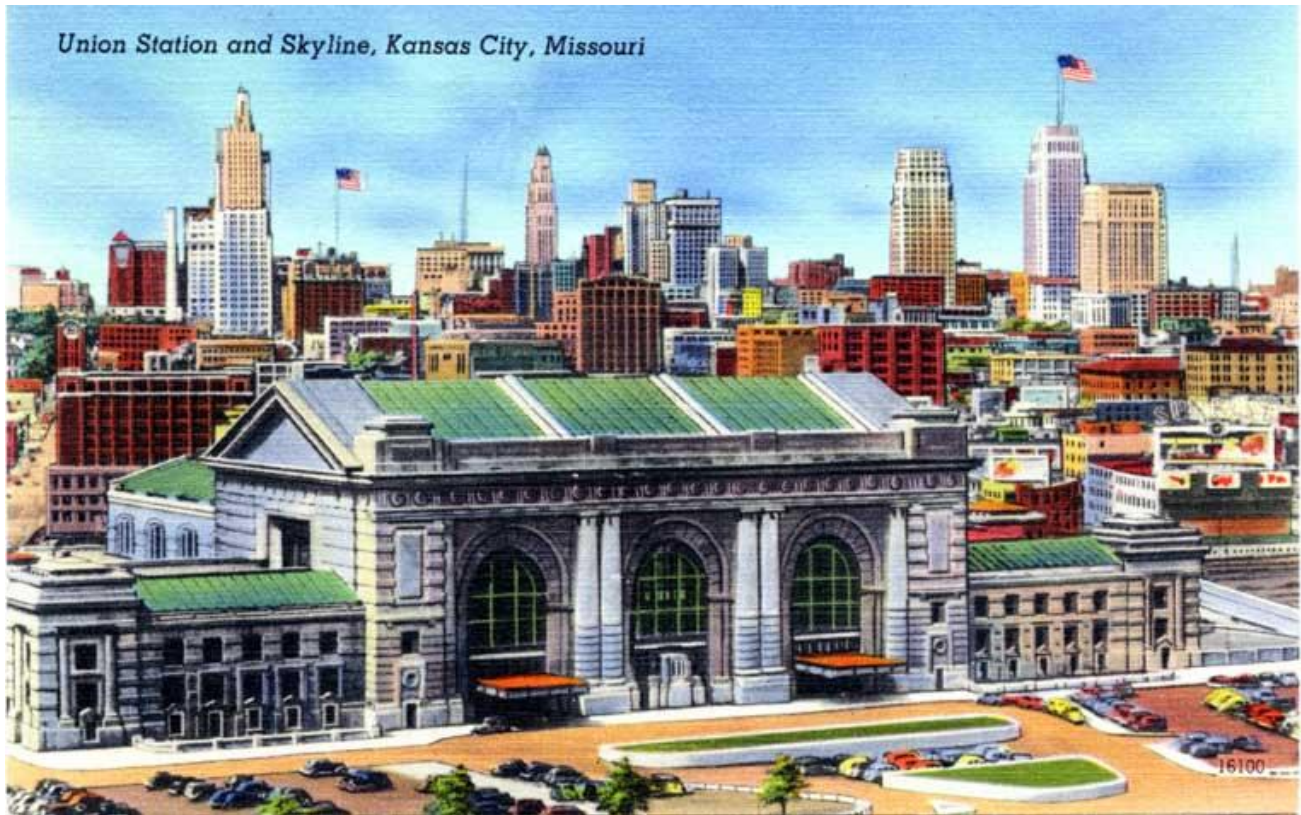


MISSOURI-OBITS



Chillicothe Constitution, Chillicothe, MO, 6 January 1919

Faye CITRON vs. **Oscar CITRON** was the title of a divorce suit filed in the circuit court late Saturday. Plaintiff states that she married the defendant on December 25, 1915 and continued to live with him until November 25, 1918; that defendant is possessed of a cross, ungovernable temper and makes no attempt to control it; is quarrelsome and often threatened to strike plaintiff; that defendant, although a strong able bodied man, able to earn good wages, has failed and refused to support and maintain plaintiff and their infant son and that during their married life has absented himself for long periods and upon returning would tell plaintiff that he had been living with other women. Plaintiff further states that on November 25, 1918, plaintiff's condition became intolerable with defendant and that she separated herself from him. Mrs. CITRON asks the care and custody of their year old son.

The Kansas City Star - Saturday, March 2, 1991

Amanda Vanden Bosch, 98, died Feb. 27, 1991, in the Foxwood Springs Living Center, Raymore in Cass County, where she lived. Mrs. Vanden Bosch was born in Belgium and moved to this area in 1981. Survivors include a daughter, Yvonne V. Butterfield, Gulfport, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Cremation.

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, April 14, 1991

Andre George VanMeerhaeghe, 75, Overland Park, died April 12, 1991, in the Shawnee Gardens Nursing Center, 6416 Long Ave., Shawnee. He was born in Belgium and moved to Shawnee in 1956. He lived in Chicago more than 15 years and returned to this area in 1979. Mr. VanMeerhaeghe was a maintenance engineer before he retired in 1979. He served in the Belgian Army in World War II. He was a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Shawnee, and the Flemish-American clubs in Chicago and Shawnee. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Marie Louise VanMeerhaeghe of the home; a son, Andre R. VanMeerhaeghe, Shawnee; a brother, Roger A. VanMeerhaeghe, Brussels, Belgium; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church; burial in Shawnee Mission Memory Gardens Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at the Amos Family Chapel, Shawnee, where the rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Leona L. Bergman, 84, midtown Kansas City, will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Village Presbyterian Church; burial in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Mrs. Bergman's home.

The Kansas City Star - Thursday, June 6, 1991

Marjorie Elizabeth Ferlet, 92, died June 4, 1991, in Delmar Gardens of Overland Park, 12100 W. 109th St., Overland Park, where she lived. She was born in Antwerp, Belgium, and lived in this area most of her life. Mrs. Ferlet was a Catholic. She was a member of the Buddies Friend Club, the Utopian Club, the Salvation Army women's auxiliary and the Mur-Se Club. Survivors include a son, Robert E. Ferlet, Raytown; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Mount Moriah & Freeman Chapel; burial in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the chapel. The family suggests contributions to Cancer Action Inc. -

The Kansas City Star - Monday, December 30, 1991

Marguerite M. L. Buchanan, 74, Independence, died Dec. 29, 1991, at St. Luke's Hospital. She was born in Zelzaete, Belgium, and moved to this area in 1976. Mrs. Buchanan was a member of the Independence Second Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was a member of the Relief Society at the church. Survivors include her husband, William Buchanan; and a stepson, Lewis E. Larsen, both of the home; and three sisters, Mariette Balcaen, Belgium, and Denise Amand and Gabrielle Landry of France. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the church; burial in the Brooking Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at the Earp Blue Ridge Chapel.

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, July 26, 1992

Anna P. Van Dyke, 91, southwest Kansas City, died July 24, 1992, at Delmar Gardens, Lenexa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Mrs. Van Dyke was born in Loenhout, Belgium. She came to the Kansas City area in 1919. Survivors include a sister, Tillie Bradshaw, Lenexa; and nieces and nephews.

The Kansas City Star - Tuesday, September 1, 1992

George A. De Witte, 71, Kansas City, Kan., died Aug. 30, 1992, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Kansas City, Kan.; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Maple Hill Chapel, where the rosary will be said at 7 p.m. The family suggests contributions to the church's memorial fund. Mr. De Witte was a lifelong area resident. He was a truck driver for Safeway Stores Inc. for 45 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of Local 955 of the Teamsters union. He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II and a member of the Peter Smith post of the American Legion. He was a member of the Belgium Club. He was a member of the church. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Helen M. De Witte of the home; three sons, Edward De Witte, Shawnee, and Mark De Witte and Dale De Witte of Kansas City, Kan.; four daughters, Kathryn Curth and Melanie Fisher of Shawnee and Teresa De Witte and Sheryl De Witte of Kansas City, Kan.; two sisters, Anna Mae Montgomery and Mary Ann Stumpff of Shawnee; and four grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, September 13, 1992

Josima H. Van De Walle, 93, Oak Grove in Jackson County, died Sept. 10, 1992, in the Oak Grove Health Care Center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sheil Independence Avenue Chapel; burial in Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today at the chapel, where the rosary will be said at 5:30 p.m. The family requests no flowers and suggests contributions to St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Sugar Creek. Mrs. Van De Walle was born in Belgium and lived in this area for 72 years. She worked for the Rival Manufacturing Co., retiring in 1963. She was a Catholic. Her husband, Alfons Van De Walle, died in 1966. Survivors include a stepdaughter, Adriana O'Neal, Sugar Creek; seven step grandchildren; and 12 step great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, September 27, 1992

Julia Mary Dobbelaere, 93, northeast Kansas City, died Sept. 25, 1992, at Trinity Lutheran Hospital. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church; burial in Resurrection Cemetery, North. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the McGilley Antioch Chapel. Mrs. Dobbelaere was born in Belgium and lived in this area most of her life. She was a former member of St. Francis Seraph Catholic Church. Her husband, Leonard Dobbelaere, died in 1982. Survivors include a son, Gus Dobbelaere, Gladstone; two daughters, Irma Dobbelaere and Mary Hendricks of Liberty; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Tuesday, October 20, 1992

Rudolph DeMiyt, 96, Kenneth in Johnson County, died Oct. 19, 1992, in the Johnson County Nursing Center, Olathe. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Aubry Cemetery in Johnson County. Mr. DeMiyt was born in Wyngene, Belgium, and moved to Shawnee in 1921; he moved to Kenneth in 1933. He was a farmer before he retired. He was a Catholic. His wife, Elizabeth DeMiyt, died July 1, 1992. Survivors include two sons, Henry A. DeMiyt and Billy J. DeMiyt of Stilwell in Johnson County; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Monday, October 26, 1992

Julia Martha Hellebuyck, 87, died Oct. 24, 1992, in the Platte City Caring Center, where she lived. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Therese Catholic Church, Parkville; burial in Resurrection Cemetery, Kansas City in Clay County. Friends may call from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at the McGilley Antioch Chapel, where the rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Mrs. Hellebuyck was born in Lichtervelde, Belgium, and moved to this area 86 years ago. She and her husband were truck gardeners before they retired, and had formerly had been named Platte County Farmers of the Year. She was a charter member of the church and a past member of its Altar Society. She was a member of the Lakeside Ladies Club at Lakeside School in Platte County. Her husband, William Hellebuyck, died in 1989. Survivors include a son, Clarence Hellebuyck, Platte City; a daughter, Beverly Gooch, Parkville; two brothers, Maurice Ameel, Kansas City, and Lewis Ameel, Arlington Heights, Ill.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Monday, December 7, 1992

Brigitta Soenen, 99, died Dec. 5, 1992, at St. Joseph Health Center. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church; burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Worth, Ill. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the McGilley & Hoge Chapel, where prayer services will be at 7 p.m. The family requests no flowers and suggests contributions to the church or Catholic Charities. Mrs. Soenen was born in Belgium and lived in Chicago before moving to this area 20 years ago. She was a member of the church and its Madonna Circle. Survivors include two sons, Albert Soenen, Dowagiac, Mich., and Edward Soenen, Overland Park; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.-

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, March 14, 1993

Dean Michael Poe, 3-month-old son of Michael and Fransiska Poe of Lee's Summit, died March 10, 1993, at the home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Mount Moriah & Freeman Chapel; burial in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the chapel. The family suggests contributions to the Dean Michael Poe Memorial Fund in care of Midland Bank of Lee's Summit. Survivors also include his paternal grandparents, William and Connie Poe of Greenwood in Jackson County; his maternal grandmother, Ludwina Steenhoudt, Hooglede, Belgium; and a paternal great-grandfather, Albert Noyes, Olathe.

The Kansas City Star - Monday, June 7, 1993

Julian G. DeCavele, 90, Gladstone, died June 6, 1993, at the home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Gabriel's Church; burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Muehlebach Chapel, where the rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Mr. DeCavele was born in Belgium and lived in this area most of his life. He was a painter for 33 years at the General Mills Co., retiring in 1961. He was a member of the church. Survivors include his wife, Germaine S. DeCavele of the home; two daughters, Anna Marie Novak, Sugar Creek, and Mary Ann Swercinski, Roach, Mo.; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, June 13, 1993

Betty T. Piranio, 68, northeast Kansas City, died June 12, 1993, at North Kansas City Hospital. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Kansas City; burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Raytown. Friends may call after 3 p.m. Monday at the Sebbeto Chapel, where the rosary will be said at 6 p.m. The family requests no flowers. Mrs. Piranio was born in Belgium, and moved to this area in 1945. She was a cashier for the Kansas City Water and Pollution Control Department from 1962 to 1978, when she retired. She was a member of the church. Survivors include her husband, Anthony Piranio, and a son, Luke Piranio, of the home; a brother, Adrian Robbe, and a sister, Gaby Robbe, of Belgium; and two grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Friday, July 23, 1993

Esther Emma Teeboom, 69, and her husband, Joseph William Teeboom, 70, both of Naples, Fla., died July 20, 1993, at the home. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; cremation. The family suggests contributions to the American Diabetes Association. Mrs. Teeboom was born in Brussels, Belgium, and lived in New York City before moving to Naples in 1979. She owned Provenance Jewelers in Naples before she retired. She was a member of a contract bridge club. Mr. Teeboom was born in Amsterdam, Holland, and lived in New York City before moving to Naples in 1979. He was president of Heritage Securities Investments in Naples. Survivors include a daughter, Angele Teeboom Warwick, Overland Park, and four grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Wednesday, January 5, 1994

Joe DeKeyser Sr., 83, Warsaw, Mo., former owner of a service station in this area, died Jan. 3, 1994, in a nursing home in Sedalia, Mo. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Warsaw; burial in Shawnee Cemetery, Warsaw. Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the Reser Chapel, Warsaw, where the rosary will be said at 8 p.m. The family suggests contributions to the church's building fund. Mr. DeKeyser owned DeKeyser's Service in Kansas City, Kan., for 18 years and retired in 1974. He was a member of the church and the Knights of Columbus. He was a Marine veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion. His wife, Inez DeKeyser, died in 1990. He was born in Belgium, moved to this area in 1913 and moved to Warsaw in 1974. Survivors include a son, Joe DeKeyser Jr., Warsaw; a brother, Gus DeKeyser, and three sisters, Marge Lindsey, Rachel Kennedy and Billie Wax, all of Kansas City, Kan.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - February 20, 1994

Mary Jo Cockrill, 39, Lawton, Okla., died Feb. 17, 1994, at Reynolds Army Hospital in Fort Sill, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Berger-Smithville Chapel; burial in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Smithville. Friends may call from 2 to 3 p.m. today at the chapel. The family suggests contributions to the Center of Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University in Manhattan, in care of the Division of Biology at Ackert Hall; 66506. Mrs. Cockrill was born in Nimy, Belgium, and came to the United States four years ago. She was living at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., and moved to Lawton last year. She was a Catholic. Survivors include her husband, Keith A. Cockrill of the home; her parents, Georges and Jeanne Bierna of Nimy, Belgium; three brothers, Michel Bierna and Pierre Bierna of Nimy, and Alain Bierna, Gouvy, Belgium; and a sister, Anne Bierna, Tournai, Belgium.

The Kansas City Star - Friday, March 11, 1994

Mary F. "Rachel" Kennedy, 79, Kansas City, Kan., died March 9, 1994, at the home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church; burial in Resurrection Cemetery, Lenexa. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Simmons Chapel, where the rosary will be said at 6:30 p.m. The family suggests contributions to the Kansas office of the Kansas City Hospice, 12006 W. 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa, Kan. 66215. Mrs. Kennedy was born in Belgium and lived in this area most of her life. She was a member of the Altar Society and the Daughters of Isabella at the church. Her husband, John Kennedy, died in 1991. Survivors include a son, Tony Flamez, a daughter, Patricia Brough, and a brother, Gus De Keyser, all of Kansas City, Kan.; two sisters, Billie Wax and Margie Lindsay of Kansas City, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Friday, October 14, 1994

Mary G. DeConinck Ameel, 81, Kansas City in Platte County, died Oct. 12, 1994, in the Ramona Villa Nursing Center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Therese Catholic Church, near Parkville; burial in Resurrection Cemetery, Kansas City, North. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the McGilley Antioch Chapel, where the rosary will be said at 6:30 p.m. The family requests no flowers and suggests contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Mrs. Ameel was born in Aarsele, Belgium, and lived in this area most of her life. She and her husband owned Ameel's Greenhouse in Riverside; they retired in 1977. She was a charter member of the church. She was a member of the Lakeside Ladies Club at Lakeside School in Platte County. Survivors include her husband, Maurice J. Ameel of the home; two daughters, Maryann Casey, Kansas City, and Norma Jean Keyes, Weatherby Lake in Platte County; a son, Maurice L. Ameel, Scottsdale, Ariz.; a brother, Albert DeConinck, Clinton, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Pallbearers: Danny Casey, Greg Keyes, Mike Keyes, Brian Keyes, Calvin Keyes and Marc Ameel.

The Kansas City Star - Wednesday, January 11, 1995

Maurice Vereecke, 90, Independence, died Jan. 9, 1995, at the home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Independence; burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Raytown. Friends may call from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Carson Independence Chapel, where the rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Mr. Vereecke was born in Belgium and had lived in this area since 1929. He was a tailor for the Kansas City Custom Garment Co., retiring in 1974. He was a member of the church and the Catholic Order of Foresters. Survivors include his wife, Josephine Vereecke of the home; two sons, James Vereecke, Independence, and Joseph Vereecke, Drury, Mo.; a daughter, Julia Wallace, Ferguson, Mo.; 21 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mary Deweerdt, 88, died Jan. 15, 1995, in the Excelsior Springs Convalescent Center, where she lived. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Prichard Chapel, Excelsior Springs; burial in White Chapel Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel, where the rosary will be said at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Deweerdt was born in Antwerp, Belgium, and lived in Excelsior Springs most of her life. She was a Catholic. She was the widow of David Deweerdt. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Brosko, Excelsior Springs; a brother, Victor Claus, Kansas City; two sisters, Margaret DeVolder, Kansas City, and Elizabeth Linden, Aurora, Ill.; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at the chapel. Mrs. Beerbower was born in Lawrence and lived in this area for more than 50 years. Her husband, Albert Beerbower, died in 1983. Survivors include two sons, Carol Gene VanStratten, Birmingham in Clay County, and Leland L. VanStratten, Kansas City; a daughter, Alta M. VanStratten of the home; three brothers, Walter Holladay, Independence, and John Holladay and Leonard Holladay of Lawrence; two sisters, Anna Copp, Lawrence, and Edna Kesinger, Lansing in Leavenworth County; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Thursday, April 11, 1996

Rachel Laura ``Provyn'' Nickerson, 88, Kansas City, MO, passed away April 8, 1996, at Beautiful Savior Nursing Home, Belton, MO. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church; burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at McGilley State Line Chapel, where a Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Seton Center. Mrs. Nickerson was born March 24, 1908, in Caenehen, Belgium, and had lived in this area since 1913. She was a member of St. Thomas More Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Nickerson, Sr., in 1976. Survivors include her son, John Nickerson, Jr.; daughter, Mary Looney; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. (Arrangements: McGilley State Line Chapel)

The Kansas City Star - Friday, April 19, 1996

David Christian Barnhizer, 47, Hutchinson, KS, died April 16, 1996, at Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at Resthaven Mortuary, Wichita, KS, with Father Sherman Orr presiding; burial in Resthaven Cemetery, Wichita, KS. Friends may call 1-9 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Memorial contributions may be sent to the David C. Barnhizer Memorial Fund in care of Elliot Mortuary. Mr. Barnhizer was born May 27, 1948, in Chareloi, Belgium, the son of David L. and Raymonde R. Molord Barnhizer. A Hutchinson resident since 1976, he was vice president of operations for Dillon Stores Division. He was a committee member of the Kansas State Board of Education and a committee member of Muscular Dystrophy, Hutchinson. His survivors include a son, Bronc, Hutchinson; three daughters, Amie Ryan and Nicole Clyne, both of Lenexa, KS, and Brooke Barnhizer, Hutchinson; father, David, Sun City, FL; a brother, Patrick, Kansas City, KS; two sisters, Dorothy Simmons, Overland Park, KS, and Marsha Weikel, Fort Wayne, IN; and stepfather, Richard Lamson, Wichita, KS.

The Kansas City Star - Monday, October 21, 1996

Jeanette M. ``Jennie'' Nettle, age 96, of Kansas City, MO, passed away October 18, 1996, at St. Joseph Health Center. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, October 21, 1996, at St. Thomas More Church; interment at Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call 9-10 a.m. Monday, October 21, 1996, at St. Thomas More Church. Memorial contributions to St. Thomas More Building Fund. Mrs. Nettle was born in Belgium. She was the retired owner of Music Service, Inc. She was a member of St. Thomas More Church. She was a member of STM Society. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J. Nettle, in 1951, and her daughter, Mildred ``Mickey'' Rogers, in 1981. Mrs. Nettle is survived by her friend and caregiver, Lois Rodgers, of Kansas City, MO. (Arrangements: Muehlebach Funeral Home) -

The Kansas City Star - Tuesday, December 10, 1996

Maria J. Duyck, 94, Independence, MO, passed away December 8, 1996, at St. Mary's Hospital, Blue Springs, MO. Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, at St. Mark's Catholic Church; burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Sheil Independence Ave. Chapel, with a rosary at 7 p.m. Maria was born in Oostrozebeke, Belgium, and moved to the area in 1919. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church, Independence, MO, and a resident of St. Mary's Manor. She was preceded in death by her husband, Remy Duyck, in 1966, and two sons, Victor Duyck, in 1992, and James Duyck, in 1974. Survivors include her daughter, Helen Soetaert, Independence; her sister, Marcella Castelein, Blue Springs; her daughter-in-law, Ella Duyck, Liberty; five grandchildren, Mary L. Drury, Oak Grove, Barbara Jobst, Oxford, AL, Linda Ladd, Independence, James Duyck, North, KS, and Carol Daugherty, Liberty, MO; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandsons.

The Kansas City Star - Saturday, March 1, 1997

Marie H. Coffey, 71, Olathe, KS, died Thursday, February 27, 1997, at Delmar Gardens of Overland Park. Services will be 3 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at W.L. Frye & Son Funeral Home, Olathe. The family will receive friends following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Kansas City Hospice, Inc., 1625 W. 92nd Street, Kansas City, MO 64114 Mrs. Coffey was born June 12, 1925, in Liege, Belgium. She had worked as a waitress in Kansas City, MO, and 10 years as a cook for Shawnee Mission Hospital before retiring. She is survived by two sons, Charles U. Thompson, and his wife, Sally, Independence, MO, and H. Dean Thompson, Kansas City, MO; one daughter, Patricia "Patty" M. Beckham, and her husband, John, Olathe, KS; four brothers and three sisters living in Belgium; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, April 20, 1997

Margueritte C. Geenens, 83, of Shawnee, KS, passed away April 19, 1997, at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, at the Maple Hill Funeral Home; burial in the Maple Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Geenens was born in Schuyffers, Capele Belgium and had lived in the Kansas City area for most of her life. She was a homemaker. Survivors include, husband, Oscar B. Geenens, of the home; daughter, Betty M. Haeberle, Grove, OK; daughter, Beverly J. Weber, Paola, KS; three grandchildren, Karen Lee, Jeffrey Stokes, and Kevin Weber; and three great-grandchildren, David Lee, Brian Stokes, and Scott Stokes.

The Kansas City Star - Tuesday, May 13, 1997

Dorothy L. Rice, 74, Leawood, KS, passed away Sunday, May 11, 1997, at her home. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Cherokee Christian Church, Prairie Village, KS. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Ward Parkway Presbyterian Pre-School in memory of Dorothy. Mrs. Rice was born June 18, 1922, in Kansas City, MO, and was a lifelong area resident. She was a member of the Cherokee Christian Church and had taught at the Ward Parkway Presbyterian Pre-School for 26 years before retiring in 1995. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Russell C. Rice, of the home; two daughters, Georgia Hall, Overland Park, KS, and Donna Hynes, Overijse, Belgium; one brother, Carlton Van Pelt, Kansas City, MO; one sister, Georgia Heisterberg, Kansas City, MO; and four grandchildren, Heather Hall, Brian Hall, Donovan Davis and Matthew Hynes.

The Kansas City Star - Wednesday, August 20, 1997

Max F. Engetschwiler, 68, of Shawnee, KS, passed away Monday, August 18, 1997, at Research Medical Center. Funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Private burial. Friends may call 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the church, with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Max was born in Oberburen, St. Gallen, Switzerland, on November 15, 1928. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1949. He worked for Fehrenback Dairy in Kansas City, KS, after which time he became the "beloved milkman" of Shawnee, KS, at Zarda Brother's Dairy for 33 years, where he retired in 1993. The last few years he spent working part-time at the Mid-America Sports Complex. Max attended St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was a member of the KC Swiss Society and the Shawnee Belgium Club. Max loved to sing and did so for many functions in the past including the Swiss Society, the Belgium Choir and the Polka Mass Choir. Max was preceded in death by his father and mother, Robert and Klara Engetschwiler; three brothers, Robert, Otto and Alfons; and one grandson, Jason. Surviving Max are his wife, Joyce, of the home; two sons, Robert and daughter-in-law, Cathy Engetschwiler, of Belton, MO, and Paul Engetschwiler, of Kansas City, KS; a daughter, Heidi and son-in-law, Steve Klick, of Kansas City, KS; five grandchildren, Timothy, Brett, Sara and Tara Engetschwiler, and Bart Klick; brothers, Friedrich, Paul and Guido Engetschwiler; and sisters, Sister Friediana (Klara) Engetschwiler and Rosmarie Neff, all of Switzerland. Also many, many more relatives and devoted friends. Your love of life and beautiful smile will be missed, Max. (Arrangements: Amos Family Chapel - el of Shawnee)

The Kansas City Star - Monday, September 1, 1997

ELMA B. (VANRIETTE) ALDRIDGE, 98, Independence, MO, died Friday, August 29, 1997, in the Rosewood Health Care Center, Independence, where she lived. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, at Mound Grove Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Salvation Army. (Arrangements: Speaks Midtown Chapel) **ALBERT J. BARKER** Albert J. Barker, 73, Sunrise Beach, MO, passed away Friday, August 29, 1997, at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital, Osage Beach, MO. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 3, in the Allee-Reed Chapel. Cremation will follow services. Friends may call 12 noon until service time at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Kansas City Star - Thursday, September 18, 1997

Sarah LUCITO, 80, Gladstone, MO, passed away September 15, 1997, at North Kansas City Hospital. Services will be private. Mrs. Lucito was born in Brussels, Belgium. She was founder of the Friends of the Animals of the Greater Kansas City Animal Shelters. She was honored by both Mayor Charles Wheeler & Mayor Richard Berkley for her persistent & dedicated efforts for the establishment of modern & humane animal shelter facilities, & for her service at the Municipal Animal Shelter. Mrs. Lucito was preceded in death by her husband, Danny J. Lucito, in 1993. Survivors include her brother, Michel Camhi, France; her sister, Esther Camhi, Belgium; sisters-in-law, Catherine Horn, Bridget Calcara, Frances Pylypcuk, all of Gladstone, MO, Flora Lucito, San Jose, CA; & many nieces & nephews. (Arrangements: Passantino Bros. Funeral Home)

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, October 26, 1997

Josephine M. Devolder, 76, Gladstone, MO, passed away Saturday, October 25, 1997, at North Kansas City Hospital. Funeral service will be 7 p.m. Monday, October 27, at St. Charles Catholic Church; a Rite of Committal will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 28, at Resurrection Cemetery North. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Monday at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the

American Diabetes Association. Mrs. Devolder was born December 18, 1920, in Kansas City, MO. She lived most of her life in this area, and lived in Belgium from 1932-1948. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Achiel Devolder, in 1978. Survivors include two sons, Adiel Devolder, Kansas City, MO, and Maurice Devolder, Lee's Summit, MO; two daughters, Noella McCray, Westwood, KS, and Colleen Roberts, Kansas City, MO; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. (Arrangements: McGilley Antioch Chapel)

The Kansas City Star - Monday, December 22, 1997

Maurice J. Ameel, 90, Kansas City in Platte County, MO, died December 21, 1997, at the Alpine North Nursing Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, at St. Therese Catholic Church; burial in Resurrection Cemetery North. Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Monday, at the McGilley Antioch Chapel, where a rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. The family suggests contributions to St. Therese Church or Barr Hospice. Mr. Ameel was of Belgium descent and was born July 20, 1907, in Kansas City. Before retiring in 1972, he worked for 20 years as a fork lift operator at the American Can Co. He had also been employed in a green house and truck gardening. He was a charter member of St. Therese Parish. He was a 40-year member and past president of the Riverside-Quindaro Bend Levi District. He was a member of the Parkville Volunteer Fire Department Board and the Lakeside School District Board. His wife, Mary, preceded him in death in 1994. Survivors include a son, Maurice L. Ameel, Cave Creek, AZ; two daughters, Maryann Casey, Kansas City, and Norma Jean Keyes, Weatherby Lake, MO; a brother, Lewis J. Ameel, Lake St. Louis, MO; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Bearers of the pall will be Maureen Williams and Sheila Thigpen. Pallbearers will be Danny Casey, Grey Keyes, Mike Keyes, Brian Keyes, Calvin Keyes and Marc Ameel. (Arrangements: McGilley Antioch CHapel) VERA S. ANDERSON Vera S. Anderson, 77, Gravois Mills, MO (formerly of Kansas City) passed away Saturday, December 20, 1997, at the Good Shepherd Care Center, Versailles. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Monday, December 22, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home, Laurie, MO.

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, January 18, 1998

Mickael Dobbelaere, 85, Kansas City, MO, passed away Friday, January 16, 1998, at home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 20, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church; burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, January 19, at Sheil Independence Avenue Funeral Home, where a rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions to Kansas City Hospice would be appreciated. Mickael was born December 23, 1912, in Tielt, Belgium. He was a millwright at General Mills for 44 years. He was a former member of St. Francis Seraph and, at the time of his death, was a member of St. Aloysius and the Order of Foresters. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Florence Dobbelaere; brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Mary Dobbelaere; daughter, Marie Mooneyham; son and daughter-in-law, George and Susan Dobbelaere; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. (Arrangements: Sheil Independence Avenue Chapel)

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, February 8, 1998

Hazel D. Looney, 89, of Lenexa, KS, passed away Saturday, February 7, 1998, at Delmar Gardens of Lenexa. Services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, at the Amos Family Chapel of Lenexa. Private burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Fairfield, IA. Hazel Malinda Droz was born April 10, 1908, to Percy and Eva (Courtney) Droz in Fairfield, IA. She graduated from Fairfield High School in 1926, and attended Parsons College where she received a teaching certificate. On October 18, 1930, she was united in marriage to William R. Looney. She was a stenographer and bookkeeper for the J.C. Bradshaw Furniture Company for many years. She moved with her husband to Aberdeen, SD, in September 1940, and resided there until 1988, when she moved to Lenexa, KS. She was employed as a field deputy assessor for 22 years. Before her husband's death, they spent their winters in Tucson, AZ. She was a former 25 year member of an extension club. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen. She was a member of Scottish Rite Women's Club, Yeldez Auxiliary, Orptec Study Club, and a former member of Retired Federal Employees. She held a fifty year membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Iowa. She is survived internationally acclaimed sculptors Alexander Archipenko, Heinz Warneke, and John Terken. Today, Leslie's work is represented in widely distributed private collections from coast to coast. She was a member of the prestigious Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, and was profiled in Who's Who of American Women, 1977-1978. In 1935, Leslie married **Edmond Jean Van der Leur** of Brussels, Belgium. They had four daughters and raised their family in Rumson, NJ. Mr. Van der Leur, a distinguished artist in his own right, was highly acclaimed for his coveted water - colors depicting landscapes and seas - capes of the eastern seaboard. Leslie was preceded in death by her second husband, Dr. George Rooney Meneely, who was the former associate dean, professor of medicine, and head of the department of physiology and biophysics at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport, LA. She is survived by her four daughters, Nicole V. Demarest, Mount Tabor, NJ, Michelle V. Limpert, Riverdale, NY, Suzanne Van der Leur, Kansas City, MO, and Leslie Van der Leur, Rumson, NJ; stepson, G. Rodney Meneely III, San Diego, CA; two stepdaughters, Eleanor M. Chapnick, Westport, CT, and Judith U. Meneely, Providence, RI; seven grandchildren, Kenneth, Michele, Christine, Alexandra, John, Elizabeth, and Patricia; and six stepgrandchildren, Deborah, Cheryl, Bruce, John Henry, Andrew, and Andrew Clayton. (Arrangements: Mount Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home)

The Kansas City Star - Tuesday, April 7, 1998

Dr. Robert W. Forsythe, 84, formerly of Mission Hills, KS, died Saturday, April 4, 1998, at a Joplin, MO, nursing home, following a long illness. Visitation will be 7-8:30 p.m. Monday and 12 noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at Mount Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home, 105th & Holmes. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, w Donations may be made to the St. Luke's Hospital Foundation, 800 W. 47th St., Kansas City, MO 64112, or the Country Club Christian Church. Dr. Forsythe was born March 31, 1914, in Harrodsburg, KY. He was a 1937 graduate of the University of Kentucky, a 1941 graduate of Tulane University Medical School and did his residency at the Mayo Clinic. He was a Captain in the Army. He was a veteran of World War II, having served at the 77th Evacuation Hospital in Europe. He married Irene Weisbender on May 24, 1945, in Belgium. She died in 1991. He had been a neurosurgeon in Kansas City since 1949, retiring in 1984. He was past president of the Jackson County Medical Society, past Chief of Neurosurgery at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, MO. He was a member of Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City, MO, and Squaw Creek Wildlife Conservation Hall of Fame. Survivors include a brother, George Forsythe, Paris, KY; two daughters, Mary Forsythe, Boise, ID, and Susan Forsythe, Cleveland, OH; a son, Howard and wife, Dana Forsythe, Joplin, MO; and five grandchildren, Jennifer Forsythe, John Forsythe, Melissa Forsythe, Alec Cindrich and Maureen Cindrich. (Arrangements: Mount Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home).

The Kansas City Star - Friday, September 4, 1998

Huguette Marcelle Hill, 71, Parkville, MO, passed away September 2, 1998, at North Kansas City Hospital. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday, September 4, at Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, KS. Mrs. Hill was born August 17, 1927, in Wangenies, Belgium. She moved from Belgium to the USA in 1945, and, from 1959-1986, lived in Oxnard, CA. On June 8, 1962, she became a citizen of the United States. She moved to Kansas City in 1986. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wyatt Hill. She is survived by her son, Wyatt R. Hill Jr., and his wife, Eunice K. Hill, Port Huenenne, CA; daughter, Jacqueline S. Smith, Parkville, MO; and grandchildren, Wyatt Alexander Hill, Rachele Marie Hill, Carl David Hill, and Christina Marcelle Smith. (Arrangements: McGilley Antioch Chapel) **AVANEL WRIGHT HOLCOMB** Mrs. Avanel Wright Holcomb, 91, Overland Park, KS, passed away September 2, 1998, at Overland Park Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, September 4, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 6422 Santa Fe Dr. Friends may call 9:30-11 a.m. Friday at the church. There will also be a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the College Hill United Methodist Graveside services will be 11:30 a.m. at White Chapel Cemetery, Wichita. The family suggests contributions to St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

The Kansas City Star - Sunday, January 24, 1999

Julia Martha Smith, 87, Kansas City, KS, passed away Thursday, January 21, 1999, at Shawnee Gardens Nursing Center. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Monday, January 25, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Kansas City, KS; burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Shawnee, KS. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, with a rosary at 3 p.m. Contributions may be made to Kansas City Hospice or Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mrs. Smith was born in Zvevezele, Belgium and had lived in the Kansas City, KS, area since 1912. She received her certificate of naturalization on September 11, 1940, and became a U.S. citizen in 1942. She was a former employee of Shalinsky Drug and a former baker at Turner Unified School District. Mrs. Smith was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Navy Mothers 1954 to 1958, Saint Johns The Evangelist Altar Society, and a volunteer at St. Mary's Food Kitchen. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold V. Smith; a son, Carl Roger Smith; and a grandson, Garry Lustig. Survivors include a son, Raymond D. Smith, Kansas City, KS; two daughters, Charlotte M. Darling, Shawnee, KS, and Dolores M. Lustig, Kansas City, KS; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. (Arrangements: Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee)

The Kansas City Star - Monday, September 6, 1999

John D. Bourquin, 96, Lenexa, KS, passed away Friday, September 3, 1999, at Villa Saint Joseph. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 8, at Holy Trinity Chapel, 92nd & Pflumm, Lenexa; burial in St. John's Cemetery, Lenexa. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Holy Trinity Chapel, with a rosary at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Holy Trinity Catholic Church Building Fund, 13520 W. 92nd Lenexa, KS, 66215. Mr. Bourquin was born November 15, 1902, in Schurffers Cappelle, Belgium, the son of Alfons and Sidinie (Coudyzer) Bourquin. At the age of nine, Mr. Bourquin came to America with his family aboard the Lusitania Steamship. He attended school and lived his entire life in the Lenexa area, working as a truck gardener and greenskeeper at the Indian Hills Country Club and retired from Kansas City Structural Steel in 1972. John was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa and actively participated and took pride in the care of the landscape, flowers, and church property until 5 years ago. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Celina Gast Bourquin; stepson, Jim Blaise & wife, Mary, Louisburg, KS; five grandchildren and their spouses, Bill & Elaine Blaise, Monica & Dan Browne, Bridget & Dan Shamai, Rita & Randy Mathews, and Molly & David Allison; seven great-grandchildren, Katie, Amy, and Mark Blaise, Jonathan and Madeline Browne, and Megan and Peter Mathews; and several nieces and nephews. John's quiet, humble manner was an inspiration to all of us. (Arr: McGilley & Hoge Chapel, 913-642-3565)

The Kansas City Star - Saturday, September 11, 1999

Marcel F. Berger, 80, Kansas City, MO, passed away Tuesday, September 7, 1999, at his home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, September 13, at Visitation Catholic Church; burial in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Friends may call 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the McGilley Midtown Chapel, where a rosary will be said at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, the D.A.V., or St. Jude's. Marcel Francois Joseph Berger was born August 11, 1919, the son of Francois Joseph Berger and Bertha Dubois in Montignies, Sambre Belgium. He went to school at Brother of St. Joseph and the Jesuits' school. In 1939, at the age of 18, he joined the Belgium Army. In May of 1939, he was mobilized for World War II. Shortly after, May 28, 1940, he was taken prisoner of war in Stalag 13, as POW 47384 in Anberg, near Nuremberg, Germany. He remained a POW until he was freed by General George Patton's army on May 7, 1945. On the day the armistice was signed, May 8, 1945, he returned home. He received the Medal of POW with 5 Barettes and the Commemorative Medal with two crossed swords. In 1946, he joined the Belgium state police. In 1947, he married Marie Delbrouck. He stayed with the state police until 1957. He then went into the cabinet-making business. He came to Kansas City on January 6, 1966, to join a company that needed a specialized cabinet maker. He remained there until he retired in 1984. In July of 1988, he became a widower. Marcel was a member of Kansas City Dance Club International and received several awards for his free-style dancing. He was a member of Visitation Catholic Church, the Nelson Art Gallery, and Alliance Francaise. He was a generous man and gave to several Catholic charities. He left behind a sister, Marie Madeleine Vandenberghe; two daughters, Marcelle Shaw and Liliane Chagoyan; and four grandchildren, Deana V. Gauer, Marcel R. Chagoyan, Sonya A. Shaw, and John P. Chagoyan. He will be joining his wife, Marie Delbrouck, and a grandson, Christopher John Chagoyan, for eternity. "He was a kind and strong man. He will always be remembered." (Arrangements: McGilley Midtown Chapel, 816-753-6200)

The Kansas City Star - Monday, December 20, 1999

Jaquelin Jean Johnson, 60, Zaventem, Belgium, died Wednesday, December 15, 1999, in Brussels, Belgium. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, December 23, at the United Methodist Church, Tonganoxie, KS, with the Rev. YoungBo Lee officiating; burial in Hubbel Hill Cemetery, Tonganoxie. The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Quisenberry Chapel, Tonganoxie, where an Eastern Star service will be held.

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Tuesday, January 4, 2000

William E. Collins, 94, Kansas City, MO, passed away Saturday, January 1, 2000, at St. Joseph Health Center. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2000, at Christ The King Church; interment at Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, at Muehlebach Funeral Home where a rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ The King Endowment Fund for Education. Mr. Collins was born in Belgium. He was a sanitary inspector with the Public Works Department of Kansas City, MO, for 324 years, retiring in 1969. He served in the Army during WWII with honors. He belonged to Christ The King Church and also belonged to Holy Name Society of St. Augustine Church, Keenagers of South Broadland Presbyterian Church, and Marlborough Golden Age Club. He is survived by his sister, Mary Ceule, Kansas City, MO; a brother George Van Becelaere, Kansas City, MO; sisters-in-law, Margarette Collins, Kansas City, MO, and Mary Collins, Kansas City, MO; eight nephews and five nieces. Pallbearers will be: George Collins, Robert Collins, Richard Collins, Fred Ceule, Leon Van Becelaere, James Van Becelaere, John Van Becelaere, and Paul Van Becelaere. (Arrangements: Muehlebach Funeral Home -

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Sunday, February 27, 2000

Leona M. Frank, 90, Cathedral Towers in downtown Kansas City, MO (formerly of northeast Kansas City, MO), passed away February 24, 2000. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 29, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 416 W. 12th Street, where a rosary will be said at 10 a.m. prior to the funeral. Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Blackman Chapel; interment in the Mt. Washington Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to the Kansas City Hospice of the Northland. Mrs. Frank was born in Brussels, Belgium and had lived in Kansas City since childhood. She was a member of the former St. Francis Seraph Catholic Church, also the former Assumption Catholic Church now known as St. Anthony Catholic Church, and for the past five years she was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She was a member of the King Goldman Senior Activity Group, a member of the Della C. Lamb organization and a volunteer for the Salvation Army. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester, in 1970; and by her son, Edward, in 1990. She is survived by her three sons and their wives, Robert and Pauline Frank of Kansas City, Jimmie and Eileen Frank of Excelsior Springs, MO, and Don and Jeannie Frank of Kansas City in Platte County; her two sisters, Emma McNichols of Hermitage, MO, and Sister Lorana Libeer, S.F.P. of Quincy, IL; 16 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Gary Frank, John Frank, Jim Frank Jr., Bobby Frank, Ronnie Frank, Ryan Frank and Garry Paul Frank. (Arrangements: C.H. Blackman & Son, Inc., (816) 241-4040)

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Tuesday, May 30, 2000

August J. "Gus" DeKeyser, 87, of Kansas City, KS, died Sunday, May 28, 2000, at the Bethany Medical Center. Funeral liturgy will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 2, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1086 N. 94th St., Kansas City, KS. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Kansas City, KS. Friends may call 5-8 p.m. Thursday, at the Porter Funeral Home, where a rosary will be said at 6 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Action Inc., 1831 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102. Gus was born January 1, 1913, in Zeebrugge, Belgium, and had lived in Kansas City, KS, since that year. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, and served in the Pacific Theatre and Japan for three years. Gus was a warehouseman and truck driver for 35 years with the Katz, Skaggs, and Osco Drug Stores, before retiring in 1973. He was an organizer and member of the Teamster's Union Local 41, and a member of its retirees club. Gus was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and former member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where he was a long time usher, Boy Scout leader, and a member of its Shamrock Club. He was a life member of the Adams-Peterson Switala, V.F.W. Post 111, the American Legion Post 188, and the V.F.W. National Home in Michigan. He had been a volunteer at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center, Leavenworth, KS, and the Bonner Springs Health Center. Gus was a member and volunteer of Cancer Action Inc. and a member of the MidCounty Democratic Club of Wyandotte County. He was a former coach in the Kansas City, KS, 3 & 2 Baseball League. His wife of 56 years, Sylvia Long DeKeyser, preceded him in death on August 8, 1992. Survivors include his son, Tom DeKeyser, and his wife Sandy, Kansas City, KS; sister, Billie Wax, Kansas City, KS; five grandchildren, Sherry Terrell, Lorie DeKeyser, and Traci, Brett, and Christine Zimmer; and three great-grandchildren, Braeden Terrell, Eric Zimmer, and Taylor DeKeyser. He was a devoted father, brother, grandfather, and a friend to all who knew him. (Arrangements: Porter Funeral Home, 1835 Minnesota, Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102). -

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Tuesday, December 19, 2000

Germaine Zmijewski, 90, Overland Park, KS, passed away December 13, 2000, at Villa St. Joseph. Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Friday, December 22, at McGilley State Line Chapel. Mrs. Zmijewski was born July 10, 1910, in Belgium. She moved here from Florida four years ago. She was preceded in death by her husband, Zdzich Zmijewski, in 1984. She is survived by a nephew, Voytek Zmijewski and his wife, Krystyna Zmijewski of Overland Park, KS, and great-nephews, Andrew Zmijewski and his wife, Chris, of St. Louis, MO, and Daniel Zmijewski and his wife, Jessica, of Mission, KS. (Arrangements: McGilley State Line Chapel, 816-942-6180)

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Tuesday, January 2, 2001

Florine E. Meyer, 89, of Shawnee, KS, died Sunday, December 31, 2000, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. The Mass of Resurrection will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 3, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, where the Rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Shawnee Gardens Nursing Center, 6414 Long, Shawnee, KS 66216. Mrs. Meyer was born in Tielt, Belgium. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She and her husband, Edward Meyer, owned and operated the M&D Market in Shawnee for 35 years. He preceded her in death in 1984. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Lou Gahaghan and her husband, Ty and "B" Miller and her husband, Al; a son, Robert Meyer and his wife, Pat, all of Shawnee, KS; a sister, Mary Toeneboehn, Stover, MO; 15 grandchildren, Michael Stephenson, Gregory Stephenson, Mark Stephenson, John Stephenson, Christopher Stephenson, Scott Stephenson, Stephen Miller, Deborah Shackelford, David Miller, Diane Hydeman, Joseph Miller, Laurie Meyer, Robert Meyer, Timothy Meyer, and James Meyer; and 24 great-grandchildren. (Arrangements: The Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, (913) 6315566)

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Tuesday, February 13, 2001

Julia E. McDonald, 95, Overland Park, KS, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2001, at Indian Creek Nursing Center. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 14, at Church of the Holy Cross, 8311 W 93rd St.; burial in Olathe Memorial Cemetery (Woodland). Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Overland Park Chapel where the Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. The family suggests contributions to SAFEHOME, P. O. Box 4563, Overland Park, KS 662044563. Julia (Castiaux) McDonald, "Mac" as she would later be known by her friends, was born May 17, 1905, in Belgium, and settled in Crawford County, KS. In 1926 she married Francis A. McDonald in Kansas City and was a loving dutiful wife and mother. After years of being a battered wife and suffering spousal abuse, she and her family were deserted by Francis who would never again support his family. In the midst of the Depression, she enrolled in college and worked as a domestic for room and board and served as a full time waitress to finance her education and support her surviving son. In 1940 she began teaching in an impoverished school. She served as the school's upper grade level teacher, principal, custodian, and coached boys and girls softball, volleyball, and basketball teams. She initiated a hot lunch program by applying for federal food surplus and she prepared the food for the students. She raised funds to pay for her team's uniforms. In 1945 Julia moved to NE Johnson County to teach and coach boy's basketball at South Park School. Throughout her career she was honored by professional and community organizations for her devoted dedication. She became an inspiration for many of her students and peers. Few who came to know her in later life were ever aware of the tragedies and obstacles she had overcome. She was a graduate of Kansas State (Pittsburg) and a member of KNEA, NEA, PTA, Johnson County Retired Teachers and AART. She was predeceased by her daughter, Jeanette, her parents, Irma and Leopold Castiaux; and her sister Lucille. She is survived by her son, A. O. "Mac" McDonald and his wife, Barbara; her sister, Victoria Castiaux; granddaughter, Amy Shields and her husband, Byron; grandson, Leo McDonald; his wife, Ruth; great-granddaughters Clarissa, Julia, and Colette Shields. This family was with her at the time of her death. (Arrangements: D. W. Newcomer's Sons Overland Park Chapel, (816) 561-0024)

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Saturday, February 17, 2001

Simone E. Burnett, 78, Gladstone, MO, died Wednesday, February 14, 2001, at Trinity Lutheran Hospital. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, February 19, at the Gashland United Methodist Church, 7715 N. Oak, Kansas City, MO 64118. Interment will be in White Chapel Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the church. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions to the Gashland United Methodist Church. Simone was born February 15, 1922, in Brussels, Belgium, the daughter of Emeric and Alice Vertessen Desmedt. She came to the United States in 1946. In 1948, she became an American citizen of which she was always very proud. She was a member of the Gashland United Methodist Church and several Bridge Clubs. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Fred E. Burnett, of the home; two sons, Mark Burnett and his wife, Joann, Fort Wayne, IN, and Bruce Burnett, North Kansas City, MO; one sister, Andree DePatoul, Brussels, Belgium; and two grandchildren, David Burnett, and Elizabeth "Beth" Burnett. (Arrangements: D. W. Newcomer's Sons White Chapel) -

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Sunday, April 22, 2001

John Joseph Camerlinck, 86, Shawnee, KS, passed away Friday, April 20, 2001, at his home. Funeral Mass will be 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Johnson Dr. and Monticello. Burial in the St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, where a Rosary recitation will be at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Hospice of Kansas City or the Sister Servants of Mary, 800 N. 18th, Kansas City, KS 66102. Mr. Camerlinck was born February 2, 1915 in Independence, MO, to Oscar and Mary (Alliett) Camerlinck and was a Kansas City area lifelong resident. He was a truck gardener in the South Park area. In 1957 he and his family moved to the DeSoto area raising cattle and farming. Mr. Camerlinck contracted with the American Royal for many years until the mid-1980's. He was a member of the American Belgium Club. Mr. Camerlinck was preceded in death by his wife, Hortense "Sis" Pointelin Camerlinck, February 24, 1998. He is survived by two sons, Robert J. "Bob" Camerlinck, Leonardville, KS and John E. Camerlinck, Bonner Springs, KS; two daughters, Betty Lindsay, Shawnee, KS and Carol Volen, Shawnee, KS; sister, Alice McEndree, Lenexa, KS; brother, Arthur VanLerberg, Prairie Village, KS; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. (Arrangements: Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee (913) 631-5566). -

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Friday, August 31, 2001

Kamiel P. Verhaeghe, 85, of Olathe, KS, passed away Wednesday, August 29, 2001, at his home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, September 3, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, where the family will receive friends from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday,

Rosary will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Burial will be in the St. John's Cemetery in Lenexa, KS. The family suggests contributions to Mary Knoll Missionaries, Prince of Peace Catholic Church and/or Hospice of Olathe Medical Center. Kamiel was born May 14, 1916 in Kenny Heights, KS and had lived in the Olathe area most of his life. He was a farmer and gardener all of his life. He was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Farm Bureau and the Belgium Club of Shawnee. He leaves his wife of 54 years, Rachel Verhaeghe of the home; three sons, Gary Verhaeghe of Stilwell, KS, Larry Verhaeghe of Lenexa, KS and Michael Verhaeghe of Olathe, KS; three daughters, Jeannie Rolf of Olathe, KS, Conni Owen of Vero Beach, FL and Patricia Williamson of Olathe, KS; a brother, Arthur Verhaeghe; three sisters, Elizabeth Claerhout, Augusta VanDeWalle and Vera Samyn; and ten grandchildren. His love was farming. Kamiel and his smile will be sadly missed by all who knew him. (Arrangements: The Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 143rd & Blackbob Rd. (913) 768-6777)

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Thursday, October 31, 2002

Sonia Gandal. 89, of Rockville, MD, died Monday, October 28, 2002, in Bethesda, MD, of medical complications following surgery. Graveside services will be 11:30 a.m. Friday, November 1, at Sheffield Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers, family suggests contributions to the Barker Foundation, 7945 McArthur Blvd. 206, Cabin John, MD 20818. Mrs. Gandal was born in Brussels, Belgium in 1913, and migrated to Kansas City with her mother and four siblings in 1919. She married Robert Gandal of Kansas City in 1936. They lived in St. Louis, MO, from 1944 to 1976, where Mr. Gandal was an executive with Wohl Shoe Company and later Brown Shoe Company. They moved to Pompano Beach, FL, in 1976, and lived there for 20 years. They then moved to Rockville, MD, in 1996. Mr. Gandal died in 1997. Mrs. Gandal lived at Ring House in Rockville and had numerous close friends who also resided there. She was a devoted and involved grandmother. Mara Gandal worked together with her grandmother to preserve some of her many recipes as a part of her high school senior project. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jan Kressin Gandal, Bethesda, MD; grandchildren, Mara K. and Michael J. Gandal. (Arr. The Louis Memorial Chapel 816-361-5211) –

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Wednesday, August 20, 2003

Edward V. Van Keirsbilck, 85, of Kansas City, KS, passed away August 18, 2003, from congestive heart failure. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, August 23, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Shawnee, KS. Friends may call 7-9 p.m. Friday at the Maple Hill Funeral Home where the rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Family suggests contributions to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, c/o Maple Hill Funeral Home. Mr. Van Keirsbilck was born in Arvada, Co, on February 14, 1918, to Joseph and Alida (Lust) Van Keirsbilck and had lived most of his life in the Kansas City area. He was a truck gardner and dairy farmer. Edward was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was a cofounder of the **Belgium** American Club and a member of the Parkinson Group. Edward was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Julius Van Keirsbilck, Medard "Boots" Van Keirsbilck, Albert Van Keirsbilck, and Cyril "Sid" Van Keirsbilck; three sisters, Mary Rieke, Erma Van Quaethem, and Margaret Auld. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Glenna Van Keirsbilck, Kansas City, KS; son Jerry Van Keirsbilck, Kansas City, KS; daughter Kathie Neuner, Mandeville, LA; brother Alford "Fritz" Van Keirsbilck, Kansas City, MO; sister Alice Soetaert, Overland Park, KS; two grandchildren, Melissa Van Keirsbilck and Brandon Van Keirsbilck, both of Springfield, MO. (Arr. Maple Hill Funeral Home, 913-831-3345) -

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Saturday, April 3, 2004

Joseph Van Nieuwenhuysse, 89, of Merriam, KS, passed away March 31, 2004, at his home. Services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Kansas City, KS. A visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, Friday, April 2, with a rosary recitation at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Our Lady of Unity School, 2646 S. 34th, Kansas City, KS 66106. Joseph was born March 10, 1915, in Kansas City, KS, to Leon and Irma (Van Hoet) Van Nieuwenhuysse and was a resident of the Kansas City area his entire life. He served in the Pacific theater during World War II in the U.S. Army. He married Marlene Hagedorn April 19, 1947. Joseph retired from KC Structural Steel. He was a member of American Legion Post 327, The Disabled American Veterans Wyandotte Chapter 1, Wyandotte County Protective Association, as well as the Belgium American Club. Joseph is survived by his wife, Marlene; his daughter, Ruth Ann Vielhauer and her husband, Artie of Merriam, his son, Michael and his wife, Pat of Bloomington, MN; as well as three grandchildren, Jeff and his wife, Susanne Vielhauer of Kansas City, KS, Karen Vielhauer of Merriam and Missy Vielhauer of Merriam. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Frank, Albert and Maurice. (Arrangements: Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, 913-631-5566)

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Thursday, September 23, 2004

Arthur D. (Dick) Verhaeghe, 85, Olathe, KS, passed away Monday, September 20, 2004, at his home of 85 years. Funeral Mass will be held Friday, September 24 at 11 a.m. at the Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Wea, KS, 223rd St. and Metcalf. Friends and family may call Thursday evening, September 23, from 7:30 p.m. at the Church, with the Rosary starting at 7 p.m. Burial will be in the Holy Rosary cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial contributions to the Holy Rosary Building Fund, or the Alzheimer's Assoc. of Kansas City. Arthur was born January 2, 1919, in Kansas City, KS, to Alfons and Maria Verhaeghe, both originally from Belgium. He served his country during WWII in the US Army as a sergeant, from 1941 to 1945. Arthur was involved in the Pacific Theater, on the Farm Bureau Board, the Aubry Township, the fire district board, and the Johnson County ASCS Board. He was an active church member, serving as an usher and a member of the Men's Club. Arthur worked as a farmer and truck gardener. He was an avid sportsman and gardener. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Aime and Kamiel, and two sisters, Elsie and Elvira. He is survived by his wife Betty (Frost) Verhaeghe of 53 years; his son and daughter-in-law Gordon and JoAnn Verhaeghe; son and daughter-in-law Melvin and Loretta Verhaeghe; daughter and son-in-law Anita and Harvey Felzke; grandchildren Sara, Kelsey, Libby and Rebecca Verhaeghe, and Robert, Matt, and Gina Felzke; and two sisters, Elizabeth Claerhout and Augusta VanDeWalle. (Arr. Runyan Funeral Home, 120 S. Broadway, Louisburg, KS, 66053, 913-837-4310).

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Monday, December 20, 2004

Henry A. Martens, 72, passed away at his home in Leavenworth on December 17, 2004. Henry was born September 18, 1932, to Henry and Mary Martens, in Shawnee, KS. Henry attended the Shawnee, KS schools and then served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He married Shirley L. Pfeifer on December 1, 1951, in Olathe, KS. Henry Martens started his career as a Manor Bread route salesman. His bread route included the local Chevrolet dealer who was so impressed with Henry's selling skills that he recruited Henry to sell cars. After just a few years of selling, Henry became a partner of Beck-Dennis Chevrolet, in Olathe, KS. Four years later, Henry accepted a sales manager position with Guy Pine Chrysler-Plymouth, of Mission, KS. Henry left this job a few years later and was sought out by Chrysler Corporation to open his own dealership. Henry and Shirley Martens moved to Leavenworth, KS in 1963, when they purchased the Chrysler-Plymouth franchise. Henry Martens owned this store for more than 30 years. Henry's hard work and love of the automobile business allowed him to expand. At one point in time, Henry owned and operated five automobile dealerships with his five sons in Leavenworth, KS, Platte City, MO, Lee's Summit, MO, and Warsaw, MO. Henry and Shirley Martens currently own the Chevrolet-Cadillac dealership in Leavenworth, KS. Henry Martens was a charter member of the Olathe, KS Lions Club, and a member of the Leavenworth Elks, American Legion, and AUSA. He was also a lifetime member of the BelgianAmerican Club of Greater Kansas City, and sponsored many of the Allied officers from **Belgium** who attended CGSC at Fort Leavenworth, KS. His many accomplishments included growing and harvesting grapes and producing wine for all of his friends and family, and also being a pilot for many years. Proud of his Belgian heritage, Henry made two trips to **Belgium** to visit his mothers' birthplace and to visit his many friends he had made through the Fort Leavenworth sponsorship program. There are many families in the country of **Belgium** that are sad today because of Henry's passing, but are also grateful to have known Henry and experienced his generosity. Henry Martens had a lifelong passion for being outdoors, and for working his land with his farm equipment. Henry enjoyed cutting firewood and even more relaxing at home in front of a fire on a chilly day. A good day for Henry was mowing his acreage, planting trees and shrubs, and making something more beautiful than it was before he started. Henry is survived by his wife Shirley, of 53 years; and by his five sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Sylvia Martens, Leavenworth, KS, Dale and Ann Martens, Lee's Summit, MO, Tony and Gretchen Martens, Platte City, MO, Hank Martens, Joplin, MO, and Jeff and Melanie Martens, Leavenworth, KS; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Friends may call after 12 noon, Tuesday, December 21, 2004, at the Davis Funeral Chapel, and the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Davis Funeral Chapel, 531 Shawnee St., Leavenworth, KS. There will be a Rosary held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 22, 2004, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Leavenworth, KS. Burial will be in the Johnson County Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 11200 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Leavenworth, KS.

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Marie Louise "Bumma" VanMeerhaeghe, 84, Overland Park, KS, passed away Monday, January 31, 2005, at the Indian Creek Nursing Center, Overland Park, KS. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Friday, at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church; burial in the Shawnee Mission Memory Gardens. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, where a rosary recitation will be at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be to the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 12800 W. 75th Street, Shawnee, KS 66216. Mrs. VanMeerhaeghe was born September 10, 1920, in Berchem, West Flanders, Belgium. She moved to the Johnson County area with her family in 1956. Marie was a member of the Belgium Club and the Flemish American Club in Chicago and Shawnee. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andre G. VanMeerhaeghe, April 12, 1991. Survivors include her son, Andre R. and his wife, Fran VanMeerhaeghe, Olathe, KS; five grandchildren, Andre L. (Dana) VanMeerhaeghe, Philip (Betty Jo) VanMeerhaeghe, all of Shawnee, KS, Yvonne (Todd) Wallen, Germany, Monique VanMeerhaeghe, Kansas City, MO, and Nichole Handy, Olathe, KS; and ten great-grandchildren. (Arr: The Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, 913-631-5566) -

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Tuesday, February 22, 2005

Caroline A. Mestdagh was born December 16, 1914, and on February 19, 2005, entered eternal life. Her parents emigrated from Belgium in 1909. She was one of the last surviving speakers of Flemish in her family. Miss Mestdagh ran her own business for 55 years in Kansas City, KS. She was "Caroline's Southern Barbeque" until retiring at age 78. Since that time, she had lived independently until her recent failing health. Caroline was always known for her friendliness, maintaining a positive attitude in whatever life brought her, and living life to the fullest. She had a flair in her appearance, jewelry and dress that was uniquely Caroline. Miss Mestdagh was preceded in death by her parents Camiel and Maria Mestdagh, her sisters Jerry McGrath and Zoe Barter. She is survived by her sister Helen DeWitte, and her brother and his wife, Adolph and Mary Mestdagh. Aunt Caroline is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, and one great-great-great-niece. Miss Mestdagh was a Catholic. A memorial gathering will be at Maple Hill Funeral Home, Kansas City, KS, on Saturday, February 26 from 9:30-11 a.m., with the Rosary at 10:30 a.m. Private inurnment. (Arr. Maple Hill Funeral Home, 913-831-3345). -

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Thursday, November 17, 2005

Warren G. Darnell, 84, of Overland Park, Kansas died November 10, 2005 at his home after complications from a fall he suffered a month ago. He was a recovering throat cancer survivor at his death. (He never smoked & didn't drink) Warren was born in Galveston, Texas on August 10, 1921. The son of a Liberty Ship Captain, who was lost at sea during hostile action in the Caribbean in World War Two. His mother was a war bride, Yvonne from Belgium. He was raised by his mother, never knowing his father Gus. He was discharged from the Army as a First Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps and after working briefly for the YMCA in Chicago, began a 33 year career as a district Manager for Sunkist Growers, Inc. During his employment with Sunkist, he spent several years in Chicago, Minneapolis, Denver, Omaha, and finally Kansas City, where he retired in 1986. In October 1950 he married Virginia Smith of Chicago. They were married 54 years until her death in July of this year. They had one son, Robert, who survives. Dad was a "Buick" man, having owned at least five over the years, and is responsible for his son's interest in cars. Dad's finest accomplishment was taking care of his wife during her Alzheimer's disease. A memorial service will be held Friday November 18, at 10 a.m. at Gramercy Park Clubhouse. Burial at Olathe Memorial Cemetery. Warren leaves his son, Robert, daughter-in-law Charlene, who took care of him better than any daughter, and his grandkids, Linda and Wesley of Olathe, Kansas. He also leaves a sister-in-law & two-brothers-in-law, Peggy and William Bentley of St. Joseph, Michigan, and John McGuire of Naples, Florida. An appreciative "thank you" to all those working in the ICU of Overland Park Regional Hospital, his doctors, and Good Shepherd Hospice. -

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Thursday, June 1, 2006

Charles Joseph Dusselier, passed peacefully from his earthly home on Monday, May 29, 2006, at St. Luke's Plaza Hospital. Chuck's family asks that you join them at the visitation 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 1st at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, 8941 James A. Reed Road and/or celebration of Christian Burial Mass, 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church. Celebrated by Father Ernie Gauthier and all religious who wish to concelebrate. As an alternative to flowers, the family would suggest donations to Christian Brothers of the Midwest, 7650 South County Line Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527-4718. Born to Eugenie Soetaert Dusselier and Victor L. Dusselier on September 16, 1917, he was the sixth child of 11 children of immigrant parents, who came from Belgium to America through Ellis Island. Chuck graduated from Blessed Sacrament Grade School and DeLaSalle Academy, both of Kansas City, Missouri. He lived in Kansas City, Mo. until moving to Lee's Summit in December, 2003. He was a member of St. John Francis Regis Parish for 38 years, presently Our Lady of Presentation. Chuck was a vibrant, active man who was blessed with a long and fulfilling life. He faced his illness with extraordinary courage, maintaining his infectious smile and feisty sense of humor with a twinkle in his deep blue eyes. Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, had an unconditional love for God and was completely devoted to his family and loved ones, with great pride in their lives and accomplishments. He served in WWII as a radio operator aboard a B-24 in the Pacific, Army Air Corp, 307th Bombardment Group, 13th Air Force. Upon graduation he worked for Wolferman "Downtown" Grocery, Standard Steel Works (as a welder) North Kansas City and operated both a Skelly and Conoco Station with his brother George. Then he formed Dusselier Concrete Foundation Company, one of the first basement pouring companies in the Kansas City area with his brother Hank, and later established and opened Dusselier Brothers Ready Mix with his four brothers as equal owner in Grandview, Mo. Chuck was a former officer of Midwest Concrete Industry Board; Home Builders Association; Belgian-American Club of Greater Kansas City; Carpenters Local #61; DeLaSalle Alumni- celebrating his 70th year of graduation at the annual reunion on April 20th; Arch-Bishop O'Hara Booster Club; ten-year coach for Cub Scouts Baseball, receiving an award at 101 Sports Banquet; Friendly "Pinochle Club" for over 50 years; Affiliate of Christian Brothers of the Midwest; attended Cunsillo of Diocese of Kansas City/St. Jo. Chuck married his loving wife, Florence Smith Dusselier on June 7, 1947 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. They would have celebrated their 59th anniversary in approximately 2 weeks. To this union, three wonderful sons were born, Paul, Marty and Dan. Their immediate family grew with the marriages of Paul to Jeanine, Marty to Janet and Dan to Carol. Followed by eight grandchildren who are the extra lights in their life, namely, Andy, Shannon, Angela, Scott, Gail, Renee, Charlie and Stephanie. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents Eugenie and Victor Dusselier, sisters and brothers in-laws; Sister Mary Gregory Dusselier, Charity of Leavenworth, Frank and his wife Anna Dusselier, Shawnee, Mary Dusselier Van Keinsbilck and her husband Sid of Shawnee, Kan.; Henry and Marguerite Shaw Dusselier of Kansas City, Mo.; Robert Dusselier and Thomas Burke, Stance Kolomitz of Winslow, Ariz. He is survived by his wife, Florence; son and daughters, Paul and Jeanine, Marty and Janet, Dan and Carol; grandchildren, Andy and his wife Amy Dusselier, Shannon and her husband Joe Ketchum, Angela and fiance, Sean Haggerty, Scott Dusselier, Renee and friend Mark Miller, Charlie Dusselier and Stephanie Dusselier. He also leaves his sisters, brother and in-laws; Elizabeth Kolomitz, Winslow, Ariz., Agnes and Clarence Groff, Lee's Summit, Mo., Florence "Dee" Burke, Lee's Summit, Mo., George and Audry Dusselier, Kansas City, Mo., and Tom and Pat Smith, Raytown, Mo., and Geraldine Dusselier, Kansas City, Mo. His family will be forever grateful to the entire staff at John Knox Village Care Center for the extra care and attention received. They would like to give a special thanks to Noel White for her special attention and loving care. Arrangements - McGilley State Line Chapel (816) 942-6180

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Monday, December 18, 2006

Eugenia M. Williams, 94, passed away December 16, 2006 at North Kansas City Hospital, Kansas City, MO. Visitation will be from 12-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 19 at Redemptorist Catholic Church, 3333 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 1:30 p.m. Burial at Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Redemptorist Church. Eugenia was born on March 3, 1912 in Brussels, Belgium. She was one of the first volunteers for the Redemptorist Center when it started in 1986. Eugenia was a member of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians and the "Johnson City Senior Barn Players" for 12 years. She was employed by the VFW National Headquarters for 20 years. She served as President of VFW Aux #35, President of VFW Aux 4th Division, VFW State Secretary, and a member of Aux. 7900. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, John and Leo Hallak. Survivors include a sister, Betty Bomgardner of Parker, CO, and numerous nieces and nephews. (Arr: McGilley Midtown Chapel(816)753-6200.)

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Tuesday, December 19, 2006

Alice I. McEndree, 80, Lenexa, KS, died Sun., Dec. 17, 2006 at her home. Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 21 at the Porter Funeral Home, 8535 Monrovia, Lenexa, KS. Cremation. Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Wed. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Galveston Burn Hospital, or to St. Joseph Indian School, Chamberlain, South Dakota 57326. Alice was born Sept. 25, 1926, in Shawnee, KS and had lived all of her life in Shawnee, and Lenexa. Alice had owned with her mother, Mary's Hi-Way Market in Shawnee, KS for over 30 years, and had co-owned along with her husband Bob's Body Shop in Lenexa for 25 years. She was a member of the Belgium -American Club, and the V.F.W. Auxiliary of Lenexa. She was an antique collector and had a great sense of humor. Her son, Michael Wayne Whitney, preceded her in death. Survivors include her son Roger Whitney and his wife Sandy; 3 daughters Linda Hornick and husband Melvin; Sheryl Robin Flanner and husband Mark; Candace WhitneyCollins and husband Tim; her brother Arthur VanLerberg; 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. (Arr: Porter Funeral Homes & Crematory, 8535 Monrovia, Lenexa, KS, 913-438-6444).

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Friday, December 22, 2006

John H. "Johnnie" Van Schoelandt, 89, peacefully passed on December 20, 2006, to his eternal life in heaven. Born on March 25, 1917, on the family farm in Shawnee, Johnnie was a lifetime resident of Johnson County, Kan. He owned and operated the Van

Schoelandt Hardware Store in Shawnee for many years. Johnnie, along with his wife Betty, was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shawnee and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gardner and devoted much of his time to a variety of organizations including the Knights of Columbus, the Farm Bureau, Johnson County Developers and the Belgium Club. He enjoyed working on his farm or in his workshop, and was extremely proud of the phlox, mums, cantaloupe, tomatoes and asparagus he grew in the garden at their home. Johnnie was a true gentleman, and will always be remembered for his optimistic outlook on life and for his kind and loving nature. Johnnie is survived by his wife Betty Saul Van Schoelandt of the home; his daughter Kathy Van Schoelandt Henehan of Dallas, son-in-law Dan Henehan of Spring Hill; two stepsons, Tom Saul of Overland Park, Kan., Bernie Saul and his wife Karen of Littleton, Colo.; seven grandchildren, Jovee and Judy Henehan, Julie Koehn, John Saul, Matt Saul, Bradley Saul and Casey Saul, and seven great grandchildren, Max and Anthony Koehn, Owen and Emma Saul, Storm and Samara Saul, and Atticus Saul, and many other nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents, Felix and Katherine Van Schoelandt; siblings Mike, Charley, Mary, Annie and Tillie; his first wife, Josephine Soetaert Van Schoelandt and their son, John J. Van Schoelandt. Visitation will be at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee on Friday from 5 - 7 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m. A second visitation will be from 8:30-9 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gardner with a rosary at 9 a.m., followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery in Lenexa. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to your favorite church or charity. Online condolences may be expressed at www.amosfamily.com. Arrangements are by The Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee,(913) 631-5566

Kansas City Kansan (KS) - Tuesday, October 9, 2007

George Arthur Dobbelaere, 66, of Bonner Springs, Kan., died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Alden-Harrington Funeral Home, with burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Raytown, Mo. Visitation at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Operation Wildlife, 23375 Guthrie Rd., Linwood, KS 66052.