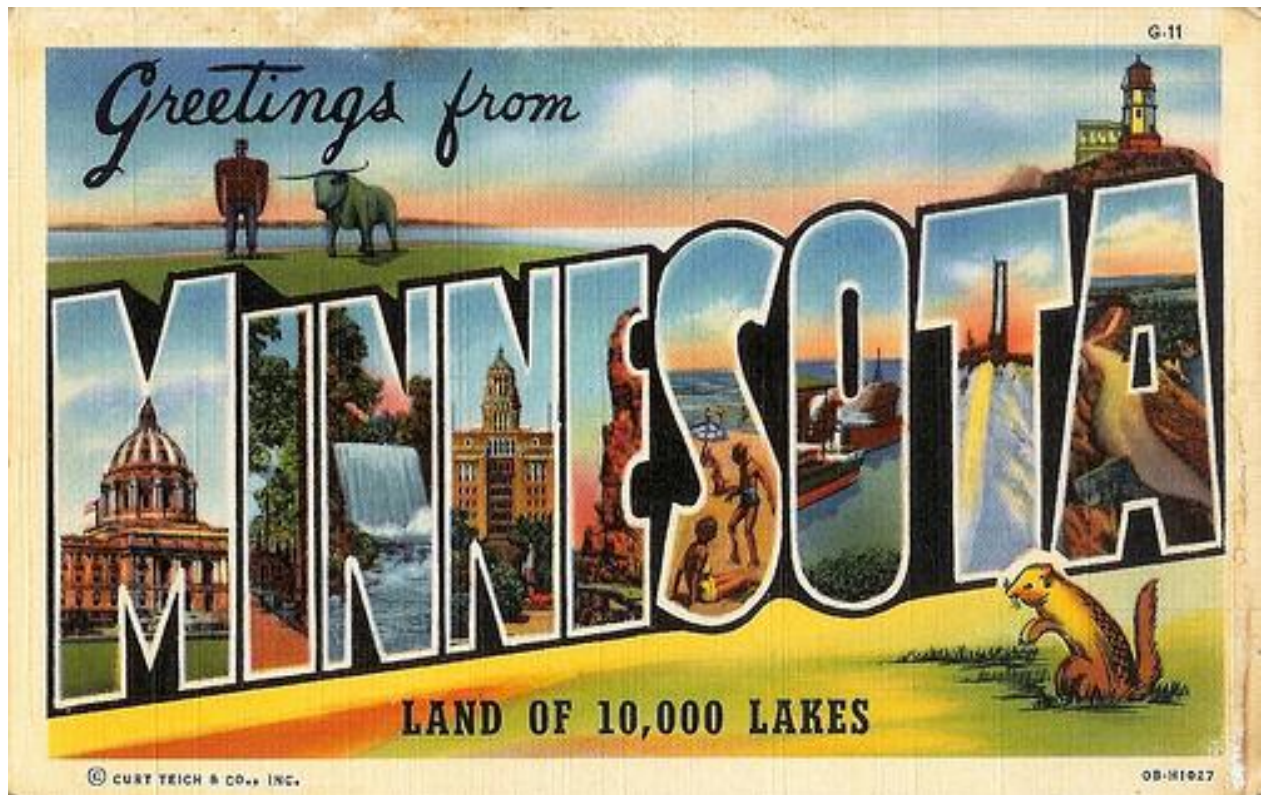


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Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Saturday, December 21, 1996

Emil Jerome Breemeersch, 88, of First Street, Proctor, died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996, in his residence. He was born in Heule, Belgium, and moved to Proctor in 1920. He was employed with the DM&IR Railroad for 43 years, retiring as foreman of the store department in 1968. Mr. Breemeersch served in the U.S. Army's 965th Field Artillery, Battery A, during World War II, and was a former member of the Proctor VFW. He was also a member of St. Rose Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lilas Kathryn; two sisters, Julia Cottenie and Adrienne (Helen) Amys; and two brothers, Alphonse and Maurice. Surviving are his daughter, Maureen of Proctor; two brothers, Oscar of Goodells, Mich., and Sylvere of Proctor; and a sister, Pam Johnson of Proctor. Visitation: 4 until the 6 p.m. evening prayer vigil Sunday in Bell Brothers Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Monday in St. Rose Catholic Church. Burial will be in Oneota Cemetery, with military honors accorded by the Duluth VFW Honor Guard. Family prefers memorials be directed to St. Rose Church.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Sunday, November 12, 1995

Marie A. Vansteenkiste, 86, Seventh Street, Proctor, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 1995, in Nopeming Nursing Home in Duluth. She was born in Heule, Belgium, and was a Duluth and Proctor resident since 1918. She graduated from Proctor High School. She worked at Johnson Bakery and St. Mary's Medical Center, retiring in 1973. She was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church and its Ladies Circle, Proctor VFW and West Duluth VFW. She is survived by a nephew; Dennis Vansteenkiste of Proctor. Visitation will be from 5 until the 7 p.m. vigil service Monday in Bell Brothers Chapel in Duluth. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Rose Catholic Church in Proctor. Burial will be in Oneota Cemetery in Duluth.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Monday, January 13, 1997

Sylvere C. Breemeersch, 95, formerly of Vinland Street, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 1997, in Nopeming Nursing Home. He was born in Heule, Belgium, and moved to Proctor in 1920. He married Mary Elewaut on Aug. 25, 1934, in Superior. He was employed as a stationary engineer with Duluth Missabe and Iron Range Railway for 47 years, retiring in 1967. He had been a member of St. Rose Catholic Church since 1920. Sylvere and Mary moved to Rengo Homes in Proctor in November 1996. He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Marie Breemeersch; two sisters, Julia Cottenie and Adrienne (Helen) Amys; three brothers, Alphonse, Maurice and Emil. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Mary of Proctor; a son, Victor (Pat) Breemeersch of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; a brother, Oscar of Goodells, Mich.; a sister, Pam Johnson of Proctor; and a grandson, Jeff of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Visitation: 4 until 6 p.m. today in Bell Brothers Chapel, with vigil prayers at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Rose Catholic Church. Burial will be in Sunrise Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Bell Brothers Funeral Directors, Bell Brothers Chapel, 601 N. 56th Ave. W.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Sunday, March 15, 1998

Achiel J. ``Archie'' De Smet, 87, died Friday, March 13, 1998, in Villa Marina Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Dec. 2, 1910, in Belgium. He came to the United States at age 8 and lived in Superior the rest of his life. His parents were **Charles and Elizabeth (De Keonick) Smith**. He married **Mary Van Massenhove** on Sept. 17, 1935, in Superior. He worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad and retired in 1974. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Superior, the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, the Burlington Northern Employees Club, the Belgian Club and the Superior Men's Bowling Association, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alphonse and Cyril Smith; and a sister, Bertha Hugdahl. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Chuck (Joanne) of Superior and Jerry (Kathy) of Marshfield, Wis.; two daughters, Jan (Dave) Gotelaere of Superior and Sue (Paul) Swaab of West Allis, Wis.; a brother, Maurice (Jean) Smith of Yuma, Ariz.; two sisters, Sister Margaret Smith of Park Rapids, Minn., and Louise Kubarek of Superior; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Visitation: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, with a scripture service at 6:30, in Lenroot-Maetzold Funeral Home, Superior. Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Superior, followed by interment services at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery, Superior. Memorials preferred to St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Monday, July 27, 1998

Laurette Belluzzo, 73, of Chisholm, died peacefully, embraced by her husband and children, Saturday, July 25, 1998, in the Hospice Care Unit of the University Medical Center-Mesabi, Hibbing. Laurette was born in Seraing, Belgium, Oct. 25, 1924, to **Giles and Henriette Bernard**. She attended both parochial and public schools there. She was a longtime Chisholm resident. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Chisholm Women's Bocce League and the Chisholm Italian-American Club. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Michelle Astrid. Survivors include her husband, **Lawrence ``Chober''**; her children, Larry (Cheryl) of Herndon, Va., and Therese (Larry Joseph) Devich of Shoreview, Minn.; two grandchildren, Christopher and Beth Belluzzo; several nieces and nephews. Visitation: Noon until the 1 p.m. Mass of Christian burial Tuesday in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Chisholm, with Father Steve Daigle celebrating. Interment in Chisholm Cemetery. Arrangements by Rupp Funeral Home, Chisholm.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Thursday, August 13, 1998

Cecile Antoinette Lowry, 97, of Jenks, Okla., formerly of Virginia, died Friday, Aug. 7, 1998, in Riverside II Nursing Home, Jenks. She was born Dec. 12, 1900, in Ypres, Belgium, daughter of George and Valerie Cocle. She immigrated to Eveleth in 1907, and was a 25-year resident of Virginia. She was a school teacher for 37 years, teaching in Buhl School District for 29 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a son, David Lowry on Aug. 8, 1986. She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Arbutas Lowry of Menominee, Mich.; grandchildren Maurice Lowry of Glenpool, Okla., Lynda Hallfrisch of Menominee, Mich., Karen Thomas of

Skiatook, Okla., Keith Lowry of Oakdale, Minn., and Dawn Ribbens of Owasso, Okla.; and 15 great-grandchildren. Service: 11 a.m. Friday in United Methodist Church, Eveleth. Pastor Leslie G. North officiating. Interment in Eveleth Cemetery. Arrangements by Bauman-Cron, a Bauman Family Funeral Home.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Monday, November 9, 1998

Gerard R. Rosseau, 92, longtime resident of Duluth went to be with his Lord Friday, Nov. 6, 1998. Gerard was born in Hooglede, Belgium, Nov. 14, 1905, and emigrated to the United States with his family in 1912, settling in Superior. After his marriage to Irene Singleton in 1942, they moved to Duluth. Gerard worked for Zinsmaster Bakery from the time it originated until he retired in 1970. During his semi-retirement he worked for Pinkerton Security until 1995. Gerard also enjoyed working in his garden. Gerard was a member of Hillside United Methodist Church, the Piedmont Heights Seniors Club, Aad Temple Shrine, Lake Superior Lodge 349, Scottish Rite and Moose Lodge 505. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of almost 51 years, Irene; three brothers; and three sisters. He is survived by sons John of Buffalo, Minn., James (Beth) of Manassas, Va., and Bryan (Julie) of Coon Rapids, Minn.; and a daughter, Joanne (Tom) Engseth of Duluth; grandchildren Kim, Holly, Todd, Mindy and Stephen; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Nichols of Duluth and Marie Rosseau of Superior; several other relatives and friends. Visitation: noon until the 1 p.m. service Tuesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial in Forest Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Johnson Mortuary.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Saturday, February 6, 1999

Hilda Vanneste, 91, of Proctor died Friday, Feb. 5, 1999, in Nopeming Nursing Home. Born in Belgium, she moved to Proctor in 1918 as an 11-year old and attended school in Proctor. Hilda married **Ferdinand Vanneste** on May 1, 1926, in the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. They were together for 61 years. Ferdinand preceded her in death in 1987. Together they raised their family in Proctor while Ferdinand worked for the DM&IR Railway and Hilda worked as a traditional homemaker. Hilda was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church, Foresters and the Proctor Women of the Moose. Survivors include a daughter, Marion (Floyd) Kotlarek of Proctor; sons Gen (Nancy) of Alborn and Tom (Karen) of Proctor; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, including a special granddaughter, Anne. Visitation: 5-7 p.m. Sunday with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. in Bell Brothers Chapel. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Rose Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. John Golobich as the celebrant. Burial in Oneota Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the St. Rose Memorial Fund. Arrangements by Bell Brothers Funeral Directors-Bell Brothers Chapel, 601 N. 56th Ave. West.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Monday, March 22, 1999

Clotilde M. "Tillie" Colpaert, 100, of Cloquet died Saturday, March 20, 1999, in Cloquet Community Memorial Nursing Home. She was born June 4, 1898, in Oostrosebeke, Belgium, daughter of Honore and Marie (Gekiere) Anraed. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Julius; a daughter, Josephine Loisel; infant sons Joseph and Ronald; four sisters; and two brothers. Tillie is survived by daughters Bernice (Lloyd) Reed, Rachel (Alvin) Landro and Bettie (Kenneth) Nagurski, all of Cloquet; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Visitation: 5-8 p.m. Tuesday with prayer service at 7:30 p.m. in Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St., Cloquet and 10 until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian burial Wednesday in Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Interment in New Calvary Cemetery, Cloquet.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Tuesday, March 23, 1999

Clotilde M. "Tillie" Colpaert, 100, of Cloquet, formerly of Wrenshall, died Saturday, March 20, 1999, in Cloquet Community Memorial Nursing Home. She was born June 4, 1898, in Oostrosebeke, Belgium, daughter of Honore and Marie (Gekiere) Anraed. She married Julius Colpaert on Feb. 4, 1922, and immigrated to the U.S. on July 4, 1922. They started farming in Duluth and farmed in Wrenshall from 1931 until 1962, when they moved to Cloquet. She spent the winter months of 1994-1996 in Arizona. Clotilde enjoyed making quilts and knitting for her family. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Julius, in March 1973; a daughter, Josephine Loisel, in May 1997; infant sons Joseph and Ronald; four sisters; two brothers; and sons-in-law Larry Hovis and Jerry Loisel. Tillie is survived by daughters Bernice (Lloyd) Reed, Rachel Hovis (Alvin) Landro and Bettie (Kenneth) Nagurski, all of Cloquet; 19 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation: 5-8 p.m. today with prayer service at 7:30 p.m. in Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St., Cloquet and 10 until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian burial Wednesday in Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Cloquet. Burial in New Calvary Cemetery, Cloquet.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN)Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Monday, May 10, 1999

Pam E. Johnson, 80, of Third Street, Proctor, died Saturday, May 8, 1999, in her residence. She was born in Belgium and moved to Proctor with her family when she was 4. Her family and friends were most important. She was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, in 1976. She is survived by sons Robert G. (Bonnie) of Proctor and Kenneth (Sue) of Elephant Butte, N.M.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and special friends Anna and Sarah.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Monday, November 6, 2000

Margaret A. Kujawa, 90, of Duluth died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2000, in Chris Jensen Nursing Home. Margaret was born Nov. 10, 1910, in Roulers, Belgium, to Valere and Julia (Lagae) Plets, and they moved to Duluth in 1912. Margaret retired from Miller-Dwan Hospital after many years of service. She was a member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo, in 1981. Margaret is survived by her sons, Bob (Janet) Kujawa of Duluth, Don (Sharon) Kujawa of Washington and Dick (Diane) Kujawa of Arizona; a daughter, Carol (Earl) Kirby of North Carolina; a brother, Emil Plets of Duluth; sisters Mary Dulinski and Lorraine Makowski, both of Duluth; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation: 4 p.m. with 6:30 p.m. wake prayers Tuesday in Dougherty Funeral Home. Service at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. Burial in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements by Dougherty Funeral Home, 600 E. Second St.

The Hibbing Daily Tribune, (MN) - Friday, August 31, 2001

VISTA, Calif. - Funeral services for **Jacques C. Pasture**, 51, of Vista, Calif., will be held in Gent, Belgium. He died Aug. 29, 2001 at his home in Vista. He was born Feb. 24, 1950 in Gent, Belgium, to Jacques and Georgette Pasture. He lived in Vista and was an accomplished artist and musician. He is survived by his parents; one daughter, Jenna Sabbatini of Hibbing; ex-wife Frances Sabbatini of Hibbing; in-laws Edward and Muriel Sabbatini of Hibbing; sister-in-law, Roseanne (Michael) Tichy of Hibbing; and Jim, Becky, Jon and Joe Micheal, all from Hibbing. A special thank you to his best friend and constant care giver Mark Nichols of San Diego, Calif.; all the guys in the band and many friends and relatives. He will be missed. Arrangements are being handled in Gent, Belgium. Cards of condolences can be sent to his daughter Jenna Sabbatini at 2226 3rd Ave. W., Hibbing, MN, 55746.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Thursday, March 7, 2002

Robert J. DeSmedt, 98, formerly of Piedmont Avenue, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002 in Lakehaven Manor. He was born January 31, 1904 in Lutina, Belgium to **Charles** and **Elodie DeSmedt**. He came Duluth at the age of 10. He married **Evelyn Staubs** in Duluth. Robert worked with his brothers, Marshall in a dairy business, and Albert in a coal business before purchasing the Western Tavern in 1939. Robert retired in 1965, and his son, John, operated the business until it was sold in 1986. While in the bar business, Robert was active in organizing other owners and promoting legislation. He was president of the On Sale Liquor Dealers for many years. Bob loved hunting and fishing, gardening, and playing smear. He and his family traveled extensively throughout all 50 of the United States and many countries in Europe and around the world. He was a kind and caring man who gave of himself without expecting anything in return. He will long be remembered by the families of many WWII veterans, customers, and friends from the old neighborhood he had helped, and the budding gardeners he encouraged and helped physically. He was also a great storyteller and loved to sing. He attended Peace United Church of Christ with his wife Evelyn for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Evelyn, in January 1998; and by eight brothers and sisters. He is survived by two sons, John (Gloria) of Duluth, and Richard (Linda) of Grand Junction, Colorado; four grandchildren, Christine, Robert, and Brian (Marlys) DeSmedt all of Duluth, and Melanie DeSmedt of Grand Junction, CO; three great grandchildren, Cody, Kaylee, and Jack DeSmedt of Duluth; a special "daughter" Sue (Pete) Miller and their children Michael and Rachel all of Duluth; and many nieces and nephews.

VISITATION: will be from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Friday and from Noon until the 1:00 PM funeral service on Saturday all in Williams-Lobermeier Funeral Home. Private burial will be on Monday in Park Hill Cemetery.

Star Tribune: Newspaper of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis, MN) - Friday, April 5, 2002

RSEC: **Luc LeBon** studied American advertising in the early 1950s because he wanted to return to his native Belgium and revolutionize the commercial market, but instead he spent three decades in his adopted country as an art director before embarking on a fine-art career. He died of prostate cancer Sunday at his home in Edina. He was 75. The artist was "*visually smart, physically elegant, and his artworks were like that also, said Wanda Flechsig, director of Circa Art Gallery in Minneapolis, where he exhibited the past nine years. He worked mostly in acrylic, painting with a landscape orientation that delved into geometric abstraction that explored color, proportion and harmony.*"

"He had a historically visual background that younger artists didn't have," Flechsig said.

LeBon was born in 1927 in Antwerp and was 13 when the Nazi Army arrived. His family was briefly displaced but returned and experienced the horrors of World War II bombings. At the time of the Sept. 11 attacks, LeBon, already quite ill, "remembered when his grandfather's house was bombed, he was sent over to help. He stepped over bodies, helped those still living," said his wife, Carol LeBon. Just after the war, he served with the First Belgian SAS Paratrooper Regiment, cleaning up mines in Germany. By 1950, he was an exchange student with a scholarship to the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. In Europe in the 1950s, enhancements in the advertising field apparently were still a long way from the marketplace. "If you needed to advertise, people figured your product was no good," Carol LeBon said, so he made his career in the United States. In 33 years as an art director for ad agencies from New York to Los Angeles, including Campbell Mithun and McManus, John and Adams in the Twin Cities, he won more than 100 awards. After 1975, he freelanced and started "painting for himself, in the beginning," said his wife. His first solo exhibit came in 1985 at Artbanque in Minneapolis. Services will be held at 2 p.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4842 Nicollet Av. S., Minneapolis, with visitation at 1 p.m. LeBon married **Barbara Blanchard** in 1952, and they had three children. In 1969, he married Carol. Survivors include daughters Christine LeBon of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Patricia LeBon of Middlebury, Vt.; son Charles Luc LeBon of Minneapolis; stepdaughter, Nancy Myhr of Kimball, Minn.; sister Aline LeBon of Belgium, and brothers Marc, Eric, and Patrick. Trudi Hahn is at thahn@startribune.com.

Saint Paul Pioneer Press - Thursday, December 5, 2002

Levorson, Mariette A. "Nana" Beloved Mother, Grandmother & Great-Grandmother Born January 13, 1928 in Antwerp, Belgium. Died December 4, 2002 after a courageous battle with cancer. Mariette died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. Mariette met and married her late husband, Wayne B. Levorson in Belgium during WWII. Survived by a brother, Jean of Antwerp, Belgium; and 7 loving children; son, Mark (companion Karen) Levorson; daughter, Marcia (Don) Munson; daughter, Michele Pechuman; son, Michael (Jill) Levorson; son, Mitchell (Becky) Levorson; daughter, Monique (Cedric) Rossow; daughter, Mary (companion Gary) Levorson. Also survived by 13 loving grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. We were all truly blessed to have "Nana" in our lives, and she will forever be in our hearts. A special thanks to the kind and caring staff at HealthEast Hospice. "As long as there are Mothers, like ours, there will be Love in the world." Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Friday, Dec. 6th,

9:30AM, meet at assembly area #6, friends welcome. Followed by a memorial service at the AMERICAN LEGION CLUB, 2678 7th Ave. E., North St. Paul, MN, 1PM. Memorials preferred to the family.

Duluth News-Tribune (MN) - Thursday, December 1, 2005

Mary C. (Elewaut) Breemeersch, 94, formerly of Proctor, Minn., died peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at Golden Oaks Residence in Hermantown, Minn. Mary was born April 12, 1911 in Belcele, Belgium to **Louis and Maria L. (VanBoxelaere) Elewaut**. She was the oldest of nine children. She immigrated to America aboard the Lusitania and arrived at Ellis Island in New York on Feb. 7, 1914. She lived in Superior, Wisc., and on a farm in Wentworth, Wisc., for several years and went to school in South Range, Wisc. In 1934, she married **Sylvere C. Breemeersch** in Sts. Anthony and Margaret Church in Superior and then moved to Proctor. They were married 62 years. Mary was a longtime member of St. Rose Church in Proctor. She enjoyed serving as a volunteer worker for many of the church functions. She was a homemaker and loved knitting, crocheting, music, dancing and being with her family. She is survived by a son, Victor (Patricia) Breemeersch; grandson, Jeffrey (Angela); and great-grandsons, Chase and Myles all of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one sister, Emma S. (John) Fernquist in La Mesa, Calif.; cousins, Mary Ensworth, Magdalene Poloski, Lillian Heinen, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Sylvere in 1997; brothers, Maurice J. in 2003, Victor in 1936; sisters, Emma in 1918, Erma Peddle in 2001, Margaret Spindler in 2005; an infant brother, in 1921, and an infant sister in 1927. VISITATION:5 to 7 p.m. Friday, with wake prayers at 6 p.m. in Bell Brothers Funeral Home and continue from 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. Mass of Christian burial Saturday in St. Rose Catholic Church in Proctor, with Rev. Fr. James Bissonette as the celebrant. Burial will be at Sunrise Memorial Park, Hermantown, Minn.

Star Tribune: Newspaper of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis, MN) - Thursday, January 4, 2007

Angstadt, Marina H. 55 of Spring Lake, NJ died January 1, 2007 at her home. Born in St. Truiden, Belgium. She was a graduate of Leuven University, Belgium. She was employed by Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Spring Lake. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran, Manasquan, NJ, and the Spring Lake Bath and Tennis Club. Mrs. Angstadt was predeceased by her daughter, Kathlyn. Surviving are her husband, David; children, Stefanie, Natalie, and son, David Jr., all at home. Also survived by brothers, Josef, Roger and Paul. Friends may call Friday 9 AM until the service at 10 AM held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, N. Main St., Manasquan, NJ. Burial will follow at Valley Forge Memorial Gardens, King of Prussia, PA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lutheran Community Foundation, Kathlyn J. Angstadt Fund, 625 Fourth Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 5541.

Crookston Daily Times (MN) - Monday, June 16, 2008

Gregory Nicholas Weiland, 90, of Euclid, Minnesota, died in his home early Friday evening, June 13, 2008, with many family members at his bedside. Gregor, as he was best known, was born in Belgium Township, near Euclid, on March 19, 1918, the son of Nick and Marie (Klos) Weiland. He was baptized at St. Francis Catholic Church in Fisher, Minnesota, and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Euclid. Gregor attended country school in Brandt Township, quitting in the 5th grade to help his father on the farm. On October 3, 1939 he was united in marriage to Helen M. Sirek at St. Dorothy's Catholic Church in Dorothy. The couple began farming in Belgium Township and first lived on the Pembina Ridge, near Euclid. They later took over Gregor's father's farm, also in Belgium Township, and moved to the homestead. Over the years Gregor and Helen bought the grain elevators in Dorothy and Euclid; operated the Erskine Truck Stop at the intersection of Highways 2 and 59; and owned G & W Truckline. The farm was eventually incorporated and named the GNW Ranch. In August of 1977 Gregor and Helen left the farm and moved into Euclid. They enjoyed traveling and began spending the winter months in Texas, where they made many new friends. In 1983 they retired, turning the farming operation over to sons, Edward and Henry. It was a sad day for Gregor and the family when Helen passed away on February 4, 2007. Gregor was a very active parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church and had served on the Church's building committee. He was on the Belgium Town Board for more years than he could remember, and did road maintenance and snow plowing in the township. Gregor touched many lives and will be very sadly missed and remembered with great fondness by his family and many friends. Loving family members include his seven children and their spouses, Dolores and Charles Zammert of Euclid, MN, John and Rovella Weiland of Euclid, Gregory L. and Doris Weiland of Grand Forks, ND, Henry and Marilyn Weiland, Edward and Michel Weiland, and Jeanette and Floyd Kliner, all of Euclid, and Jeanne and Sylvester Novak of East Grand Forks, MN. Gregor also leaves thirty-two grandchildren; fifty great-grandchildren; a brother, George Weiland of East Grand Forks; two sisters, Catherine Lubinski of Crookston, and Florence Roi of Seattle, WA; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Besides his beloved wife, Helen, Gregor was preceded in death by his parents; two grandchildren, Charlotte and Joseph Weiland; two great-grandchildren, Ian Cymbaluk and Chase Brady Weiland; two brothers, Henry and Joe Weiland; and three sisters, Lucy Abeld, Tre Gaber, and Agnes Beauchene. Blessed be Gregor's memory. The funeral service for Gregory Nicholas Weiland will be held at 10:30AM, Thursday, June 19, 2008, in St. Mary's Catholic Church at Euclid, Minnesota with The Rev. Emanuel and Msgr. Roger Grundhaus, presiding. Visitation will be at the Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home in Crookston on Wednesday from 5-7PM, with a 7PM prayer service, and also at the church for one hour before the funeral. Interment will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Crookston.

Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) - Wednesday, November 19, 2008

SERVICES: Service was held Tuesday at the Homosassa Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home, in Homosassa, Fla. **Roger Peter Stewart**, 77, of Homosassa, Fla., passed away Nov. 15, 2008. He was born Sept. 15, 1931, in Tielt, Belgium. He was the former owner and operator of R & J Family Restaurant in Cook. He moved to Homosassa 12 years ago from Cook. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Stewart, of Homosassa; two children, Kevin Stewart and his wife, Lisa, of Homosassa and Ron Stewart of Oregon; two brothers, Josef Steyaert of Belgium and Paul Steyaert of Ireland; one sister, Margaret Hallahan, of Colorado; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Maria Steyaert; and his brother, George Steyaert.

Published in Farmington Daily Times on September 14, 2011

Peter Vandendriessche, 52, of Aztec, died on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, in Farmington. He was born May 4, 1959, in Brugge (Bruges), Belgium, to Jacques Vandendriessche and Lily Van Acker. Peter loved NASCAR, especially his favorite driver, Jimmie Johnson. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lily Van Acker. Peter is survived by his wife, Sandy Vandendriessche; son, Donny Stock; father, Jacques Vandendriessche; Mr. and Mrs. Marc Wimmer (Brigitte De Vos), Mr. and Mrs. Thierry Miny (Charlotte De Vos), Mr. and Mrs. Andre Vandendriessche, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Elsmoortel (Jacqueline Vandendriessche), all of Belgium; and four grandchildren, Gavin Stock, Haylee Gilpin, Emmaleigh McNamara and Abbigayle McNamara. Visitation will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Bethel Baptist Church, 201 Heiland Road in Aztec. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Bethel Baptist Church in Aztec, with Brother Bob Schlauger officiating. Interment will be at Aztec Cemetery. Pallbearers are Donny Stock, Howard Cooper Jr., Richard Baldwin, Jesse Baldwin, Ricky Baldwin and B. Baldwin. Those who wish to send condolences may do so at www.danielsfuneral.com. Arrangements are with Cope Memorial Chapel of Aztec, 405 S. Main Ave., (505) 334-9332.

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Rachel Irene Hovis Landro, 88, of Cloquet, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, in Inter-Faith Care Center in Carlton with her loving family by her side. She was born Dec. 4, 1923, in Duluth, to Belgium immigrants **Julius** and **Clotilde Colpaert**. She grew up in Wrenshall and graduated from Wrenshall High School. Rachel worked at Diamond Match until 1949. She married **Lawrence Hovis** Aug. 7, 1948. She raised their four children and was active in their lives by participating in PTA, and she was also a Girl Scout leader. Rachel worked for the Cloquet School District from 1971 until retiring in 1988. Her husband, Lawrence, died shortly after celebrating their 25th anniversary. She married **Alvin Landro** April 30, 1988. Rachel was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, and the Foresters. She was a former member of Sons of Norway. She was active in dance club, Wrenshall area Birthday Club, and a card club. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, reading, doing ceramics, and writing letters. After her retirement, she enjoyed traveling and wintering in Florida and Arizona. She made four trips to Belgium and one trip to Norway. She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband Lawrence Hovis (1974); second husband Alvin Landro (2003); sister Josephine Loisel and son-in-law Wayne Lowe (1997); and two infant brothers, Joseph (1927) and Ronald (1943) Colpaert. Rachel is survived by her children, Linda (Jim) Bassett of Cloquet, Roger (Judy) Hovis of Zimmerman, Les (Judy) Hovis of Cloquet, and Rita Lowe of Cloquet; sisters Bernice Reed of Cloquet and Betty (Joe) Townsley of Cloquet; grandchildren Troy and Eric (Barb) Bassett, Scott (Kristi) Kubista-Hovis, Heidi, Adam (Sarah), and Keith Hovis, Jeremy and Lance Hovis, Ryan (Becky) and Randy (Kari) Lowe, and Jenna (Kory) Murray; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews; and family in Belgium. VISITATION: 5-7 p.m. with a 6:30 Rosary service Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Atkins Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St., Cloquet, and 10 until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian burial Wednesday, Dec. 14, in Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Cloquet. Burial will be at New Calvary Cemetery. A time of lunch and fellowship will follow in the church social hall. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Rachel and Alvin Landro Music Scholarship Fund. To sign the guestbook and offer an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com.