

MICHIGAN-OBITS



The funeral of **Edward VANDERHAEGHEN**, who died in Bessemer township on June 17, occurred Monday morning from St. Ambrose Church. A large concourse of friends, including the members of the Italia Benevolent Society, of which deceased was a member, attended the obsequies. Deceased was 49 years of age, he was born in Belgium, and leaves two children. – The Ironwood News Record, Ironwood, Michigan – 26 June 1909

John B CONARD dies suddenly on Monday. Deceased was born in Belgium and Leaving Wife and Children. Passing away suddenly at his hours at 183 Territorial Street on Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock, John B CONARD succumbed to locomorataxia, with which he had been a sufferer for many years. Deceased was born in Belgium on the sixth day of September 1853, and leaves to mourn a wife and six children. The funeral service will be held Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock, at St. John's Catholic Church. - The News-Palladium, Benton Harbor, Michigan, 20 Feb 1912

Mrs. **Charles VERVALLE** died of dropsy after an illness of four months at the family home in Ironwood township, Lake Street, about five o'clock Thursday afternoon. She has been afflicted with heart disease for several years. Deceased was born in Belgium in 1869, and is survived by the husband and two children. A sister resides in Belgium. The family moved from Iron Belt to Ironwood township two years ago. The bereaved family will have the sympathy of all in their affliction. The funeral will be held today from St. Ambrose Church. - The Ironwood News records, Ironwood, Michigan, 19 Jul 1913

Mrs. **August Van der Haeghen** of Ironwood township, passed away at Ronstom's hospital about eight o'clock Wednesday evening. She went to the hospital a week previous to her demise, and submitted to hysterotomy for the removal of a tumor on Feb 19. The patient's condition was very encouraging for several days following the operation but she failed to recover from sinking spells during the day of Feb 24, and the end came as stated. Mrs. Van der Haeghen was born in Belgium on June 6, 1863. The family came to the Gogebic range about twenty-five years ago, locating at Iron Belt. Eleven years ago they moved to the farm now owned by them in Ironwood township. On account of the physical disability of her husband, the management of the farm fell largely upon Mrs. Van der Haeghen, and how well she managed it is well known in the community. While she was a most industrious person and had fine business talent, the deceased was above all a womanly woman and richly endowed with the finer instincts of her sex. She probably had a wider acquaintance than any woman on the Gogebic range, and Mrs. Van der Haeghen's friendship was valued by all who knew her. Sincere sorrow is felt in hundreds of homes of the range because of her untimely death. The surviving family are the husband, one son and two daughters, Peter and Miss Minnie Van der Haeghen of Ironwood township and Mrs. Rene Bergeron of Duluth. A sister, Mrs. Kerbrook, formerly of Iron Belt, resides at Los Angeles, and a brother of the deceased is now at the battle front with the army of France. Funeral services will be held this morning at St. Ambrose Church, of which church the deceased was a conscientious and faithful member. The Ironwood News Record, Ironwood, Michigan – 27 Feb 1915

August KERRELBROCK, 61, died Tuesday at his home, 651 Lake Avenue, after an illness of several months. He was born in Belgium in 1862 and is survived by his wife and one son, Victor KERRELBROCK. The funeral services occurred Thursday morning at 9 o'clock from the St Ambrose church. The Rev. Father Hollinger officiated. Interment was made at Rivaldo cemetery. - The Ironwood Times, Ironwood, Michigan, 18 May 1923

AUGUST VANDERHAGEN STRICKEN THURSDAY

One of First Residents of Iron Belt.

August Vanderhagen, one of the pioneer residents of the Gogebic range, died at 5:30 o'clock - yesterday afternoon at the Brasphemick home in Aurora location, where he had been living for a time. He was 69 years old. His death was caused by the Infirmities of old age. Mr. Vanderhagen was born in Belgium April 23, 1855. He came to this country in 1880 and settled at Iron Belt, where he was one of the first residents. In 1903 he moved with his family to a farm a short distance north of Ironwood. He lived there for about 17 years and then moved to a farm near Cedar, Wis., where he lived until about a year ago when he retired because of ill health. He is survived by one son, Peter, of Ironwood, and two daughters, Mrs. Ilene Bergeron, of Bessemer, and Mrs. Clarence Kane, Of DeFer, Wis. He also leaves eight grandchildren. His wife died about 10 years ago. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but it will probably be held Monday morning from the St. Ambrose church. The body was taken to the home of a niece, Mrs. Ed. Verhelst, 141 W. Arch Street today from where funeral services will be conducted. – The Ironwood Daily Globe, Ironwood, Michigan – 3 Apr 1925

Superior, Wis – July 22 – Pitching foremost from the top of the Great Northern ore docks at Allouez, to the concrete base, 30 feet below, **Alphonse DUMONSON**, 43, Superior, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon. Dumonson was born in Belgium and had been a resident of Superior for 21 years. He is survived by a widow and two sons. The Ironwood Daily Globe, Ironwood, Michigan, 22 July 1925

Victor J. SIMON Was Injured by Horse Last Week; Ribs Were Broken.

Saxon, Jan. 14.—Victor J, Simon 57, a farmer living near here one former sheriff of Iron county in 1902 died suddenly Friday evening while sitting at the supper table. About a week ago Mr. Simon was knocked down and trampled by a horse which he was working on the farm. Several ribs were broken at the time and he was considerably bruised in the accident, but his

conclusion was not considered serious, although he had been in bed several days. Friday evening he had eaten the evening meal with his family and was sitting at the table looking over the evening paper while the children went to Ironwood to see a show and his wife was out doors doing some work around the farm. When she returned to the house about 45 minutes after leaving she found Mr. Simon lying on the floor in a dazed condition. Leaving him she ran to one of the neighbors about half a mile and summoned aid, but he died before she could return with the neighbors. Mr. Simon had lived in Saxon for 34 years, coming there with his parents when only 14 years old. He was born in Belgium but came to the United States when 9 years of age. In 1902 Mr. Simon was elected sheriff of Iron county and served in that office for two years. He was a member of the county board of supervisors as chairman of the town of Saxon for several terms. Besides his wife he leaves six children, Joseph, Leo, Louis, and Victor, Jr., who live in this community and Olive, a daughter, attending Superior normal school, and Mary, who attends school in Saxon, and two brothers, Julius of Saxon and Albert of Chicago. The funeral will be held from the Saxon Catholic church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock with the Rev. Cyril Allaire officiating. Burial will be at the Saxon cemetery. - The Daily Globe, Ironwood, Michigan - 14 Jan 1928

OLDEST CIVIL WAR VET IN WESTERN MICHIGAN DIES

HOLLAND, March 8— The oldest Civil war veteran in western Michigan. **Joseph DOYEN**, died this week at the home of his daughter. He was 98 years old. He was born in Belgium, came to America in 1849, and served in the war of the rebellion for three years with a Milwaukee regiment. - The News-Palladium, Benton Harbor, Michigan - 8 March 1928

Oceana Farmer Takes His Own Life

HART, Mich., Nov. 18.—The body of **August Nuyens**, prominent farmer of Elbridge township, was found by Charles Strayer, a neighbor, hanging from a tree in a field Tuesday. Nuyens was born in Belgium and came to this country 25 years ago. He leaves a widow and two sons, Charles and Frank. His farm was one of the best equipped farms in the county. Last year he was unable to pay his taxes. This year, with lots of produce on hand but no prices, he recently stated that he would be unable to pay his taxes again. It is believed despondency over fear of losing his farm from inability to pay taxes caused him to commit suicide - The Ludington daily News, Ludington, Michigan - 18 Nov 1931

Dies at Green Bay at Age of 64; Resided Here Forty Years

Leo VanDAMME, 64, a resident of Gladstone for the last forty years, died at 6:15 am Monday morning at St. Vincent's Hospital at Green Bay. Death was attributed to gall bladder trouble. He had been ill for the past six months but seriously only for a short time. He was taken to Green Bay Saturday night. Born in Belgium February 20, 1869, VanDamme came to this country and almost immediately to Gladstone when but a young man. Working first at the flour docks he later was employed by the Pittsburgh Coal company, a firm with which he was affiliated until about two years ago. The deceased has long attended All Saints' Catholic church and was a member of the Holy Name society. Surviving are his widow, three daughters, and two sons. Mrs. Gendron and John and Louis of Gladstone and Mrs. Dolores Nedeau of Detroit. Mrs. Nedeau arrived here yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral. The body was brought to the Allo funeral home at Escanaba and will be returned to the family home at 413 Montana avenue this afternoon. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at All Saints' church. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Maier officiating. Interment will be made in Fernwood cemetery. The Escabana Daily Press, Escabana, 31 Oct 1933

Northfield, Minn, Nov. 12 (P) - **Henri VERBRUGGHEN**, noted musician and former conductor for nine years of the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra, died here early today. He was 61 years old. Mr. Verbrugghen had been ill for several years, but the immediate cause of death was a stroke he suffered Nov. 7. He was chairman of the Carleton college department of music. Born in Brussels, Belgium, Aug. 1, 1873, the son of a wealthy manufacturer, he gained International fame as an orchestra conductor. He directed symphony orchestras in the British Isles and in Australia before coming to Minneapolis and also appeared as guest conductor of symphony orchestras in Russia, France, Belgium and Germany. He also was known as a violin virtuoso, a pupil and protege of Eugene Ysaye, famous Belgian violinist. The Daily Globe, Ironwood, Michigan - 12 Nov 1934

Caspian - **Camiel IVENS**, 60, a resident of the district for 30 years and a steam shovel operator for the Verona Company, died Saturday at his home in Old Caspian. Mr. Ivens was born in Belgium in 1877. He came to this country in 1893 and went to Stambaugh in 1907. He was employed as mechanic and steam shovel operator throughout his residence in the district. He moved to Caspian five years ago. He is survived by his widow, Bertha, a daughter, Miss Irene Ivens, of St. Paul and three sons, Joseph, of Escanaba, Howard of Bloomington, Ill, and Roderick of Crete, Ill. The Daily Globe, Ironwood, Michigan - 17 Feb 1937

Escanaba—**Henry MALLONGREE**, 81, 720 Superior avenue, passed away Sunday night at St Francis hospital following an illness of one week. Death was attributed to a heart ailment. Mallongree was born in Belgium Nov 18, 1855 and came to the United States in 1890 settling at Hermansville where he engaged in farming. Ten years later the family removed to Gladstone and have resided here since Mr. Mallongree was well known throughout this section of the peninsula. The Daily Globe, Ironwood, Michigan - 24 Jun 1937

Mrs. **Mary LaBasse**, who for more than 30 years lived on a farm a mile southwest of Riverside, died late Wednesday at the home of her brother, Joseph LECOCQ, of 2247 West Chicago avenue, Chicago. She was 70. After spending many years of her life near Riverside she was obliged by ill health last July to sell her farm and move to the home of her brother in Chicago. She was born in Belgium, returning here for a visit six years ago, but came to America in her youth. After living several years in Chicago she came to Riverside. She leaves several nieces and nephews in Berrien County, and many friends. Requiem high mass will be sung at St. John Berchman Catholic church on Logan Boulevard, Chicago, Saturday at 9:30a m. Chicago time.
The News-Palladium, Benton Harbor., Michigan – 20 Jan 1938

Norway – **Philip WEYN**, 67, prominent Norway business man, died Tuesday, following a long illness. He had been in ill health for several years, his condition becoming serious early in the Spring. Born in Belgium, in July of 1872, WEYN came to Norway 35 years ago at the age of 32. He opened a tailor shop which he conducted until forced by ill health to retire.
The Daily Globe, Ironwood, Michigan – 29 Jul 1939

PENT WATER .—The community was saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. **Eliza Casserie**, 73, who passed away this morning at her home in Weare township. Mrs. Casserie had been an invalid for the past four years. She was born in Belgium and came to Weare when she was a young woman, residing here for 44 years. Her husband preceded her in death 28 years ago. She leaves to survive her loss three sons, Charles of Muskegon, Henry of Milwaukee and Edward at home, and three daughters, Mrs. Julia Yonkman of Pentwater, Mrs. Josephine Keson of Ludington and Miss Florence Casserie of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Casserie had been a faithful member of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Weare and funeral services will be conducted 'from there. Time and date of the services are a-waiting the arrival of the children.
The Ludington Daily News, Ludington, Michigan – 18 Nov 1940

Antoon VanBAVEL, 69 year-old North Weare township farmer for many years, died Tuesday at Oceana County hospital in Hart following a year's illness. Born in Belgium in 1881, he came to the United States when he was 24 years old. Mr. VanBavel was a member of St. Joseph's church in Weare. He leaves nine daughters, Mrs. Pearl Gough of Chicago, Mrs. Gladys Boone of Hart, Mrs. Angeline Prouse, Miss Marcella VanBavel and Mrs. Frances Johnson of Muskegon, Mrs. Velma Hissong of Lansing and Misses Nettie of Lansing and Misses Nettie and Winifred VanBavel at home; four sons, Cornelius of Grand Haven, Richard of Scottville and Elwin and Orland at home and 15 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 9am Friday from St. Joseph's church under the direction of the Rev. Fr. E L Quaderer, pastor. Burial will be in Hart cemetery. The rosary will be recited at 8pm Thursday at Weaver funeral home in Hart.
The Ludington Daily News, Ludington, Michigan – 22 March 1950

HOOPS, Yvonne Mary - Age 77, of Fenton, died Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at her residence. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, March 6, 1998 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 806 Main St., Fenton, Pastor James McCoy officiating. Interment in Flint Memorial Park. Visitation will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-9 p.m. Thursday at Sharp Funeral Home, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt A Pet in Fenton. Mrs. Hoops was born May 5, 1920 in Ninov, Belgium, the daughter of Frank and Helen (VanDenBerghe) Leruth. She had resided in Fenton since 1952. She married Elroy W. Hoops May 26, 1946 in Deshler, Ohio. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She was a volunteer for Trinity Lutheran and Hammond Home. Surviving are: husband, Elroy; 4 children, Leslie and Ray Britton of Palm Coast, FL, Cheryl Gladen of Mesa, AZ, David and Judy Hoops of Flint, Jeffrey Hoops of Fenton; 3 grandchildren, Vicki and Brian Dawley, and Athena Hoops; 2 brothers, Camil Leruth and Felix Leruth, both of Toledo, OH; several nieces and nephews. - The Flint Journal, (MI) - Thursday, March 5, 1998

Prudent BLANCKE - WARREN centenarian

Prudent Blancke said before his 100th birthday, "100 years of living is much too complicated, too hard to remember." Mr. Blancke, a lifetime farmer, died Thursday of congestive heart failure at his Warren home. He was 102. His secret to a long life? " 'Everything in moderation' that's what he used to say," said his daughter, Irene Barbary. Mr. Blancke was born in Belgium in 1896. He served a year in the Belgian army after World War I, then came to the United States to be with his brothers. He began farming as soon as he got to this country, working on a farm in Kansas. In 1937, he sold his Kansas farm and moved with his wife, Martha, to Michigan. He bought 30 acres with a house and barn on 13 Mile, where he lived for the majority of his life. "He did everything his way; he was very proud," his daughter said. "He wouldn't cash his Social Security checks, he called them 'old people benefits.' ". Mr. Blancke was known for his summer tomato stand that was staffed by his grandchildren. He retired from farming when he was 60. Other survivors are 14 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at D.S. Temrowski & Sons, 30009 Hoover in Warren. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Detroit Free Press (MI) - May 26, 1998

ST. CLAIR SHORES -- A funeral mass for **Roger A. CALLENS**, a retired bricklayer, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Mr. Callens of St. Clair Shores died from cancer Sunday, May 9, 1999, in his home. He was 71. Mr. Callens, who was born in Pitthem, Belgium, came to the United States when he was a young child and his family settled in Detroit. He was in the Army from 1946-47, and was part of the forces that occupied Europe during the postwar years. He was stationed only 60 miles from his hometown, and when he went to try to get his birth certificate, the Belgium Army attempted to draft him. "He was in his uniform, so they couldn't touch him," his wife, Dolores, said. After the war he returned to Detroit and worked for A.V. Kurt Construction Co. He retired in 1992. Mr. Callens was an award-winning 3-D photographer with the Detroit Stereo Club. Visitation will be from 4-9 p.m. today and 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Friday in the Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. A prayer service will be offered at 7 p.m. Friday. Memorials may be sent to Heartland Hospice, 28588 Northwestern Highway, Suite 425, Southfield, Mich., 48304 or Society of the Little Flower, 1313 Frontage, Darien, Ill. 60561-5341.

The Detroit News, (MI) - Thursday, May 13, 1999

TROUILLEZ, Joseph - Of Lewiston, MI, age 87, died Friday, July 9, 1999. Mr. Trouillez was born February 22, 1912 in Belgium the son Raoul and Marie Trouillez and had lived in Michigan since 1922. Joseph worked as a Jeweler in Detroit his entire career. When he moved to upper Michigan, he joined the Lewiston 50 Plus Club. Mr. Trouillez is survived by: his daughter, Jean Colombo of Flushing; 8 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; brothers, Cyril and Mary Do De Meulemeester, Walter De Mill; sister- in -law, Millie De Meulemeester; many nieces and nephews. Joseph was preceded in death by his wife Elsie in 1990; daughter, Gerry Put in 1995; brother, Robert and sister Marge. The family would like to give special thanks to Hurley Hospice. Friends may visit the family at the Sunset Chapel of Reigle Funeral Home, 5501 W. Pierson Rd. from 2-9PM on Monday. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday July 14, 1999 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Lewiston, MI, with burial to follow at St. Francis Cemetery. - The Flint Journal, (MI) - Sunday, July 11, 1999

BINELLI, Andree Marie (Guillaume) - Of Flushing, age 69, died Sunday, October 3, 1999 at McLaren Regional Medical Center. Funeral Mass will be held 1 PM Wednesday, October 6, 1999 at St. Robert Catholic Church. Fr. Nicholas Ritter will officiate. Burial will follow at New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-9 PM Monday and 2-9 PM Tuesday at Rossell Funeral Home. A Vigil for the deceased will be held 6:30 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to St. Robert Catholic Church, the American Kidney Fund or E.W.T.N. Mother Angeleca. Mrs. Binelli was born in Namur, Belgium on April 5, 1930 and was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church. She was the daughter of Marcel and Jeannette (Castermans) Guillaume. She married Ezio Binelli from Italy. Mrs. Binelli attended All Girls Catholic School in Antwerp, Belgium and had 2 years of college Vorselaar, Belgium - run by the sisters of Christian School. She spent 1 year in the convent as a Pofielant (in the Mother House in Belgium). She came to the U.S. after World War II with her parents and 2 sisters in 1951. Surviving are: 2 sons, Daniel P. and wife Marsha Binelli of Flushing, James C. and wife Vivian

of Grand Blanc; 2 daughters, Patricia and husband John Stone of Burton, Jacqueline Binelli of Flushing; 6 grandchildren, Jeremy, David and Carina Stone, Victor Binelli, Stacey and Devon Binelli; 2 sisters, Nicole and husband Leo Binelli of Clio; Suzanne and husband Philip Floria of Clio, many nieces, nephews and godchildren; several dear friends, especially Mr. and Mrs. Van Moody; special thanks to Nicole and Suzanne for their kind and constant care of Andree. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers and her stepfather, Fernand. Arrangements Entrusted To: **ROSSELL FUNERAL HOME** Independently Owned Main Street near McKinley Flushing(810) 659-6342
The Flint Journal, (MI) - Tuesday, October 5, 1999

LeCLAIRE, Rachel M. - Of Burton, age 88, died Friday, December 3, 1999 at Heartland Health Care Center - Briarwood. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, December 6, 1999 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. Paul Schwermer celebrant. Burial at St. John Catholic Cemetery. A Rosary was prayed Sunday evening. Mrs. LeClaire was born in Pervyse, Belgium on August 18, 1911, the daughter of Pamphil and Elizabeth (Senseal) Depuydt. Rachel married Elmer LeClaire on July 17, 1934 and he preceded her in death in 1983. She was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church and belonged to the Altar Society. Surviving are: 2 sons, Michael LeClaire, Gary (Shirley) LeClaire; grandchildren, Ann Marie Mattie, Paul, Greg and Phillip Pettibone, Michael Jr., Terry and Tejhett LeClair; 19 great-grandchildren; brother, George (Mary) Depuydt; sisters, Mary Beauchamp and Alic Beauchamp; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Marlene; son, David; and granddaughter, Maria – The Flint Journal, (MI) - Wednesday, December 8, 1999

PERSYN, Aploinia M. - Age 95, of Swartz Creek, died Tuesday, January 11, 2000 in Brooksville, FL. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, January 17, 2000 at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fr. Amos Wischmeyer celebrant. Interment in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5-9 p.m. Saturday, 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Rd., Swartz Creek. Rosary will be prayed 7 p.m. Sunday evening at the funeral home. Aploinia was born March 7, 1904 in Belgium . She had lived in Atlas until moving to Gaines Twp. in 1946. She married Cyril Persyn in June 1925; he preceded her in death in February 1954. Surviving are: 2 children, David Persyn, Kathleen and husband Harley Jackson; 3 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; sister, Gabriella Hammond.
The Flint Journal, (MI) - Saturday, January 15, 2000

George E. CALLEWAERT, a former baker renowned for his raisin bread and butter-cream frosting, died Wednesday at the Shelby Nursing Center in Utica. He was 92. Mr. Callewaert was born in Belgium and at the age of 5 sailed to America with a brother and sister, along with a family friend, to be united with his mother and father and three other siblings. His daughter, Bernice Knight, said the group was at sea at the time that the Titanic was sinking in the Atlantic. Mr. Callewaert's parents were not sure that their children were not aboard the Titanic until they disembarked in New York. The family moved to Detroit in the 1920s. Mr. Callewaert worked at several bakeries in Detroit, including Verdonckt and Awrey. "He used to decorate birthday and wedding cakes with a butter-cream frosting that was delicious," recalled his daughter. "And raisin bread was his specialty. He made it at Christmas and other holidays. Everybody looked forward to it -- at work and at home. He left me the recipe and I just made some this past Christmas." In 1941 Mr. Callewaert went to work for Bower Roller Bearing in Detroit as a machinist. He retired from that job in 1971. His daughter remembered him as a very loving grandfather. "The kids would always come to visit him. They enjoyed his company so much. He always had Hershey's Kisses in the refrigerator. The kids would always run to the fridge to get Kisses." Mr. Callewaert was a member of the Belgian American Century Club. In addition to his daughter, Bernice, he is survived by two other daughters, Beatrice Shubnell and Margaret Amici; 21 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be 1-9 p.m. Sunday at the William Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, Utica. There will be a rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica. Burial will follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Detroit Free Press (MI) - January 29, 2000

SUSCHICK, Martha B. (Phipps) - Age 80, of Flint, died Wednesday, August 30, 2000 at McLaren Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, September 2, 2000 at the Brown Funeral Home, 1616 Davison Rd., Fr. William Wegher officiating. Burial at Flint Memorial Park. Visitation 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eastern Michigan Food Bank. Mrs. Suschick was born January 28, 1920 in Belgium . She married George Suschick June 11, 1966 in Flint and was a retired employee of the Flint Journal. Surviving are: husband, George; daughter, Phyllis Hautala; sons, Thomas Phipps and wife Karen, William Phipps and wife Janice, James Phipps and wife Deborah; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Gustave Heyneman and wife Lillian. Mrs. Suschick was preceded in death by her first husband, Thomas Phipps; by her son, John Phipps; and sister, Rose Puzjak.
The Flint Journal, (MI) - Thursday, August 31, 2000

BLISSFIELD: Magdalena E. COOPSHAW, 88, of Blissfield, passed away Monday, Oct. 2, 2000, at Provincial House in Adrian. Born on July 8, 1912, in Belgium , Magdalena was the daughter of August Joseph and Alicia Juliana (Wyffels) Termote. She was married on Feb. 18, 1934, to Louis Coopshaw, who preceded her in death in 1999. She worked at the Home Canning Company in Blissfield from 1946 to 1964. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Blissfield, the Ladies of St. Peter's Parish and the Blissfield American Legion Auxiliary. Surviving are six sons, Roger Coopshaw of Blissfield,

Robert (Anne) Coopshaw of Blissfield, Ronald (Karen) Coopshaw of Blissfield, Gerald (Janice) Coopshaw of Manitou Beach, Charles (Jeanette) Coopshaw of Harrison, Mich., and Richard (Myra) Coopshaw of Harrison, Mich.; one daughter, Alice (Laszlo) Deri of Beckley, W.Va.; two half brothers, Albert and Alphonse DeVos of Peoria, Ill.; 30 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Arthur Termote, half brother August DeVos, and one granddaughter. Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Blissfield, with Fr. Vincent Van Doan officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery in Blissfield. A Rosary service will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m., followed by a wake service at 8 p.m. at the Tagsold Funeral Home in Blissfield, where friends may call from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church Heritage Fund or to the Ladies of St. Peter's Parish.

The Daily Telegram, Adrian, MI - Wednesday, October 4, 2000

Albert VERBRUGGE, 84, of Sebewaing died Monday evening, Feb. 18, 2002, at his home following a one-year illness. He was born Aug. 12, 1917, in Superior, Wisc., son of the late Constant and Zulma (Steen) Verbrugge. He was united in marriage to Velma Sveller in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1942. She preceded him in death on Jan. 26, 1996. Al was a commercial-residential painter in the Detroit area for many years before retiring and moving to Sebewaing in 1988. He is survived by two sisters, Margaret Verbrugge of Belgium, and Jean Ryngaert and her husband, Eugene, of Clinton Township; one brother, Cyril Verbrugge and his wife, Florence, of St. Clair Shores; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Odiel Verbrugge; and one sister, Angelle Verbrugge. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. The Rev. Fredrick Wilson will officiate with burial in the Sebewaing Assembly of God Cemetery. Visitation will be 2 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until the time of services Thursday at the funeral home. – The Huron Daily Tribune, Bad Axe, MI - Wednesday, February 20, 2002

DeWITTE, WILLIAM, SR. Age 68, died May 9. Bill DeWitte was born in Belgium. He moved to Florida with his wife Nancy from Michigan in 1996. He was retired from the Power Train Division of General Motors. Survivors include his Wife: Bridget "Nancy" DeWitte, Daughter: Theresa Sohn, Sons: William, Michael, Daniel, Robert, John, Thomas, 22 Grandchildren, Brother: Fred DeWitte and Sister: Mary Anne Szlaga. Arrangements by Beyers Funeral Home Lady Lake, Florida. 352-753-4444 - Detroit Free Press (MI) - May 12, 2002

Agnes MASSE, age 91, passed away at her residence on Sunday morning, Nov. 17, 2002. She was born on May 20, 1911 in Meenen, Belgium to the late Alphonse and Martha (Pareyt) Bershaeve. She married Hamel E. Masse in May 1936. He preceded her in death on February 29, 1980. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of the Ladies Sodality Franciscan Order. She is survived by her son, Lawrence Duke (Nancy) Masse of Cedarville; daughters Blanche Duch Krompetz of Gladwin, and Carolyn (Tony) Haggort of Las Vegas, Nev.; eight grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; and a sister, Jenny Oliver of St. Clair Shores. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hamel; one grandson, Rodney Krompetz; and one great grandson, Canvas Watson. Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Patrick Jankowiak presiding with burial to follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. On Wednesday morning Mrs. Masse will lie in state at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of services. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials to the following charities: Visiting Nurses, Hospice of Gladwin or the Council on Aging. The Sisson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Record & Clarion (Gladwin, Beaverton, MI) - Wednesday, November 20, 2002

LANGE, Mary E. - Of Flint, formerly of Warren, Michigan, age 98, died Sunday, December 7, 2003 at Fostrian Manor. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10AM Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 2415 Bagley Street in Flint, Father Douglas Osborn officiating. Burial in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Visitation 4-8PM Tuesday at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road. A rosary will be prayed at 7PM Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Mrs. Lange will be at the church after 9AM Wednesday until the time of the Mass. She was born in Belgium on March 27, 1905. She was a business owner and resident in the Detroit area for many years before moving to the Flint area in 1996. She was a member of the Queen Elizabeth Circle. Surviving are 2 children, Barbara (James) Cole of Flint and Don (Judy) Lange of Hazel Park; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren and 1 nephew. She was preceded in death by her husband, William.

The Flint Journal, (MI) - Tuesday, December 9, 2003

WELLMAN, ROBERT BARRY; age 58. Died of injuries sustained in an auto accident in Fresno, Ca. August 12, 2003. Survived by wife Diane (Krivens) Berz, son Ryan Wellman, stepson George Berz, mother Flora Bell(Erwin) Wellman, brothers Donald, Karl, Timothy and sister Margot Peshak. Memorial service Wednesday, August 20 at 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI. Contributions may be made to any children's charity in lieu of flowers. – The Oakland Press, Pontiac, Michigan - 6 Jan 2004

EBERT MARION G BROUCKSOU Age 91, passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at McCormick Health Care Center in South Carolina. Born in Belgium, Mrs. Ebert was the daughter of the late Arthur and Aldula Benoit Pillen. Mrs. Ebert was

twice married, first to the late Andrew Broucksou and then to the late George Ebert. Survivors include a son, Robert Broucksou of McCormick, SC; six grandchildren and nine great-grand-children. Mrs. Ebert was predeceased by her parents, both husbands, a son, James Broucksou, and a brother. Services will be held in McCormick, SC. Cremation Society of South Carolina. Detroit Free Press (MI) - April 23, 2004

The Rev. **Lambert Smits**, associate priest at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church in Royal Oak, died of cancer on Tuesday, June 1, 2004, in Providence Hospital in Southfield. The Royal Oak resident was 81. The Rev. Smits was born in Zutendaal, Belgium, on Jan. 30, 1923. He was ordained a priest in 1948. The following year, he went to the Philippines, where he worked in mission parishes as an educator for many years. In 1971, he was transferred to the Archdiocese of Detroit. He became an associate priest at St. Matthew Church in Detroit, St. Angela's in Roseville, and St. Raymond in Detroit. In 1997, he became associate priest at the Shrine of the Little Flower. Survivors include two sisters, Maria Smits-Lenaers and Elisa Smits; and two brothers, the Rev. August Smits and the Rev. Joseph Smits. Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. and from 7:30-9 p.m. Friday at National Shrine of the Little Flower, at 12 Mile and Woodward, in Royal Oak. A funeral Mass was to be celebrated at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. The Detroit News, (MI) - Friday, June 4, 2004

KRIVENS, GERMAINE E. "GERRI"; of Pontiac; died August 19, 2004; at 83 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Harry; loving mother of Diane Berz, Donna (Raymond) Erikson, Larry Krivens and Doreen Marti; dearest grandmother of five and great grandmother of six; sister of Art Pattyn. She was a loving mother and grandmother. A Memorial Service will be 3 p.m. Sunday, August 22, 2004 at Village of Oakland Woods (420 S. Opdyke, Pontiac). Mr. Douglas Selke presiding. Memorial donations may be made to ALS Association (27001 Agoura Rd., Calabasas Hills, CA 91301-5104). Arrangements entrusted to Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. Friends may send condolences via the guestbook at www.coatsfuneralhome.com
The Daily Oakland Press, Pontiac, Michigan - 22 Aug 2004

Cyriel C. Barbary, Macomb Township: Centenarian led active senior life

Cyriel Barbary has seen the world grow. He lived through the Great Depression, two world wars and the civil rights movement. And he has witnessed the birth of the automobile, television and the computer. Mr. Barbary died after a stroke on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at his home in Macomb Township. He was 105. Born in Klercken, Belgium, in 1899, Mr. Barbary moved to the United States in 1923. In 1932, he and his wife, Emma, moved to a farm on 12 Mile near Dequindre. He was a gardener and vegetable producer until retiring in 1956. His family says he was known for his charm and enthusiasm. At 95, he continued deer hunting. At 101, he was riding an exercise bike 30 minutes a day. He is survived by his son, Jerome (Irene); two daughters, Marie (Albert) Syoen and Adrienne (Maurice) Reygaert; eight grand-children; and 14 great-grandchildren. Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. today at the William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road in Utica. A prayer service is at 7 p.m. A Mass is set for 10 a.m. Monday at the St. Isidore Catholic Church, 18203 23 Mile in Macomb. Entombment will be at the Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. - Detroit News, The (MI) - Sunday, September 19, 2004

BENTON HARBOR -- **Simonne M. BRAUDO**, 83, of Benton Harbor died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at her home. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor. Burial will follow in Temple Beth El Cemetery, Benton Harbor. Friends may call beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Fairplain Chapel. Mrs. Braudo was born April 16, 1921, in Liege, Belgium. More recently, her favorite activities included knitting and gardening. In her younger years, one of her favorite activities was skating. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Alvin. The Herald-Palladium, St. Joseph, MI - Tuesday, December 28, 2004

DECOSTER, Maurice "Pete"

Heritage Community - Amber Way Residence

Passed away Monday morning, January 17, 2005, at the Hospice Care facility Rose Arbor after a short illness. Maurice, known as "Pete" was born September 28, 1907 in Jackson, MI, the son of Albert and Sylvie Decoster, immigrants from Belgium. He was a resident of Kalamazoo since 1936. He was preceded in death in 1996 by his wife of 63 years, Elsie and his brother, John of Grass Lake, MI. His sister, Marguerite Thure of Tucson, AZ, still thrives. Also surviving are his daughter, Lynlou Post, and a son, Maury and his wife Sunny Hill, residents of Kalamazoo. He had six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, (with another on the way), three step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and interment will be next to his wife in Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be scheduled in the near future. People who have known Maurice called him "Pete" with respect and affection. Few know that the name was originally conferred upon him as a mark of derision as a child of immigrants. He erased this mark by the way he lived his life. Pete worked hard all of his life - first as a farm boy, then in a Detroit automobile plant. He earned his way through Michigan State Normal College, in Ypsilanti, MI (now known as Eastern Michigan University) winning an AB degree in chemistry in 1932. He recently endowed a scholarship fund at the university to help deserving chemistry students as a way to pay back some of the help he had received. Pete joined the Upjohn Co. in 1936 and held a number of positions in the manufacturing department. He received the prestigious Henry Upjohn award in 1947 for his performance there. He retired in 1972. Pete was a Republican, golfer,

fisherman, gardener, traveler, and putterer. He was known to many as a caring, and gracious man. Late in his life, he took up the recording of his observations in a journal which he shared on a regular basis with his children and grandchildren. He was a very active volunteer for community activities and he received a number of awards for his efforts. He was a fixture at the Upjohn Nursing home in the 70s and 80s where he showed movies, made popcorn and helped comfort the ill and elderly residents there. Friends desiring may make memorial contributions to Hospice Care of Greater Kalamazoo, where Pete spent his last days. - Kalamazoo Gazette (MI) - Wednesday, January 19, 2005

Aledia (Lill) Declercq Haines, 82, passed away May 5, 2005 in Menen, Belgium. She was born February 24, 1923 in Vlamertinge, Belgium. She married Melvin (Red) Haines March 23, 1946 in Vlamertinge, Belgium. She came to the United States to New York via a war bride ship, which took six weeks, and then by train to Rudyard, where after a total of three months, she was reunited with her husband. Lill lived in the Pickford area for 49 years, returning to live in Belgium in October 1995, but she never forgot the American way of living. The last years of her life she spent playing cards with friends, visiting her sister and shopping. She was different societies for older people. While in the United States, Lill worked at the former Coast to Coast (now Taylor's True Value Hardware) in Pickford for many years and acquired many, many friends. She was a life member of the Hessel Ladies Auxiliary Law-White Post 1958 and attended the Pickford Presbyterian Church. Lill is survived by one sister Helena, one niece Myriam, three nephews Jacky, Roland and Willy, and one great-niece Veerle. Lill was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Melvin in 1983, one brother Leopold in 1977, one niece Liliane (her god-child) in 1988, two sister's- in-law Mary Jane Hossack and Elda McCarron. Funeral services were held in Menen, Belgium May 10, 2005. - The Evening News, Sault Ste. Marie, MI - Thursday, May 19, 2005

Bertha Seynhaeve, a talented cook and nanny, died Monday, Aug. 29, 2005, at Elmhaven Manor in Pontiac. She was 94. Mrs. Seynhaeve was born in Ghent, Belgium, but lived in Harrison Township for 60 years, much of it with her husband, Gerard Leon Seynhaeve, whom she married in 1931. He died in 1977. For 12 years, she worked for Ford Motor Co. She also spent years as a nanny in Grosse Pointe. Mrs. Seynhaeve was a member of the Happy Hours Club and the Extension Club. She also spent 28 years working as a vendor selling her crafts at the Armada Market with her daughter, Carole Allor. In addition to Allor, she is survived by daughter Marguerite Sullivan, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Saturday at A.J. Desmond & Son, and she was interred at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorial tributes may be made to American Heart Association, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678. The Detroit News, (MI) - Sunday, September 4, 2005

KOPPERS, Valentine "Val"

North Street - Paw Paw

Passed away peacefully Sunday evening, March 5, 2006 at LakeView Community Hospital, Paw Paw. Val was born June 25, 1920 in Antwerp, Belgium, the daughter of Frank and Gabrielle Dircken. She came to America with her family in 1930 to Chicago, where she met her husband and true love, Edward P. Koppers. Val was a cook for Paw Paw High School for many years, was Treasurer for the Paw Paw Senior Citizens, and loved playing bingo, knitting, and most of all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On February 20, 1946 in Chicago, IL, Val was united in marriage to Edward P. Koppers, who preceded her in death on April 26, 1989. She was also preceded in death by a son, Frank Koppers; son-in-law, Rick Armstrong; daughter-in-law, Therese Koppers; sister, Maria Lenzini; and a brother, Charles Dircken. Surviving are 2 daughters, Suzett Armstrong of Amarillo, TX, and Tina (Edward) Hancox of Gobles; son, Patrick (Deb) Koppers of Schoolcraft; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; many nieces nephews and cousins in Europe; many loving bingo friends and wonderful neighbors. The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Tuesday (today 3/7) at the Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw where Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, 2 p.m. with Pastor Kim Hancox officiating. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Paw Paw. Memorial contributions may be made to charity of choice. Share a memory or condolence on line at: www.timeformemory.com - Kalamazoo Gazette (MI) - Tuesday, March 7, 2006

BELLAMY, Biruta A. "Rita" - Of Burton, age 68, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at Genesys Regional Medical Center. Funeral service will be held at 10AM Friday, March 17, 2006 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Pastor Chad W. Montague officiating. Burial in Flint Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Visitation 12-8PM Thursday at the funeral home. Biruta was born in Belgium on May 26, 1937. She came over on the USS United States in 1953 and settled in Sioux City, Iowa, where she met and married Richard J. Bellamy in Davison, Michigan. They moved to Flint, where they raised their 6 children. Surviving are children, Helen and husband Ken Voeks of Otter Lake, Mark and wife Mary Bellamy of Vassar, Karen and husband Nick Birner of Davison, Mitch and wife Suzanne Bellamy of Goodrich; daughter-in-law, Brenda Bellamy of Davison; 15 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; sister, Elsie of Australia; several nieces, nephews and best friend, Betty Kimball of Burton. She was preceded in death by parents, Kayzs and Berta Zolpys; son, Matthew Bellamy; daughter, Kayla Long and 5 sisters. The Flint Journal, (MI) - Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Jeanne Marie (DeLandas) Johnson, of Ionia, passed away in St. Augustine, Florida Friday, May 5, 2006 after a courageous battle with cancer. Jeanne was surrounded by her loved ones in her final days as they said goodbye to a truly wonderful wife,

mother, grandmother and friend. She was born on August 7, 1927 in Charlevoix, Belgium, the daughter of Leon and Celine DeLandas. Jeanne came to the United States in August 1948 and married her beloved husband, Oscar on January 20, 1951. Jeanne had a passion for cooking and taught French Cuisine cooking classes for several years through Mott Community College. She had a love for reading and was a volunteer Librarian at Schickler School in Lapeer. Jeanne always put everyone else's welfare above her own and was loved by all who knew her. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents. Surviving are her loving husband of 55 years, Oscar; daughter Claudia Johnson; sons Eric (Diane), Crist (Mindy), Leon and Karl. Jeanne loved spending time with her many grandchildren; Mary Jeanne, Joel, Stefan, Areta, Kathleen, Noah, Alec, Eric, Joshua, Danielle, Kasey and Abby; brothers Charles and Rene. A celebration memorial and reception is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Ionia, MI. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society.
Sentinel-Standard (Ionia, MI) - Friday, May 12, 2006

Suzanna Janssens, 96, of Pigeon died Sunday morning, June 18, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe. She was born June 12, 1910 in Belgium to the late Sarafien and Marie (Meessen) Baert. On April 10, 1927, she was united in marriage to Theophiel J. Janssens in Belgium. They moved to the United States in 1930 settling in Detroit for a short time. They then went to Napoleon, Ohio for ten years before returning to the Detroit area. Mr. Janssens preceded her in death March 15, 1961. She moved to Shelby Township, living there 20 years, before coming to Pigeon in 1994 to be near her son. Surviving are her son, Walter (Fran) Janssens of Sand Point; her daughter, Lorraine (Dwight) Kleinlein of Washington Township; six grandchildren, Linda, Debra, Susan, Diane, Mark and Kristi; eight great-grandchildren, Stephen, Jeffrey, Erin, Kevin, Kari, Lucas, Caleb and Owen and three great-great-grandchildren, Destiny, Gabe and Cameron. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville with burial at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. Visitation will be conducted from 9 a.m. until the time of services Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be directed to St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. Words of condolence may be left at www.champagnefuneralchapel.com.
The Huron Daily Tribune, Bad Axe, MI - Monday, June 19, 2006

Sneve, Renilda Leona (Saline, MI - Formerly of Garden City and Big Rapids), age 86, passed away on Sunday, July 2, 2006 at the Saline Evangelical Home. She was born in Ninove, Belgium on June 4, 1920. Leona was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church in Big Rapids, Garden City and Ann Arbor where she was a member of St. Luke Lutheran. She spent her career as a Bookkeeper for C & O Railroad, Whitman & Barnes and T.R.W. Survivors include Oscar Sneve, her loving husband of 65 years; one daughter, Sylvia (Robert) Kern; two grandchildren, Robert M. Kern and Kristen (James) Beaver; and one great-grandson, Matthew R. Beaver. Survivors also include her twin sister, Lena Rowell, nieces, nephews, cousins and a special cousin, Georgette Kniss. The family will receive friends at the St. Luke Lutheran Church, 4205 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, 48108 on Wednesday, July 5, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Ronald Zehnder officiating. Private interment will follow at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in her memory may be made to either St. Peters Lutheran Church, Big Rapids, MI or to St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, MI. Arrangements completed by the NIE FAMILY FUNERAL HOME. To sign her guestbook or leave a memory please visit Leona's memory page at www.niefuneralhomes.com - Ann Arbor News (MI) - Monday, July 3, 2006

Mary F. SPRANGLE (Maria Flavia Maes), 92, of Jerome passed away on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Ganton's Countryside Care Center in Jackson. Born on Feb. 22, 1914, in Rosselare, Belgium, to Julius and Julia (Wyffels) Maes. She married Theodore A. Sprangel Sr. on Aug. 1, 1932, in Jackson, and he preceded her in death on March 31, 1971. Mary was raised in Rosslare, Belgium, and then at age 13 she moved to Jackson for five years. She lived in Addison and then in the Jerome area for 70 years. Along with her husband Theodore, they farmed for many years. She was a member of St. Mary On The Lake Catholic Church at Manitou Beach. She was an avid card player. Surviving are two sons, Theodore A. (Irmgard) Sprangel of Alta Vista, W.Va. and Joseph R. (Linda) Sprangel of Jerome; four daughters, Betty J. (Bud) Nieswender of Jerome, Carol A. (Michael) Stoll of Locust Grove, Virginia, Mary Jane (Murray) Woerner of Adrian and Cheryl A. Sprangel of Charlottesville, Virginia; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Hector (Mary) Maes of Jackson; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Maes of Jackson; several nephews, nieces and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore; one brother, Omer Maes and two sisters, Betty Alderman and Martha Flack. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 21 at St. Mary On The Lake Catholic Church at Manitou Beach with Fr. Paul Ruddy and Mrs. Jean Schaub officiating. Burial will take place at Calvary Cemetery in Hudson. Visitation is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home in Addison. There will be a Scripture Service at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary On The Lake Catholic Church. View this obituary and send condolence to the family at: www.brownvanhemert.com. - The Hillsdale Daily News, (MI) - Thursday, July 20, 2006

Grand Haven - **Marie Josette FEYT**, died November 27, 2006 following a brief illness. Mme. Feyt was born February 19, 1919 in Brussels, Belgium. She attended the Brussels Conservatory of Music studying music, literature and sociology. She performed as a vocalist for several years before becoming a social worker with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) at the end of World War II, locating families of displaced persons released from concentration camps. Her family was involved with the resistance effort against the German invasion of Belgium and France. She immigrated

to New York City in 1947 and moved to Grand Haven in 1952. She taught piano and was a substitute teacher with Grand Haven Public Schools for several years while raising her family and completing her Masters Degree in Education from Western Michigan University. She served on the faculty of Hope College from 1959-1965 teaching French and German. In 1965 she accepted a position at Grand Valley State University where she continued teaching French language and literature until her retirement in 1981. Mme. Feyt served as a choir director for St. John's Episcopal Church and was a solo performer with the First Presbyterian Church Choir of Grand Haven. She was an avid reader and keenly interested in literature, philosophy and religion. Mme. Feyt enjoyed classical music, opera and lively discussions of culture and world affairs. She is survived by her children, Ronnie Suzanne Hankins of Grand Haven, Warren D. (Cathleen) Feyt of Grand Haven and Charles L. (Joy) Feyt of Alpharetta, Georgia. Also, her grandchildren, Michael Hankins, Rachael Feyt, Ethan Feyt and Kristen Feyt and her great-grandchildren, Jessica and Josh Hankins. A private interment will be held by the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or Hospice of North Ottawa County. -Clock Life Story Grand Haven.
The Muskegon Chronicle, (MI) - Thursday, December 28, 2006

Veronica C. "Nana" Wheelihan, 55, died Thursday, November 15, 2007 in Mt Clemens General Hospital following a courageous battle with a rare illness. She was born February 29, 1952 in Port Huron. Veronica worked at FedEx Trade Network. She loved driving and taking road trips. She loved swimming and watching boats on the water. She also enjoyed visiting casinos and reading. She was the most loving and caring person, she enjoyed life and loved people. She loved her family and especially her grandchildren. She is survived by her sons, Christopher (Bobbie Sue) Miron and Corey Miron, both of Port Huron; grandchildren, Brent, Dylan and Chloe; sisters, Mary Ann (Charles) Tetreau and Maxine K. Gwisdala; brother, Charles (Kathleen) Wheelihan; sister Teresa M. Bennett; brother, Harold (Christine) Wheelihan; many nieces and nephews including special nieces, Joanne Sischo and Kathy Gwisdala and her "bestest" friend, Marie Gossman. She is preceded in death by her parents, David and Erma Wheelihan; brother James J. Wheelihan and brother-in-law, Joseph Gwisdala. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home. The Rev. Simeon T. Iber will officiate. Visiting hours are 2-4; 7-9 Monday at the funeral home.KARRER-SIMPSON FUNERAL HOME, Port Huron, Michigan

Leroy, John - Belleville, MI - age 69, passed away Saturday at his home. He was born September 5, 1939 in Belgium, son of the late Frans and Philamena (Dymn) Leroy. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, Van Buren Eagles and Belleville Moose. He retired from United Airlines as a Customer Service Agent. He enjoyed traveling, people, food, hunting, fishing, boating, yard work and the outdoors in general. Survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Judy (St. Charles) Leroy, a son John C. (Melissa) Leroy, also a grandson Ryland John Leroy, all of Belleville, MI. Preceded in death by a brother Etchen Leroy. Visitation 5-8 p. m. Monday and Tuesday 2-4 and 6-8 p. m. with a Funeral Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Interment Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti. Memorials to Arbor Hospice or St. Anthonys.
www.davidcbrownfh.com - Ann Arbor News (MI) - Monday, October 27, 2008

Brigitte Shank, 50, of Sidney, Ohio, died at 7:29 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at her residence. She was born March 9, 1959, in Brussels, Belgium, to the late Stanislaw and Anna Kowal Guzik. On April 9, 1994, she married Charter Shank, and he survives. Brigitte is also survived by five children, David Isljamovski of San Francisco, Calif., Jimmy Isljamovski of Eaton, Ohio, Kenan Isljamovski of Indian River, Kyleigh Shank of Hamilton, Ohio, and Brenton Shank of Hamilton, Ohio; one sister, Annie Grenier of Brussels, Belgium; two brothers, Bernard Guzik of Brussels, Belgium, and Daniel Guzik of Brussels, Belgium. She was preceded in death by one sister, Christian Guzik. Brigitte was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Sidney, Ohio. She ran her own cleaning service. A memorial service will be 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1345 S. Kuther Road, Sidney, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wilson Hospice, 1089 Fairington Drive, Sidney, Ohio 45365. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.theadamshome.com. Arrangements are being handled by Adams Funeral Home, 1401 Fair Road, Sidney, Ohio
Petoskey News-Review (MI) - Thursday, March 26, 2009

Clarice F. Wester, age 77, of Gaylord, died peacefully on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at Aspen Ridge Retirement Village. Clarice was born in Belgium, Wis., on Jan. 8, 1932, the daughter of Nicholas and Martha (Schueller) Wester. She was raised on a farm with her three brothers and three sisters until moving into the city when she was 12. She enjoyed farm life and used to pick beans for her school clothes. After eighth grade, Clarice entered the convent. She was professed into the Racine Dominican Order in 1950. In 1952, she met Joanne Meldrum at the convent and they remained lifelong friends. Clarice spent most of her life as a teacher and was also a school principal while in Wisconsin. In 1969, she left the convent and moved to Gaylord, where she took a teaching position at St. Mary Cathedral School. Her love for children kept her active, and Clarice continued tutoring after retiring in 1982. Clarice enjoyed many adventures, including traveling throughout the United States and abroad, and even opening a restaurant in Grayling. After departing from that venture, Clarice went to work in the deli and bakery departments of Glen's Market in Gaylord and retired in 1997. Clarice is survived by her longtime friend, Joanne Meldrum of Gaylord; three sisters and three sisters-in-law of Wisconsin; and many dear nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers. A private family memorial service will be held in Wisconsin at a later date. Contributions in memory of Clarice Wester may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734. Friends may share condolences online at www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com.

Gaylord Herald Times (MI) - Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Gus Van De Perre gave up his struggle Sept 4, 2009, at Gratiot Medical Center to leave this world and be with his beloved wife, the former Vivian Cassady, who he married on Dec. 21 1935. Gus was born in Belgium Dec. 15, 1917, the son of Joseph and Josephine Van De Perre and came to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, when he was 3 years old, where he lived for one year. The family eventually settled in Gratiot County, where he lived the rest of his life. He worked various jobs until he bought a farm in 1941 and was a farmer until he had to retire because of health reasons. He became interested in Carnival and Greentown glass and he and Vivian traveled to many different places, adding to their collection of choice pieces. He became interested in stained glass lamp shades and made several beautiful ones, which were sold in six different states. He is survived by three children, Ted (Carolyn) Van De Perre of Jackson, Suzanne (Larry) White of Riverdale, and Michael (Sandy) Van De Perre of Ithaca; sister- in -law Willowdean Cassady; seven grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vivian; his sister, Jean Fish.; brothers- in -law Glendon Cassady, Richard Bovee, Robert Cassady and Alton Cassady; and sisters- in -law Beverly Bovee, Gladys Cassady and Betty Cassady. Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Barden Funeral Home, Ithaca. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Senior Activity Building, Ithaca. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.bardenfuneralhome.com
The Morning Sun, Mount Pleasant - Alma, MI - Sunday, September 6, 2009

Nelly Jacobs, 64, of Columbia, Tenn., and formerly of Constantine and White Pigeon, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2009, at Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia after a one-year illness. She was born Jan. 6, 1945, in Lede, Belgium, a daughter of Joseph and Irma (DeSmit) D'Haese. She had lived for 17 years in Columbia, Tenn., coming from Constantine. On April 30, 1966, she married Larry C. Jacobs in White Pigeon. She worked in trailer factories and at General Motors as an inspector. She attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in White Pigeon. She enjoyed collecting dolls, Hummel figurines, fishing, horses, reading and spending time with her family. Surviving are her husband, Larry C. Jacobs of Columbia, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Brooke Ashley Jacobs of Elkhart, Ind., and Zachery Scott Jacobs of Union; a great-grandson, Landon Jacobs; two sisters, Maria D'Haese of Sturgis and Marie (Ted) Hillard of White Pigeon; a brother, Frank D'Haese of Three Rivers; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Roger D'Haese; and a son, Scotty Douglas Jacobs on June 14, 2008. Visitation will take place 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Farrand Funeral Home in White Pigeon. Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in White Pigeon, with the Rev. Robert Moss officiating. Burial will follow in White Pigeon Township Cemetery in White Pigeon. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. - Sturgis Journal (MI) - Monday, September 28, 2009

BENTON HARBOR - Jan DEPUYDT, 83, of Benton Harbor passed away Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at his home. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. William Jacobs officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Berrien County Humane Society. Those wishing to sign the memory book on line may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Jan was born Jan. 13, 1926, in Wilryck, Belgium, to Sir Jean Henri and Alice (Kochuyt) Depuydt. He graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in engineering. On April 11, 1953, he married Maria Will in Delaware, Ontario. Jan worked as a service engineer for Clark Equipment for 25 years. Jan was a volunteer for the Easter Seals, Lakeland Hospital and the veterans hospital. In his spare time, he enjoyed working on cars and was an avid race fan. Jan is survived by his wife, Maria Depuydt of Benton Harbor; daughter, Lona (Phil) Demoro of Paris, France; son, Jan Jeffery (Cathy) Depuydt of Blandon, Pa.; daughter, Amy (Michael) Roti of Eau Claire; daughter, Betsy Ann Depuydt of Baroda; and nine grandchildren - Bonnie, Ben, Brendan and Brianna McCann, Jennifer, Heather, Amanda and Mackenzie Depuydt, and Tory Roti. Jan was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lea; and niece, Susan.
The Herald-Palladium, St. Joseph, MI - Sunday, January 3, 2010

Louise Huybrechts, well-known former Petoskey resident, died after a short illness on Thursday, March 18, 2010, in Albuquerque, N.M. She was 91. Born Jan. 14, 1919, in Stabroek, Belgium, she came to Petoskey with her husband and their two oldest sons to accept a position as organist and choir director at St. Francis Xavier Church. He retired in 1982 and they moved to Albuquerque that same year. While living in Petoskey, Louise had a reputation for her expert tailoring and dressmaking talents. Along with raising her five children, she taught home economics at St. Francis Xavier School and pattern-making and tailoring to adults in her home. She did custom design and sewing for individuals and specialty dress shops in the Petoskey area and also created costumes for Little Traverse Civic Theatre productions, most memorably a production of "My Fair Lady." She is survived by her husband of 62 years, August, along with her children, Dirk and his wife, Jeanne, of Los Angeles, Calif., Frank and his wife, Linda, of Oak Park, Calif., Ralph and his wife, Gay Nell, of Albuquerque, N.M., Paul of Los Angeles, Calif., and Miette and her husband, George, Michie of Charlottesville, Va.; along with six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Louis, and sister- in -law, Julia, along with many nieces and nephews living in Belgium. A private funeral Mass for the family took place Saturday, March 20, and the date for a public memorial will be announced in the future. Funeral arrangements are being handled by French Funeral Home in Albuquerque. An online guest book for Louise can be found at www.remembertheirstory.com.
Petoskey News-Review (MI) - Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Elsie T. Zaioczkowski, 68, of Jonesville, passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at her home. She was born July 4, 1941, in Epper, Belgium, to Valure Robert and Elizabeth Juliet (Nollet) Spetebroot. She was married June 18, 1977, to Eddie Zaioczkowski and he survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Veronica (John) Lozon of Stockbridge; a son, David Hollars of Standish, Mich.; a brother, Anthony (Linda) Spetebroot of Lake City, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Debra Zaioczkowski and Jim Jennings of Wyandotte and a stepson, Joseph Zaioczkowski of Lincoln Park. At Elsie's request, cremation will take place. There will be a memorial luncheon at a later date at the Jonesville United Methodist Church. Arrangements are entrusted to the Eagle Funeral Home in Jonesville. Memorial contributions are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. To view this obituary and send condolences, visit www.eaglefuneralhomes.com. - The Hillsdale Daily News, (MI) - Friday, June 25, 2010

REESE - Renee Eva Marie Hashley, 86, of Reese, formerly of Hudson and Coldwater, died Saturday evening, Oct. 16, 2010 at her home after a long illness. Renee was born on March 23, 1924 in Seraing-Liege, Belgium to the late Alphonse and Clotilde (Daems) Xhayteux. She came to the United States in 1945 following her marriage to Joseph W. Hashley of Hudson on Dec. 22, 1945. Joseph Hashley preceded his wife's death in 1998. Renee was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She was an accomplished musician who shared her love for music with the children of her new homeland volunteering countless hours in the classroom. As her own children grew, so did her volunteer activities as she served as a Sunday school teacher, Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, Camp Fire Girls Leader, Athletic Booster and Band Booster president. More recently, Renee continued supporting children in the community by crocheting hundreds of scarves for her granddaughter's students, their families and those less fortunate. Renee is survived by her three children, their spouses and their families:

- daughter Charlene and her husband William Conaway of Burke, Va.; granddaughter Denise Conaway-Lacazette of Houston, Texas; and great-grandchildren Matthew and Marina, grand-daughter Linda (Conaway) Crump (Robert) of Martinsberg, W.V.; great-grandchildren Mitchell and Christian, grandson Bill (Melissa) Conaway of Evansville, Ind.; grandson Bryan (Sarah) Conaway, Herndon, Va.; great-grandchildren Rebecca, Andrew and Liam.
- son James "Jim" and wife Debbie Hashley of San Antonio, Texas; grandsons Rick Hashley of Bronson and Chad (Rose) Hashley of Charleston, S.C.; great-grandchildren Rosalynn, James and Johanna, grandson Jason (Crystal) Hashley of San Antonio, Texas; and great-grandchild Jacob.
- daughter Michele (Hashley) Allen of Reese; grandson Robert (Jamie) Allen of Canton; great-grandchildren Joseph and Tyler and grand-daughter Rebecca Allen of St. Joseph.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 22, 2010 from the Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Chapel, 9940 Saginaw Street, Reese. Mrs. Hashley's family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 10 a.m. until time of services. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250 Dallas, TX 75244 or Covenant Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice Care, 500 S. Hamilton St. Saginaw, MI 48601. Coldwater Daily Reporter (MI) - Wednesday, October 20, 2010

BLISSFIELD - Charles Maurice DEMEY, 92, of Blissfield passed away peacefully on Jan. 3, 2011, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Oct. 30, 1918, in Detroit, Mich., the son of Julian and Elizabeth Eliza (DeVolder) Demey. On March 10, 1945, Chuck was united in marriage to Dorothy Handy. She survives. Chuck later married his second wife, Eleanor Rhinehart. Chuck worked as a farmer and also at Bohn Aluminum in Adrian for 34 years before retiring in 1980. Upon retirement, he continued farming many acres in the Blissfield area until retiring in May of 2004. He was a member of the Belgium /American Club in Erie and St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Blissfield. In his spare time, Chuck loved to collect unique rocks and polish them into beautiful pieces of jewelry and jewelry accessories. He also had a love for restoring old Model A's when given the time. Chuck's favorite times were spent traveling with his family to visit his daughter's home in Vermont, and he especially loved the trips he took with his three daughters back to his homeland of Belgium. Chuck loved life and had a wonderful sense of humor and he will be sadly missed by his family. Surviving are his three daughters, Carol (Jerald) Cousino of Adrian, Charlotte (William) Clough of Blissfield and Connie (Steve) Willard of Westford, Vt.; one brother, Victor (Elsie) Demey of Blissfield; six grandchildren, Sheila, Melissa, Debra, Joshua, Jacob Charles and Sam; and seven great-grandchildren, Chris, Amanda, Alexandra, Quintin, Brandon, Zachary Charles and Gavin. He was preceded in death by his parents, his second wife, Eleanor Demey; two brothers, Camille and Maurice Demey; his sister, Pauline Jodts; and a sister in infancy. Funeral services for Chuck will be held on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield, with his granddaughter, Pastor Sheila Sword, officiating. Burial will follow at St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery in Deerfield. Visitation will take place on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com.
The Daily Telegram, Adrian, MI - Tuesday, January 4, 2011



DAVIS, Wayne D. of Essexville, MI, age 79, passed away peacefully at Brian's House on May 10, 2011. He was born on September 22, 1931 in Bay City, Michigan to the late Arthur W. and Violet (Keeley) Davis. Wayne graduated from Bay City Central High School in 1951 and was an alumnus of the Michigan State University School of Horticulture. After serving in the Army in Germany, Wayne returned to Bay City and met the love of his life, Barbara A. Quast. They met on May 14, 1959 at a church choir rehearsal. They were married in Immanuel Lutheran Church on October 1, 1960 and celebrated their 50th anniversary with a trip last August to Harbor Springs, Michigan for a Davis family reunion. Wayne retired from Sears, Roebuck and Co. in 1993 after working there 33 years. He started in the Receiving Department, moved to the Display Department, then became a Sales Consultant in outside home sales, and ended his career in the Hardware Department. There he

established many employee and customer friends. Wayne and Barb served many years as caregivers to Barb's late brother and late parents, Jim Quast, Raymond and Margaret Quast. During his retirement, Wayne enjoyed playing golf, singing in the Harbor Sounds men's barbershop group, and doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, of which he had accumulated nearly 100 puzzles! He also loved visiting his children in Texas and volunteering as a handyman at Immanuel Lutheran School and Church. At Immanuel Lutheran School, he formed great friendships with the principal, secretary, teachers and other staff. In the last several years, before his illness, he enjoyed singing with the Ensemble Choir at Immanuel Church and also served on the Board of Trustees. He was generous with his time in helping others, had a quiet patient way about him, enjoyed the occasional silly joke, gave great care and concern to his wife and children, and had endless pride in his kids' accomplishments in life. Wayne is survived by his wife Barb, his son Michael (Lori) Davis, his daughter Carol (Jim) Adams, his brothers Clarence (Cathy) Davis and Arthur (Mary) Davis, his sister **Dolores DeYoung**, sister-in-law, Nancy (Kenneth) Fischer, many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and four very special "grand cats", Loco, Gus, Maggie and Izzy. He was predeceased by his brother Marshall and three sisters, Grace Schlicker, Evelyn Rau and Lois DeCatur. Wayne's life will be celebrated on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bay City, Michigan. Reverend Leroy Westphal will officiate. Burial will be at Elm Lawn Cemetery. Friends and family may call at the Penzien-Steele Funeral Home on Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 2 to 8 p.m. For those wishing to honor Wayne, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to Immanuel Lutheran Church, "Buy a Brick Fund", 300 N. Sheridan Street, Bay City, MI 48708. Special gratitude is extended to the McLaren Visiting Nurses and to Brian's House Hospice staff for the generous, wonderful care they gave to Wayne and his family. He was a devoted husband and a "Dear Old Dad!". [Bay City Times - \(May/13/2011\)](#)

Joseph "The Skipper" ETIENNE, 96, of Charlevoix, passed away Dec. 19, 2011, at Charlevoix Area Hospital, one day before his 97th birthday. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, the Rev. Matthew Wigdon of St. Mary Catholic Church will officiate. A Masonic memorial service will follow under the auspices of Charlevoix Lodge No. 282 F&AM, and a military salute will conclude the services. Joseph was born Dec. 20, 1914, in Turpange, Belgium, the son of Jeanne Pierre Etienne and Catherine Hebler. He immigrated to the United States in 1920 along with his parents and five brothers and sisters and settled in Wilmette, Ill. In 1932, at age 17, he enlisted in the Coast Guard. In his 28 years of service, he sailed the Atlantic, the Pacific and all of the Great Lakes. In 1937, Joseph married Katherine "Kay" A. Peltonen. The two met in Wilmette when Kay was visiting her sister Ruth who had married Joe's older brother Nicholas. The Etiennes had six children. During WWII, the Coast Guard was absorbed by the Navy and Etienne found himself in the South Pacific aboard the USS Hunter Liggett. Etienne was commissioned an ensign rising to senior lieutenant by the war's end. Thereafter, he reverted to his original status as chief warrant officer W-4. Etienne served the Coast Guard as commanding officer of four ships. He became chief warrant officer of the Charlevoix Lifeboat Station in 1947. In November of 1958, he coordinated the search and rescue efforts following the sinking of the freighter Carl D. Bradley. One of Etienne's most memorable experiences occurred in the summer of 1959 when Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth visited Mackinac Island. He was group commander based in Charlevoix and in charge of the water-related safety of the Queen's visit, for which he received numerous commendations from Washington, D.C., and London. Etienne retired from the Coast Guard in December, 1960. He worked for Charlevoix County from 1962 to 1976 and retired as deputy sheriff. Joseph is survived by four of his children: Joseph and his wife, Chris, of Charlevoix and Bonita Springs, Fla., Michael and his wife, Norma, of Naples, Fla., Robert of Naples, Fla., and Jeanine of Kauai, Hawaii; seven grandchildren, Mark Etienne, Christine Etienne and her husband Dennis Lindeman, Neal Houseworth and his wife Amy, Stephanie Spencer-Gudith and her husband Scott, Susan Nowaczyk, Nicholas Etienne and Tyler Etienne; five great-grandchildren, Xavier Spencer, Mia Houseworth, Meg Houseworth, Sophia Gudith and Andrew Etienne, and a special friend Simonne Robinson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine; daughter, Kathleen Etienne; son, Donald Etienne; three brothers and three sisters. Joseph was affiliated for many years with the Charlevoix VFW Post 1153, and the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge No. 282 F&AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, Mich. 49712. Those wanting to share a memory of Joseph, or condolences, may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com. - [Petoskey News-Review \(MI\) - Thursday, December 22, 2011](#)

William T. VanDriessche - age 97, of Linden, died Thursday, January 19, 2012 at Genesys Hospice Care Center. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St, Fenton. Burial immediately following at St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St, Linden Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 PM and at the church Wednesday from 10 AM until the time of Mass. A vigil service will be held 7 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to the Wounded Warriors Project. William was born April 26, 1914 in Belgium , the son of Emil and Louise (Lauwaert) VanDriessche. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Army. He married Agnes Savage August 16, 1940 in Detroit and she preceded him in death March 12, 1975. William retired from Vernors in Detroit after 42 years of service. He played football for the Junior Lions in Detroit. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, where he served as an usher for many years. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Detroit and loved to fish. Surviving are: 4 children, Diane and husband James Gilbert of Michigan and Arizona, Michelle Bobo of Flint, Jan and wife Carolyn VanDriessche of Jackson and Peter and wife Becky VanDriessche of Durand; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson; brother, Edward and wife Loretta VanDriessche of Ohio; several nieces and nephews. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. - [Tri-County Times \(Fenton, MI\) - Friday, January 20, 2012](#)

Adrian "Joe" Glorieux, 90, of Afton, passed away on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. Joe was born March 22, 1921 in Gent, Belgium . He was the son of Charles and Palmyra (DeGraeve) Glorieux. He moved to America with his family, passing through Ellis Island in New York. The family settled in Detroit. Joe was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the European theater for six years. He attained the rank of Sergeant. Upon his discharge from the Army, he returned to Detroit On July 19, 1950 Joe married the former Dorothy Kuster in Bowling Green, Ohio. He raised and loved her five children as if they were his own. Joe had several jobs in the Detroit area including owning and operating the Clark Gas Station at the corner of Livernois and Deverce. Later, he became trained as a machinist and was employed at Burroughs Corp. in Detroit. In the late 1960s, he and Dorothy moved to LaHabra, Calif. There, Joe was employed as a maintenance person at Fullerton College. He retired in 1987. Dorothy preceded him in death in 1998 and in 1999, Joe moved to Afton to live with his daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Butch Reynolds. Joe enjoyed painting and puzzles. He loved flower gardening. Joe is survived by his children: Ronald Kuster of Fullerton, Calif., Janice (Butch) Reynolds of Afton; 12 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret Corcace of Allen Park, Mich. He was preceded in death by his children, Marilyn Galloway, Dennis Kuster and Tommy Kuster; daughter-in-law, Darlene Kuster; and brother, Maurice Glorieux. Lintz Funeral Home in Indian River served the family. Online condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. - [Cheboygan Daily Tribune \(MI\) - Saturday, February 4, 2012](#)