Fournier of Las Vegas, Nev., and Kalia Rouleau Kaneta of Leverett. A graveside memorial celebration of Anna's life will be held at the Leavitt Cemetery in Charlemont on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 11 a.m. Reception to follow at The Charlemont Inn. A special thank you from the family to Dr. Colbert and to the Hospice Angels for their wonderful, professional and gentle care during Anna's illness. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Franklin County, 329 Conway St., Greenfield, MA 01301.

The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Tuesday, March 31, 2009

SPRINGFIELD - **Camille L. (Absillis) Wyckmans**, 79, of Saab Court died Saturday, March 28 at Mercy Hospital. Born in Belgium, November 22, 1929, she spent her early years in Belgium, and then, as a young woman, came to the United States with her husband. She lived in Springfield for the remainder of her life. She and her husband owned and operated Comfort Upholstery in Indian Orchard for over 30 years before retiring. She will be deeply missed by her husband of 60 years, **Pierre**, along with her sons Robert and his wife Carolyn of Easthampton, and Pierre and his wife Shelli of Springfield. She also leaves her three precious grandchildren, Justin and Kimberly of New Mexico and Nicholas of Easthampton. Calling hours will be held Thursday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Beers & Story S. Hadley Funeral Home, 646 Newton St., (Rte. 116) followed by a service of remembrance at 7:00 p.m. For those wishing, donations may be made in her memory to the American Diabetes Foundation. For an online guest book, visit: [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com)

The Winchester Star, (MA) - Friday, September 4, 2009

**Cécile Pierlot Strugnell**, born January 13, 1932, died August 16, 2009 Born in Belgium, Cécile was barely eight years old when the Nazis occupied Belgium and her family fled to England where they remained for the rest of the war. The family returned to Belgium after the war. After earning her BA in history and sociology from the Université Catholique de Louvain, Cécile won a scholarship to study in Chicago for a year. There she met **John Strugnell**, whom she married in 1957. They spent the first few years of their marriage living in Jerusalem and then in Durham, NC. They moved to Arlington, MA, in 1965. Cécile lived in the same house for the next 25 years, first as a housewife and busy mother of five children, then as a single mother and student, eventually earning her PhD in Sociology from Northeastern, and then as a professional working in various organizations with a focus on gerontology and continuing education. For the last ten years of her professional life she held positions as an editor for history and French textbooks. Cécile moved to Winchester in 1991, right near Horn Pond, where she could be found walking most days. She loved the greater Boston area, for its strong sense of history, vibrant arts community, and natural beauty. She enjoyed going to concerts, plays, museums, and dance performances. She treasured her time outdoors, as a birdwatcher, gardener, walker, cross-country skier, fearless cold-water swimmer, and even as a windsurfer (which she learned to do in her 60s). Especially after her retirement, Cécile was active in the First Parish Unitarian Universalist church in Arlington, and in work to protect Winter Pond. While the last few years of her life were lived under the shadow of PSP, a progressive neurological disorder, Cécile still enjoyed her time out in nature and with her young grandchildren. She died peacefully at home, cared for by her family. She is survived by her sister Marie Thérèse DeLatter-Pierlot, her brother Hubert Pierlot, her children David, Andrew, Anne Christine, Claire and her husband Stephen Heasley and Monique O'Connell and her husband John, five grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and by her partner, Tom Hogan, with whom she shared her life since 1985. A service celebrating her life will be held at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington on Friday September 11th at 5:30. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to CurePSP.org. Arrangements by Rogers Funeral Home Cambridge Ma.

The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Thursday, October 1, 2009

NORTH FRANKLIN, CT- **Marie Jose Lareau-Ruzicka**, 82, of North Franklin passed away Wednesday, August 26, at Orchard Grove Specialty Care in Uncasville, CT. Born October 31, in Antwerp, Belgium, a daughter of the late **Joseph H. and Elizabeth (Smit) deBlok**, she was a longtime resident of Springfield before moving to North Franklin. Marie was the wife of the late, Lumir Ruzicka and was also predeceased by her first husband, **Thomas Lareau**. She owned and operated the International House of Pancakes in West Springfield for 12 years. During WWII, Marie assisted the Jewish community in Antwerp by helping them escape from the Nazi Regime into Switzerland and was very active with the Dutch underground and black market. While living in Springfield, she would sing acapella Ave Maria every Sunday morning at St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow. Marie is survived by her four children, Thomas S. Lareau and his wife Diane of Bithloe, FL, Gerard Lareau and his wife Sherry of Toms River, NJ, Deborah E. Oliver and her husband Bill of Wilmington, NC, and Catherine J. Crawford and her husband, John P., IV of North Franklin, CT; her brother, Gerard deBlok and his wife Simone of East Longmeadow; her sister, Yvonne deBlok of Amsterdam, Netherlands; 11 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 3 nieces and 2 nephews and 10 great-nieces and nephews. A memorial Mass for Marie will be held on Saturday, October 10, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, 128 Maple St., East Longmeadow, MA 01028. Burial will be private in St. Aloysius Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Hafey Funeral Service has been entrusted with the arrangements. [www.byronhafeyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.byronhafeyfuneralhomes.com)

The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Monday, January 4, 2010

AGAWAM - **Ernestine F. Hyland Guyotte**, 86, passed away suddenly on New Year's Day 2010. She was a resident of Country Estates in Agawam. "Ernie", as she was known to her friends, was born on April 23, 1923 and raised in Jemelle, Belgium. A resilient living witness to the Battle of the Bulge in W.W. II, she became the war bride of **Leroy Hyland** of Holyoke, MA. She was a very generous, kind and outgoing lady with a sunny disposition. As a homemaker she enjoyed cooking, gardening and crafts. An expert seamstress, she was later employed by Holyoke Fashion retailers, Dorothy Dodd, Kempton's and Koret Casuals. She was also employed by Gift Packaging Industries and Holyoke Hospital in the dietary dept. After surviving her first husband, she remarried to **Emery Guyotte** (now deceased) of Granby, MA and relocated to St. Petersburg, FL for many years. She is sadly missed by her friends and family- daughters, Eileen (Hyland) Samaan of Westfield and Nancy (Hyland) Gregg and husband, Alan of Granville and grandson, Jesse. She also leaves stepdaughters, Linda Sullivan and Donna Snow of Holyoke and their families and stepson, Kenneth Guyotte. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Southwick Forastiere Funeral Home, 624 College Highway, Southwick (Highway 202 and 10). Burial will follow in Precious Blood Cemetery, South Hadley. The family will receive friends for

calling hours, in the funeral home, on Wednesday from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the Activities Fund of Country Estates, 1200 Suffield St., Agawam, MA 01001. [www.ForastiereFuneralHome.com](http://www.ForastiereFuneralHome.com).

The Daily Item, (Lynn, MA) - Monday, March 1, 2010

SAUGUS - Mr. **Willy a. DeVlaeminck**, 82 years, died on Tuesday, February 23rd at his home in Saugus. He was the loving husband of Phyllis (Spriggs) DeVlaeminck. Born in Belgium, he was the son of the late **Gustov** and **Gabriella (Imbo) DeVlaeminck**. He had resided in Medford until moving to Saugus in 1977. Mr. DeVlaeminck retired from B & W Electronics in Burlington where he worked as a stock manager and he worked part time for the Medford Savings Bank. He was a member of the American Legion in Saugus and the Malden Eagles. He also served in the United States Army. In addition to his wife, Mr. DeVlaeminck leaves one sister, Nicole Lucas of Medford. Also survived by one niece, Rene Domegan and one nephew, Richard Lucas. Service Information: At the request of the family, services will be private. Arrangements by Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, 549 Lincoln Ave., SAUGUS.

The Beacon, (Acton, MA) - Thursday, July 22, 2010

ACTON - **Peter E. Oettinger**, age 73, passed away suddenly on July 8, 2010. He was the beloved husband for 43 years of **Marlys (Klug) Oettinger**. Peter was born in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1937. When he was just three years old, the Nazis invaded Belgium, and his father and grandfather were taken and deported to work camps. Peter, his mother, and his grandmother fled to France, where they were caught and interned in a work camp, which was a staging area for deportations to the Polish extermination camps. Peter fell ill in the work camp and his mother convinced a Nazi guard to allow them to leave the camp to receive medical attention from the Red Cross. Once outside the camp, a Red Cross worker advised them to flee the work camp and warned them of the horror that lie ahead; Peter's mother heeded the warning and bravely fled. In 1942, Peter and his mother crossed the Jura mountains by foot into the comparative safety of Switzerland where they lived until the end of the war. In 1945, they both emigrated to the U.S. and were miraculously reunited with Peter's father and maternal grandmother. The Holocaust tragically claimed the lives of virtually all of his other family members. After settling in New York City, Peter attended the New York City Public Schools, including the Bronx School of Science. The pursuit of education was highly regarded in his family, and Peter went on to obtain several degrees - a bachelor's degree from Cornell University, a master's degree from the California Institute of Technology, and a Phd from Stanford University. An accomplished scientist, Peter was a dedicated employee as well as an entrepreneur. He spent a good portion of his career working as a physicist at Thermo-Electron (now Thermo Fisher) in Waltham. From there, Peter decided that his contribution to society would be greater if he applied the skills he had acquired in X-ray technology to try to help fight the spread of cancer, and he launched his own company, Photo Electron, which focused on making X-ray devices to irradiate malignant cancer tumors in the brain and breast. In addition to his formal career, Peter always enjoyed innovating and inventing, and numerous patents can be credited to his name. In his free time, Peter enjoyed playing classical guitar, and he was also passionate about skiing, sailing, and playing tennis. He had a witty sense of humor and a balanced outlook on life. In addition to his wife, Peter is survived by four children who love him dearly: Philip Oettinger and his wife Trina of San Carlos, Calif.; Marc Oettinger of Washington, D.C.; Ariane Purdy and her husband John of Swampscott, and Andrea Oettinger of Philadelphia; and three grandchildren: Ethan, Jacob and Ellis. He was the brother-in-law of Anthony Klug and his wife Ahnna of Arvada, Colo. Services were held on July 12 at Congregation Kerem Shalom in Concord, Mass., and burial was at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Acton. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701 or the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Plaza, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024-2150.

The Herald News, (Fall River, MA) - Monday, August 30, 2010

**Marie Therese Fischer**, 88, formerly of Shawomet Gardens, Somerset, passed away Friday after a brief illness. Widow of **Carl A. Fischer**. Born in Belgium, daughter of the late **Valentin and Marie Remacle**. Loving mother of Kenneth V. Fischer (wife-Beverly), Raymond W. Fischer (wife-Ann Marie), Therese M. Souza (husband-Charles) and Denise M. Bernardo (husband-Richard); sister of Germaine Lussier, Valy Nonhoff, Leonie and Marie Jose Remacle and Madelaine Gentges. She also leaves 4 granddaughters, 2 great granddaughters, many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday at 9:00 AM from the Silva-Faria SOMERSET Funeral Home, 84 County St. (Rte. 138), Somerset, with her Funeral Mass to follow in St. Thomas More Church, Luther Ave., at 10:00 Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery in Somerset. Calling hours just prior to her mass starting at 8:30. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity.

The Republican, (Springfield, MA) - Monday, July 18, 2011

Springfield - **Maria F.(Paardekam) Clowes**, 89, of Springfield passed away Friday surrounded by her loving family at the Jewish Nursing Home, Longmeadow. Maria was born in Belgium on July 12, 1922, a daughter of the late **Constant and Sylvie (Jacobs) Paardekam**. She came to the United States in 1946 and has been a longtime Springfield resident. She previously worked as a seamstress in the garment industry. Maria will be remembered as a strong willed and a loving and devoted mother. She enjoyed sewing and most of all her family and had made several trips back to her native Belgium. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband, Douglas A. Clowes and her brother Frans Paardekam. Maria is survived by her son Douglas A. Clowes, Jr., of Springfield, her daughters, Carol S. Higgins and her husband William of New Port Richey, FL and Joan M. Clowes of Springfield, her sister Alphonsine Nolmans of Belgium, 2 grandchildren, Donna Bourget of Springfield and William Higgins, Jr. of Warwick, RI and 4 great grandchildren, Allison, Gregory, Sydney, and Alexandra. Visiting hours for Maria are Tuesday, July 19, 2011 from 4-7PM at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, 21 Tinkham Rd, Springfield. Funeral services are Wednesday, July 20, 2011 from Sampson's Chapel of The Acres Funeral Home at 8:30Am followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10AM at

St.Catherine of Siena Church, 1023 Parker St, Springfield, concluding with Interment and Rites of Committal at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 421 Tinkham Rd. Springfield.

The Landmark, (Holden, MA) - Thursday, March 1, 2012

PAXTON – **Sandra J. (Lapery) Sansoucy**, 65, of West Street in Paxton, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, at Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a long illness. Sandra was born in Bilzen, Belgium, and moved to the United States with her parents in 1947. She was raised in Worcester, graduated from North High School in 1965 and studied at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston to earn her certification as an EEG technician. Sandra loved life, especially time spent with her family. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Richard L. Sansoucy; two sons, James M. Sansoucy and his wife Lara of Auburn, and Michael R. Sansoucy and his wife Linda of Wrentham; her mother, Simone G. (VanVreckem) Lapery of East Haven, Conn.; her sister, Linda Lapery-Criscuolo and her husband Anthony of East Haven, Conn.; and five grandchildren, Mark, Hailee, Lily, Hannah and Ava. She was predeceased by her father, James C. Lapery. Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 2, in Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden. The funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at St. Columba Church, 18 Richards Avenue, followed by private burial in Mooreland Cemetery, both in Paxton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 811 West Evergreen Avenue, Suite 204, Chicago, IL 60642, or [pulmonaryfibrosis.org](http://pulmonaryfibrosis.org). [milesfuneralhome.com](http://milesfuneralhome.com).