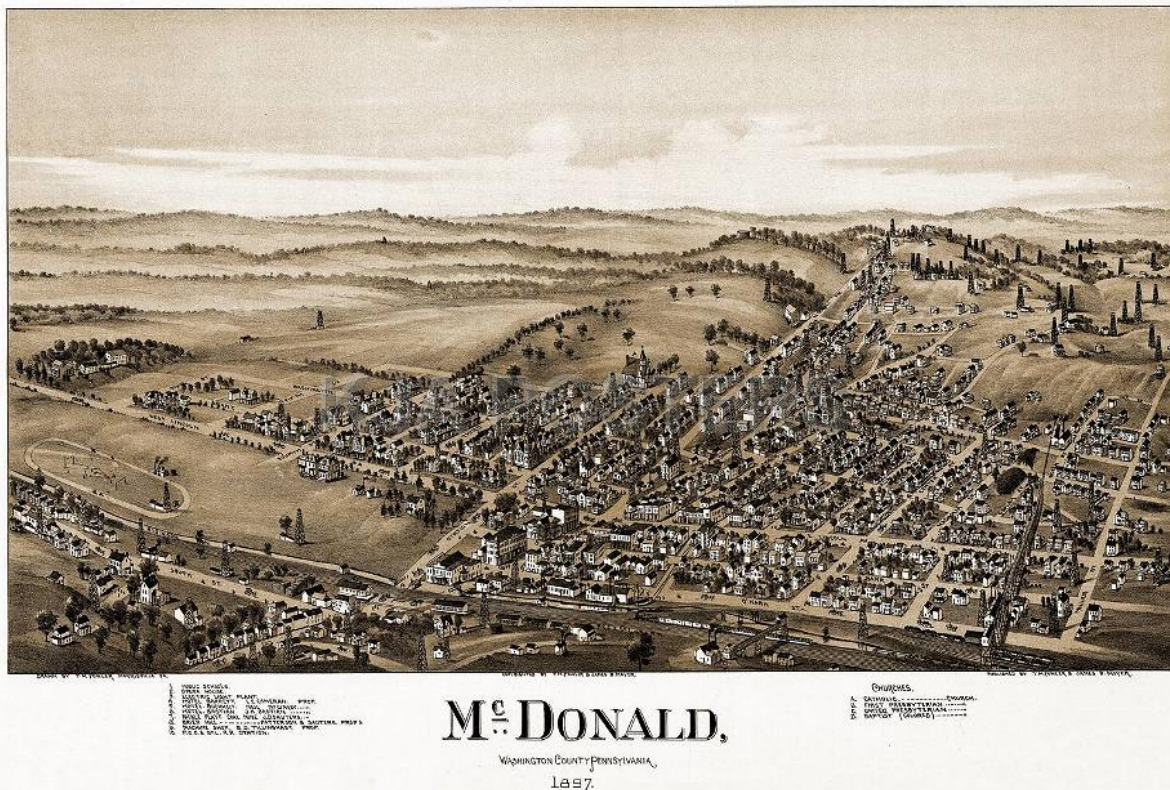


PENNSYLVANIA-OBITS

1892-1949

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Pierre DELIANT, a Belgian miner, was killed by a fall of slate at Brier Hill on Thursday morning. He leaves a wife and four children, the youngest of which is nine years old. They own a house and lot on Belgian Hill. Friday afternoon the remains were buried at Arlington. Deceased was well known as an honest, hard working man, struggling to make a home for his family in the country of his adoption. He was a regular attendant at the U. P. Church. - Mar. 13 to May 12, 1892 McDonald PA Outlook

A child of Monsieur **ELOI**, Belgian Hill, died on Wednesday. - Oct. 29, 1892 McDonald PA Outlook

On the 29th ult., of fever, near Nickel Plate mine, Mrs. **Leante ELOI**. Deceased was one of a party of six that came here from Belgium about six months ago, and only the two brothers, Joseph and Leante ELOI, remain. Mrs. Joseph ELOI died on the 17th ult. and two children of Leante ELOI died during the summer. - Dec. 3, 1892 McDonald PA Outlook

On the 16th ult., of diphtheria, a child of Arthur **CHARLIER** of the East End. On the 1st in the same family, of the same ... a child; and on the 9th in the same family, another child. A fourth child of Mr. CHARLIER is sick with the same disease.
Dec. 10, 1892 McDonald Record

Of diphtheria, on Wednesday, daughter of Joseph **CENIS**, aged about two years. - Dec. 31, 1892 McDonald PA Outlook

Died, on the 12th inst., on Belgian Hill, Monsieur **PENSIS**, at an advanced age. He leaves a wife and seven sons and daughters. Died, at Willow Grove, on the 11th inst., a child of Mr. **DEWEY**, aged six months. The remains were taken to Tarentum for interment. - Aug. 19, 1893 McDonald PA Outlook

The body of a man supposed to be the missing Willow Grove man, **Frank CHARLIER**, was found this week on the railroad track at DENNSION. It was the body of a man about 45 years old and only four feet, four and a half inches in height.
Nov. 24, 1894 McDonald PA Outlook

On the 11th inst., at her home in the Robb Valley, **Mrs. MASQUELIER** aged about 60 years.

Deceased came from Belgium with her family about seven years ago. She leaves six children. Mrs. M. was noted for her deep piety and earnest Christian life. The funeral was on Tuesday, Rev. Mr. LITTLE conducting the services.

June 16, 1894 McDonald PA Outlook

Peter C RENIERS, one of the finest sculptors in the city, died on Friday morning at the residence of his son, Thomas RENIERS, #225 Elliott Street, Brushton (PA). He was at the marble works the Saturday previous, and feeling slightly indisposed he went to the home of his son instead of returning to his own residence at Turtle Creek. He was taken with sharp pain in the night and in a very short time was delirious. A physician was hastily summoned, he pronouncing the trouble an attack of pneumonia, and declaring that recovery was impossible. Despite all care and attention Mr RENIERS passed away, thus ending a long and useful life.

Peter Charles RENIERS was born in Antwerp, Belgium, March 28, 1825. In 1848 he came to America, first locating in Cincinnati. In '51 he came to Pittsburg, and at different times was connected with the firms of WW Wallace and John Lawton. About that time he married a niece of Mr. Lawton, Miss Hannah ARMITAGE, shortly afterward removing to Philadelphia on account of his health. When there he was connected with the firms of John Baird and J F Jacobi. He returned to Pittsburg in the early '60s starting in business for himself on Liberty street, removing from there to Ninth, and from that location to 914 Penn Avenue where he remained for a period of 16 years. During the last year he purchased property and erected a shop and office at the new entrance of Homewood cemetery, East End. He was a sculptor of note, having made busts of Dr Kane, the Arctic explorer; President Pierce, Charles Spang, Alexander King, Thomas Scott and other equally well known men. He perfected himself in his art in the schools of Paris. The figures on St Paul's cathedral were cut by him, likewise those on St Peter's in Allegheny. General Hay's monument in Allegheny cemetery, was his work; also the Kearney monument in St Mary's cemetery, and the magnificent altar donated to Trinity church by the late J H Shoenberger. His wife and five of a family of six children survive him: CJ, the oldest son at present in New York; Miss Mollie, who resides with her mother at Turtle Creek; Mrs. William Bently of Rochester, Thomas and William RENIERS, who were connected with their father in business. The deceased was a loving husband, kind father and true friend and is mourned by a host of friends. The remains were taken to the old home at Turtle Creek where funeral services will be held on Monday at 1pm. The pallbearers will be as follows: Charles McKenna, David Woods, William Bently, William McMillan, David Caruthers and James Dykeman. -

<http://205.247.101.31:2005/u/?/slpgenealog,1466>

From the "Leader" -Pittsburg, PA -date Oct 28, 1894 - Pennsylvania Scrap Book Necrology, Volume 10, p. 138

Wednesday morning **Frank VANDERMEEST**, 59 years old, a single man, who boarded with F. BEYENS on Belgian hill, hanged himself with a strap in a little brick wash house in the front yard of the place where he boarded. This man has for a number of years as the spring approached, always been for a few days demented. In the old country he tried once, when he had one of these spells, to kill himself. On Tuesday he met Mr. Nicholas EGBERT and said he had lost his senses and must commit suicide. Mr. EGBERT and others set a watch upon the man and early Wednesday morning they prevented him from shooting himself. Shortly afterwards, while Mr. E. was preparing to have him taken to the county home, he suddenly disappeared and was found dead by Isadore EGBERT¹.

Feb. 29, 1896 McDonald PA Outlook

¹ In 1900 Isadore EGBERT, b 1874 in Belgium lived with his wife Laura EGBERT, b Apr 1879, Belgium and son Nicholas EGBERT b Feb 1898, PA in North Fayette Twp, Allegheny Co. PA

At Sturgeon, on the 25th, two-months-old child of Joseph **MASQUELIER**.
Mar. 28, 1896 McDonald PA Outlook

On the 22d, 4-year-old child of J. P. **LERMINIAUX**, East End.
Late Apr-Early May 1896 McDonald PA Outlook

At Champion on the 17th, of consumption, **Eugene CARLIER**, aged 48 years. Deceased was a native of Belgium. He leaves a large family.
May 22, 1897 McDonald PA Outlook

Mr. **Hubert HOYAUX**, father of Mr. Emile HOYAUX of Liberty Street, died on the 29th ult. at his home in Th__, Belgium, in his 71st year. Mr. H. was superintendent of a large farm. He raised a family of nine children, and gave them a fine education and a good start in life. The old gentleman visited his son Emile here about a year ago
Aug. 21, 1897 McDonald PA Outlook

On the 17th at his home on Belgian Hill, **Martin SUPLIT**, in his 73d year.
Deceased was a native of Belgium, and was one of the first settlers in McDonald. He leaves a large family of sons, well-known citizens. Mrs. V. F. MARLIER is his daughter. The funeral was on Sunday, interment at Robinson Run.
Aug. 25, 1900 McDonald PA Outlook

Daniel Bare, a pioneer resident and one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the borough, died this morning at 12:20 o'clock at the residence of his son-in-law, Pharmacist James H Sheridan, northeast corner of Third and Locust Streets. The deceased had been indisposed, though not severely so, for some weeks. On last Sunday night he suffered an attack of heart failure, which gradually sapped his strength resulting in his demise this morning. Mr. Bare was a son of the late Henry and Lambertine Bare and was born at Xhendremael, in the Province of Liege, Belgium, on October 15, 1828. He was deprived by death of both his parents in his eleventh year. In his early days he served his country in the First Regiment of Royal Belgian Lancers, from which he received an honorable discharge upon the expiration of his term of soldier life. Leaving his native country he journeyed to Austria, Spain and England and from the last named place sailed for America, arriving in New York City in 1856. He located in New York City, where he married Miss Adeline GOURT. Later he went to New Haven, Conn. And still later, 1861, came to South Bethlehem, then named Augusta, where his services as an expert zinc smelter were secured by Joseph Wharton, the pioneer manufacturer of that metal in this country. Other Belgian zinc workers were engaged and over them Mr. Bare was employed for many years as night foreman until his resignation some years ago. The deceased was one of the first members of the congregation of the Church of the Holy Infancy and was active in the work of the same from the organization of the parish and until many years after. His bereaved widow, one daughter, Rose, wife of James H Sheridan, and five grandchildren, the Misses Annie and Rose and Masters Clement, Daniel and Bare Sheridan and two brothers in Liege, Belgium, survive. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from the home of the deceased's son-in-law and will proceed to the church of the Holy Ghost, where high mass will be said. Internment will be made in the family burial plot in St Michael's cemetery. - From ---, South Bethlehem - 13 Jun 1901

Jos. MASQUELIER, aged 59 years, and for sixteen years a highly respected resident of McDonald, died Wednesday at noon at his home on Valley street extension. Saturday he worked in the mine, and a few minutes after he returned, suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never rallied. He leaves a wife and three children-Joseph, Mary and Adaline, all the children being married. Funeral services this Friday at 4 o'clock, interment at Arlington. - March 29, 1902 McDonald PA Outlook

The 15-month-old daughter of Sebastian **DESCUTNER**, who returned from Europe two weeks ago after a stay of more than a year, died Wednesday morning of membranous croup. The child was one of twins, the other being with its grandparents in France, where the mother died. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon by Rev. E. S. LHEUREAUX. Interment at Hilldale.
April 11, 1902 McDonald Record

On Wednesday April 9th, the infant **daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. **Sebastine DESCUTNER**, on Belgian Hill. Services at 3 o'clock Thursday by Rev. LHEUREAUX. Interment at Hilldale. - April 12, 1902, McDonald PA Outlook

Jules CHARLIER, Sr., died Wednesday evening, June 4, 1902, at his home, Robb's valley, after a long illness of a complication of diseases. The deceased was born in Belgium, February 12, 1843, and brought his family her in October 1879. He at once affiliated himself with the First U. P. church of McDonald, of which he has been a faithful and consistent member up to his death. The first to teach a French Bible class in the Sabbath school, his walk in life was circumspect and he died in the triumph of the faith. His wife and six children, J. J., the grocer, Fred E., manager of the Federal Supply store, Emile, a miner, Elie, a clerk in the Federal Supply store, Mary and Alice, at home, survive him, also five grandchildren. The funeral will be held from the First U. P. church this afternoon and the services will be conducted by the Rev. E. S. LHEUREUX, assisted by Rev. W. D. IRONS. Interment at Arlington.
June 6, 1902 McDonald Record

Romey GERAM, 49 years old, a native of Belgium, died at the south Side Hospital on Tuesday, the result of injuries received by a fall of slate in Cherry Valley mine two weeks ago. He is survived by his wife and six children, residents of Cherry Valley. The funeral took place yesterday morning with services at St. Patrick's Church, Noblestown.

3 December 1903, McDonald PA Record

Mrs. Irma VANDALE, aged 21 years, died on Wednesday, at her home in Cecil, of tuberculosis. She is survived by her husband. The funeral took place at Arlington this, Friday.

Jan. 30, 1904 McDonald PA Outlook

Hector ROMAIN² died at Sturgeon Wednesday evening. He leaves a wife and one son, Hector, 11 years old, to mourn his demise. Deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows and La Solidarite society. Funeral services at 3 o'clock Saturday; interment at Arlington.

Mar. 12, 1904 McDonald PA Outlook

Seraphin SCHOLLART, a native of Belgium and a well-known resident of Noblestown, died at the home of his son Monday evening, aged 85 years. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon. Interment at Noblestown cemetery.

March 18, 1904 McDonald Record

Died, March 14th, **Serefene SCHOLLAERT**³, of Noblestown, aged 85 years.

*Sturgeon column - Mar. 19, 1904 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. Desire DUMONT died at her home here about one o'clock Monday afternoon of pneumonia. Death came unexpectedly. She was apparently somewhat better in the morning and her son went to his work in McDonald as usual only to be summoned home by the sudden turn in his mother's illness. Mrs. DUMONT was a native of Belgium and is survived by her husband, one son Joe, at home, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary JOHNSON, of Glassport and Ida, at home. The funeral services were held in the U. P. church Wednesday afternoon by Rev. H. GARROU of McDonald. Interment at Centre.

March 25, 1904 McDonald Record

Mrs. **Amelia**, wife of Eugene **QUINET**, aged 44 years, died Monday morning and was buried Tuesday afternoon at Arlington. Deceased leaves a husband and eleven children. - Dec. 10, 1904 McDonald PA Outlook

Ferdinand DE LUEGE, a native of Belgium aged 49 years, committed suicide at his boarding place, the residence of Mitchell BENOIT, East Lincoln avenue, early Tuesday morning. Shortly after midnight DE LUEGE woke Mr. BENOIT's son Fred, who slept with him, by pounding him violently on the chest. His manner alarmed the young man who left the room and slept elsewhere the rest of the night. Mrs. BENOIT went to waken the lodger about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and was horrified to find him dead, he having hanged himself to the bedpost with a piece of clothes line. The deed had evidently been contemplated for some time as a new clothesline was found among his effects. Deceased had lived in this vicinity for fourteen years. He was an epileptic and several times by reason of ill health had been forced to become an inmate of the county home. For the past year he had worked in a hotel at Rosevale, but returned to McDonald about three months ago and sought work at his trade, that of a miner. Failure to secure work and brooding over his continued ill health probably made the man despondent. He was not penniless, however, as the coroner found \$103.90 in his trunk. His funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. Interment at Hilldale cemetery.

Mar. 3, 1905 McDonald PA Record

Eli BOURGNET⁴, aged 41, was killed in Jumbo mine Tuesday morning by a fall of slate. The accident was due in a measure to his ignorance of the formation in this mine, he having only been in this country a short time. A wife and five children in Belgium survive him. Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D., conducted the funeral services Wednesday afternoon. Interment was made at Hilldale.

Apr. 28, 1905 McDonald PA Record

Henry LONGRE⁵, who was hurt in the Carnegie mine at Primrose on Tuesday of last week and sent to the hospital, died the same day. The remains were brought to his home at Taylorstown where services were held by Rev. H. GARROU and Paul SAPPPIE on Saturday. Interment was made at Centre. Mr. LONGRE was a native of Belgium and came here with an older son and a little

² The 1900 US Census shows Hector ROMAIN, b Nov (or Feb) 1868 in Belgium, married for 7 y to Celine, b Mar 1873 in Belgium (mother of one child), and son Hector, 7, b in PA. Hector came to the US in 1888 – naturalized (entry best viewed in negative format) – The WWI Draft Registration cards have Hector (Jr) b 19 Mar 1893, PA

³ 1900 US Census lists him under **Seraphin SCOLLARD**, 80y, b in Mar 1820, in Belgium ; married for 56y to Mary, b May 1821 in Belgium (she has had 7 children, 5 of whom are living at the time the census was taken). They emigrated in 1880, he is still an alien. Their son Victor, b 1846 in Belgium lives with them. He's a coalminer.

⁴ (or BARGNET) <http://patheoldminer.rootsweb.com/wasjumbo1.html>

Belgian Miner, Coal Loader ca.1905, Jumbo Mine, Age 41, married, 5 children; Instantly Killed by a fall of slate, in the Jumbo Mine, April 25, 1905.

⁵ Lougree, Herbert, Belgian Miner, Coal Loader ca.1905, Primrose Mine, Age 42, married, 5 children.; Killed. Fatally injured by a fall of slate, in the Primrose Mine, May 17, 1905.

daughter. His wife and several small children remained in Belgium to dispose of some real estate there. This she had done and was on her way to America, expecting to land this week. May 26, 1905 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Clementina VERSCHNEREN**⁶, 39 years old, accidentally ignited a quantity of powder at her home at Champion, near Sturgeon, Monday morning, and was burned so badly that she died from her injuries. The house, which had been badly damaged by fire recently, was almost wrecked by the explosion. It is believed that Mrs. **VERSCHUEREN** was hunting for something in a closet, where powder was kept by her husband and two sons, who are miners, with a lighted match and that she dropped the latter into the powder. Mrs. **VERSCHUEREN** was alone when the explosion occurred, the other members of the family being upstairs. When found her clothes had been burned. A doctor was summoned from McDonald but the woman had inhaled the flame and lived but a few hours, death putting an end to her terrible sufferings. The funeral services were held at her late residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. **DOAK** of Sturgeon M. E. church in charge. The remains were interred at Arlington.

*The deceased's name is spelled two ways in the obit. - June 9, 1905 McDonald PA Record

Prosper FLORET, a well known Belgian resident, died at his home on North McDonald Street Friday evening, October 6th, his death resulting from injuries received while at work in the mines about one year ago. Deceased was 70 years of age and is survived by his wife. Funeral services were held in the French Mission Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Henry **GARROU**. Interment was made in Hilldale. - Oct. 14, 1905 McDonald PA Outlook

Louis HAINAUT was so severely injured by a fall of slate in Brier Hill mine Friday morning that he died from the effects of his injury at 2:30 in the afternoon. Mr. **HAINAUT** was aged 54 years, 4 months and 14 days. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, three sons, Jules, who married Jeferine **DESCUTNER**, Louis and Alfred, and one daughter, Mrs. Ernest **BROHET**. Mr. **HAINAUT** was one of the brightest Belgian-American citizens of McDonald and was a charter member of the French I. O. O. F. of McDonald, also a member of the Solidarite Association. He will be greatly missed, not only by the Belgian people, but by his large circle of friends in this neighborhood. The funeral services will be held at his late home at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. - Nov. 4, 1905 McDonald PA Outlook

Frank BLANCHARD, a Belgian, 50 years old, shot himself Thursday at 5 p.m. near the Champion tipple. **BLANCHARD** tried to kill his wife and also Mr. and Mrs. Flore **HALEE** and then shot himself through the heart, he leaves a wife and 5 children. Nov. 4, 1905 McDonald PA Outlook

Baptiste VERCAMMEN, a highly respected French⁷ citizen, aged 84 years, died at his home in Sturgeon, Thursday November 30, at 2 a.m., of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's church, Noblestown this Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Rev. Father **BURGOON** officiating. Interment was made in the Noblestown cemetery. - Dec. 2, 1905 McDonald PA Outlook

Frank DEHAUX, single, aged 54, died at this home on Belgian Hill, Tuesday, January 2d. He is survived by two brothers, Emile **DEHAUX** of Robb Valley and Alex. **DEHAUX** of Charleroi, and three sisters, Mrs. Mary **MASQUELIER**, Mrs. Elise **MASQUELIER** of McDonald and Mrs. Jennie **MANANDISE** of Charleroi. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon. Interment was made at Hilldale. - Jan. 5, 1906 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. Leon GUYAUX⁸ of Sturgeon, aged 20 years, died of consumption, Tuesday, Feb. 20. Funeral services by Rev. **DOAK** on Wednesday. Died Tuesday, Feb. 20, Mrs. Leon **GUYAUX**, aged 20 years. Mrs. **GUYAUX** died at the home of her parents on High street, Sturgeon. Funeral Wednesday at 3 p.m., interment at Arlington. - *Sturgeon column Feb. 24, 1906 McDonald PA Outlook

Hector HOBEKE⁹, aged 59 years, unmarried, of Champion, died Friday, Feb. 16, of pneumonia. Buried at Arlington cemetery Sunday. *Sturgeon column Feb. 24, 1906 McDonald PA Outlook

Raoul Balza, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Balza died at the home of his parents of 1006 Crest avenue at 10o'clock yesterday morning. The child had been sick of pneumonia and its death was ot unexpected. Services will be held at the house Saturday afternoon at 2o'clock after which the remains will be taken to the Charleroi cemetery to be interred.

The Daily Mail – Charleroi, PA, 20 Apr 1906

A little girl of **Frank BOHEY**'s of Cherry Valley, fell into a kettle of scalding water Saturday and died from the effects on Sunday. Interment Monday at Center cemetery. - *Midway column May 26, 1906 McDonald PA Outlook

⁶ Although not listed as Belgian here, the 1900 census shows this Belgian lady living in North Fayette Twp, Allegheny Co, PA

⁷ <http://awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?ti=0&surname=vercammen&given=baptist>

Johannes Baptist Vercammen was born 5 Oct 1821 in Zele Belgium, and died in Sturgeon PA. He married Joanne Virginia De Pauw 21 Apr 1852 in Audergem Belgium. She was born 18 Mar 1825 in Audergem Belgium.

⁸ The 1900 US Census (North Fayette, Allegheny, PA) shows **Leon GUYAUX**, 27 (b May 1873, Belgium) as the son of Desire (b Aug 1848) and Mary (b May 1854). The parents have been married 28 years and have had 12 kids, 7 of whom are living in 1900. They emigrated to the US respectively in 1887 and 1889. Their other children are: Nicholas (b Aug 1882, Belgium), Nellie (b Nov 1884, Belgium), Mary b Sep 1890, PA), Gusty (son b Apr 1894, PA)

⁹ The 1900 US Census (North Fayette, Allegheny, PA) shows **Hector HOEBEKE** b Jun 1856, single, b in Belgium, emigrated in 1891. He is a coalminer.

Mrs. S. DEWITT and daughters, Mrs. **Mary AGRAIN**¹⁰ and Leona RHODE, were called to Tarentum Saturday by the sudden death of Mrs. DEWITT's sister, Mrs. LAMBERT. The deceased was well known here having been a resident of this town for many years.

*Midway column May 26, 1906 McDonald PA Outlook

On Monday June 4, **Mrs. Leon CENIS** 58 years of age. Funeral from her home Wednesday June 6. Interment at Arlington. Mrs. CENIS was found about 6:30 o'clock Monday morning lying face downward, just as she had fallen, in about one foot of water in Robinsons run across the county line below the Nickle Plate coal tipple. About six o'clock she left her son-in-law's home to prepare breakfast for her son who works at the Jumbo mine and for whom she kept house on the North side of the creek. She has been afflicted with rheumatism for some time and it is evident that she slipped and fell from the five inch pipe on which she was attempting to cross and which is about 18 inches above the water. She was probably stunned by the fall and was unable to save herself. She was removed to the HUMPHRIES mortuary on Washington St. and the coroner of Allegheny Co. was summoned. After an investigation it was shown beyond doubt that her death was accidental. She is survived by four sons and two daughters, four of whom live in McDonald and the 2, a son and a daughter, at Lore city O. - June 9, 1906 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. **Constance HUTSEBAUT**¹¹, 68 years old, died Sunday, July 22, at her home at Cecil. The deceased at one time live here, also at Midway. Her husband and three married daughters survive. The funeral took place Tuesday. Interment was made at Venice.

July 28, 1906 McDonald PA Outlook

August DEWITT¹² died Friday, August 3, 1906 after a lingering illness. Services were held from his late home on French hill Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. D. GIBSON. Interment at Center Cemetery. He is survived by his wife only, and she expects to sell out and return to her old home in France. - *Midway column - Aug. 11, 1906 McDonald PA Outlook

Feb. 2, 1907 McDonald PA Outlook

Peter TAZAT, age 82 years and 8 days old, died Tuesday morning, January 29, at 10 o'clock, at the home of his son, Louis TAZAT, of Belgian Hill. Mr. TAZAT was born at Dampreny, Belgium, and landed in the United States on Christmas Day, 1880. His wife who survives him is in Belgium. Of their seven children only two remain. They are Louis TAZAT and Clemence, wife of Fred. SCRVAIS, both of McDonald. The funeral services were held in St. Alphonsus' church by Rev. J. A. BURGOON on Thursday morning. Interment was made at Noblestown.

Mrs. Peter SUPLIT died Thursday morning February 7, at the family home on Belgian Hill. The deceased is survived by her husband and infant child. The funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. J. P JORDAN assisted by Rev. H. GARRON. Interment will be made at Arlington.

Feb. 8, 1907 McDonald Outlook

Pierre Joseph DESCUTNER, aged 59 years and six months, died Wednesday morning, March 13, at his home on Belgian Hill. Deceased had been a resident of McDonald for almost 22 years. The greater part of his life had been devoted to the occupation of coal mining and by his thrift he had accumulated considerable property. He is survived by his wife and ten children: Mrs. Maria THEBAUT of Seattle, Wash., Sebastian at home, Mrs. Emma MASQUELIER, wife of J. B. MASQUELIER, of McDonald, F. L. DESCUTNER, Peter E. DESCUTNER and Effren DESCUTNER of the McDonald Tea Company, Mrs. Zephirine HAINAUT, wife of Jules HAINAUT of McDonald, Miss Arthemisia and Zephirin and Harry at home. The funeral services were held Friday afternoon at two o'clock, by Rev. GARRON, assisted by Dr. IRONS. Interment at Arlington.

Mar. 16, 1907 McDonald PA Outlook

Peter SCHOLLAERT¹³, a well-known resident of Sturgeon, died Monday evening June 16, aged 53 years. His wife and eight children survive him. The funeral took place Wednesday morning with High Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Noblestown. The deceased was a member of the Solidarite Society and a very large concourse of people followed the remains to their last resting place.

June 21, 1907 McDonald PA Record

¹⁰ The 1910 US census (Midway, Washington, PA) shows Mary Agrain, 39, b in Belgium, emigrated to the US in 1886, has been married for 19y to Isadore Agrain, 50, b in France. They have had 3 children, only 2 of whom are alive in 1910: Jennie L, 17, b in PA and Franck I, 16 also b in PA

In 1900, Smith Twp, Washington Co, PA, Isidore Agrain (b Jan 1862) and his wife Mary (b Nov 1872) shows the children to be: Jennie, b Sep 1892; Franck, b Jan 1895 and Louisa M b Jan 1899

¹¹ The 1900 US Census, Cecil Twp, Washington, PA gives Constance, b in Mar 1836, Belgium, married for 32y to Frank HUTSEBAUT, b Dec 1843, Belgium. She has had 8 children only 4 of whom are alive at the time of the census. She and her husband emigrated in 1887. he's a coalminer.

¹² August Deuwitt - b Jun 1842, M30, b Belgium, emigrated 1886, Na, farmer; Wife, Noela?, b Mar 1839, M30, 3/3, b France, emigrated 1886 on the 1900 US Census, Washington Co, Smith Twp, taken the 8th Jun 1900

¹³ 1900 US Census (Sturgeon, Allegheny Co, PA) show a **Peter SCHOLLARD**, 48, coal miner, b Mar 1852 in Belgium, husband of Matilde, 42, b Jan 1858 in Belgium (she had born 10 children; only 8 of them living in 1900: Julius, b Jan 1881 in Belgium; the rest born in Pennsylvania: Walter, b Sep 1883; Charlie, b Oct 1885; Nora, b Jul 1887; Desire, b Jun 1891; Lizzie, b Oct 1892; Willie, b Aug 1895; Frank, b Jan 1900.

Mrs. **Fanny PLETINCKS**, 72 years and nine months old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Victor CENIS of Liberty street, Tuesday evening, July 23, a few minutes before midnight. Mrs. PLETINCKS was a native of Belgium. Her husband, John PLETINCKS, died twenty-eight years ago. She is survived by one son and three daughters. They are Adolph PLETINCKS of McDonald, Mrs. A. MASSON of Cecil, Mrs. C. BASCOURT of Hays, Pa., and Mrs. Victor CENIS of McDonald. The funeral services were held at the latter's home yesterday afternoon by Rev. H. GARROU. Interment was made at Arlington.
July 26, 1907 McDonald PA Record

Emile, the six-months-old son of **Albert QUINET**, west of Primrose, died Wednesday of summer complaint. The funeral will take place this afternoon. Aug. 2, 1907 McDonald PA Record

The thirteen-months old son of **Peter DEGRAFF**¹⁴ of Cecil died Monday. The funeral, conducted by Rev. W. D. IRONS and Rev. H. GARROU took place Wednesday afternoon. Interment was made at Venice. Aug. 9, 1907 McDonald PA Record

The six-year-old **son** of Frank **LEGRAND**¹⁵ of Primrose died Monday of diphtheria. Interment on Tuesday in Centre cemetery. The little boy was sick but two days. - *Midway column - Oct. 4, 1907 McDonald PA Record

Victor SCOLLART¹⁶, aged 62 years, died Thursday morning at Noblestown, of paralysis. He was never married and is survived by one sister and one brother. Interment was made at Noblestown cemetery Friday afternoon. - *Schollaert? - Dec. 28, 1907 McDonald PA Outlook

Killed in Fayette mines Sturgeon, January 15th, **Augustine BRACAVE**, aged 42 years. Mr. BRACAVA was a member of Franco-Belgian lodge of Sturgeon and was buried by the lodge Sunday at Arlington cemetery. Mr. BRACAVA leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

*Compiler's note: The wife's name was Mary and there was also a brother, Pierre, from a Card of Thanks published in the same paper. January 23, 1909 - McDonald PA Outlook

Constant BACU, died Saturday, March 13, at Laurel Hill, aged 67 years. Funeral services at his late residence Monday, March 15, conducted by Rev. ENGLISH. Survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters: Victor, Fernall, John, Herman, Laura and Jermaine. Interment at Robinson Run cemetery Monday afternoon. - Mar. 20, 1909 McDonald PA Outlook

Alfred COFFRIER, 74 years old, a native of Belgium, died n Friday, May 14, at the home of his nephew, Fred MOTTE, on Belgian Hill. He was a miner by occupation and had never been married. The aged Mrs. MOTTE of Belgian Hill is a sister. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. GARROU. Interment was made in Hilldale cemetery.
May 21, 1909 McDonald Record

Alexander SOUFFRANT, 62 years old, died at his home in Sturgeon on Friday, November 6. The deceased was born in Belgium and came to this country in 1889. He was a resident of McDonald for about four years, afterwards moving to Sturgeon, where he had resided ever since. He is survived by his wife, three sons, August SOUFFRANT of Sturgeon, Jules SOUFFRANT of Auburn, Ill., Fermin SOUFFRANT of Eldorado, Ill., three daughters, Mrs. F. CARLY of Sturgeon, Augusta and Phoebe SOUFFRANT at home. Two brothers and one sister also survive him. The funeral took place on Sunday and was very largely attended. Interment was made in Robinson's Run cemetery. - 12 November 1909, McDonald, PA Record

The funeral of **A. J. DEBRUXELL(E)S** took place from the family home at Cecil on Monday. Mr. DEBRUXELES died in Colorado, where he went last fall in the hope of regaining his health. He was aged 63 years and was prominent in Cecil, where he conducted a general store for about fifteen years. His wife and three daughters survive. - 14 January 1910, McDonald PA Record

Amelia, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **MASQUELIER**, died on Sunday evening, January 16, at her home in South Sharon. Mr. MASQUELIER and family had resided here a number of years, until about a year ago when they moved to South Sharon. Amelia was very bright and punctual in her school duties, and was well liked by her friends, who were many. She is survived

¹⁴ The 1910 US Census (Pennsylvania, Washington Co, Cecil), shows **Peter Degraff**, 50, b in Belgium, emigrated in 1885 with wife Pauline, 47 also b in Belgium. She had 14 children only 9 of whom are alive at the time of the census: Victor, 22 b in Belgium, the others were all born in Pennsylvania: Daniel, 17; Joseph, 15; Frank, 12; Arthur, 11; George, 9; Angel, 7 and Jules, 5

¹⁵ The 1910 US Census (Mount Pleasant, Washington, PA) shows **Frank Legrand**, 44, coalminer, b in Belgium, emigrated in 1894, naturalized, married for 16 y to Susy, 37, also a native of Belgium. She had 7 children, only 4 of whom were alive in 1910: Olga, 15, b in PA; Elva, 14, b in MO; Helen, 12, b in MO and Frank, 2, b in PA

¹⁶ The 1900 US Census shows him in South Fayette Twp., Allegheny co, PA, living with his parents: **Seraphin Scollard**, b Mar 1820 in Belgium and his mother **Mary**, b May 1821 in Belgium (mother of 7 children – 5 of whom are alive in 1900) Victor was born in 1846 in Belgium. He emigrated in 1880 and is naturalized. Next door to them lives the family of **Charles Scollart**, a brother maybe?

by her father and mother, one sister, Celina, and two brothers. Funeral services were held from her home on Wednesday afternoon. Interment at Sharon. - Jan. 21, 1910 McDonald PA Record

George DRUGMAND, whose death was reported in last week's issue of the Record, was a student in the eighth grade of Imperial school, and his teacher and classmates offer the following as a tribute of respect to his memory.

*Poem cut

**The February 4 issue of the Record was badly damaged, and the obit mentioned was not on any of the available pages, so Victoria Hopodar included this to mark the death.*

*From a separate column he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. DRUGMAND

Feb. 11, 1910 McDonald PA Record –

Mrs. **Marie DESCUTNER**¹⁷, 28 years old, wife of **Peter E. DESCUTNER**, died at her home on Valley street, Friday, February 18, at 4:45 a.m., of tuberculosis, after an illness of several years. Mrs. DESCUTNER is survived by her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Desire POSKIN** of Charlier street, and two younger brothers, **Valentine and Emile**, who reside with their parents. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon from the French church on North McDonald street. The friends that gathered for the service were so many that only about half could find room in the church. The services were conducted by the Rev. H. GARROU, assisted by the Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D., and the Rev. J. P. JORDAN. Interment was made in the Hilldale cemetery.

Feb. 25, 1910 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Katherine CENIS**, aged 78 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Jules GOFFART** of Laurel Hill, Tuesday morning, March 15, at 5 o'clock, after an illness of several days of pneumonia. Mrs. CENIS was born in Belgium, but came to America seventeen years ago, and had resided in this locality for the greater part of this time. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. CAUCHIE of South Side, McDonald; Mrs. NOE of Lore City, Ohio; Mrs. BOULANGER of Dietz, Wyoming, and Mrs. Frank GOFFART of Laurel HILL; and three stepsons, Max CENIS of Irwin, Joseph CENIS of Liberty street and Edward CENIS of Montana. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, conducted by the rev. H. GARROU. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Mar. 18, 1910 McDonald PA Record

Peter CHARLIER died Monday afternoon at his home here after an illness of about two years. The deceased was born in Belgium, January 16, 1853. The remains were removed on Tuesday to his son Arthur's residence in McDonald. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon. Interment was made in Robinsons Run cemetery.

*Midway column - Mar. 18, 1910 McDonald PA Record

Desire WAUTHIER, aged 59 years, died at his home in Sturgeon of heart trouble, Monday night, March 21. Mr. WAUTHIER had been a hard working man until about four years ago when he retired. He was born in Belgium and had resided in this locality about twenty-five years. Mr. WAUTHIER was well liked and respected by all who knew him. His wife, who is an invalid, survives him, also two daughters, Mrs. F. BENNETT of Arkansas and Mr. A. CHARLIER of McDonald, and two sisters, Mrs. SOUFFRANT of Sturgeon and Mrs. GAINAUX (GALNAUX?) of Belgium. Funeral services were held at his home on Thursday afternoon. Interment at Robinson's Run cemetery. - Mar. 25, 1910 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Sidney BALZA**, 64 years old, died at her home 1002 Crest Avenue yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. The funeral will be held from the late residence on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Charleroi cemetery.

The Charleroi Mail – Charleroi, Pennsylvania – 18 May 1910

Alphonsus BEAUMARIAGE, a well to do retired miner, died at his home in Cecil at 2:45 o'clock, Monday afternoon, May 23, following an illness of considerable duration. He was 57 years of age. Four sons¹⁸ survive. Funeral services were held at the late home on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment at Venice. - May 27, 1910 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. Rosalie TAVERNIER, wife of Louis TAVERNIER of Laurel Hill, died at her home on Sunday morning, August 7, at 7 a.m. She was 36 years of age. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Robinson's Run cemetery. Besides her husband two small daughters (*Renee and Alice*¹⁹) survive. Mr. TAVERNIER was badly injured several weeks ago, while at work in the Briar Hill mine and is still confined to his home. - Aug. 12, 1910 McDonald PA Record

¹⁷ Marie and Peter DESCUTNER were married less than a year at the time of the 1900 census (North Fayette, Allegheny, PA). They lived next door to her parents Desire and Mary POSKIN. Marie was born in Belgium in May 1882 and emigrated in 1887. Peter, her husband, was born in Apr 1877 in Belgium. They had no children.

¹⁸ The 1910 PA Miracode lists Herbert (20), George* (14) living with him and his wife Pricilla and daughter Julia (18) – the 1910 US Census show them in Cecil Twp, Washington Co, PA – their next-door neighbor is Sylvain BEAUMARIAGE and family – *George N(estor) Beaumariage SSN 209-07-7139 – b 31 Mar 1896 – d 23 Feb 1988 – last residence: Santa Cruz, CA – mother's maiden name: NOEL

¹⁹ The 1910 PA Miracode indicates that Louis was 41, Rosalie was 36, Rene(e) was 12 and Alice was 6 (b PA)

The death of **Mrs. Adele²⁰ WAUTHIER**, aged 56 years, occurred Tuesday morning, August 16, at one o'clock. Her death was due to apoplexy. Funeral services were held Thursday at 4 o'clock. The interment was made in Robinson's Run cemetery. Mrs. WAUTHIER is survived by two daughters. They are: Mrs. Frank BINET of Sturgeon and Mrs. Arthur CHARLIER. Her husband, Desire WAUTHIER, died five months ago. - Aug. 19, 1910 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. Adolphine DUMONT²¹, aged seventy-four, died on Thursday at the Washington Hospital. She was taken to the hospital suffering with bronchitis two days before. The remains were brought to her son Emil's residence on Saturday and the interment was made in Center cemetery on Sunday. - *Midway column - Aug. 19, 1910 McDonald PA Record

Joe DELAHANT was killed in the Carnegie mines in Primrose on Wednesday, by a fall of slate. He was a Belgian and had been in this country about two years. After he was found the body was taken to the undertaking establishment of W. F. NASH and later taken to his home near Primrose. He is survived by his wife and two children, who have been in this country but a short time. - *Midway column - Aug. 19, 1910 McDonald PA Record

Nicholas EGBERT, 64 years old, died at his home in Coal street, on Monday evening, January 9. The deceased was born in Charleroi, Belgium, and came to this place thirty years ago. His wife²² survives him and these children: Emma, the wife of J. J. CHARLIER, Lena the wife of Arthur BAILEY, Florry, the wife of Eli CARLIER, Isadore and Jules, all of McDonald, and Helen the wife of F. J. SCOUVART of Avella, Pa. The funeral services conducted by the Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D., and the Rev. Alexander MAGE, B. D., were held Thursday afternoon. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery. (Charlier and Carlier are really two different names) - Jan. 13, 1911 McDonald PA Record

Antony ROMAIN, a well-known Belgian, died at the home of his daughter at Champion Sunday morning, June 25, about 6 o'clock as the result of cancer. He was aged 70 years. Three sons and two daughters survive. The funeral services were held at the late home Tuesday afternoon. Interment in Robinson Run cemetery. - June 30, 1911 McDonald PA Record

George, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander **POSKIN** of Valley street, died Tuesday evening, June 27. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon, the services being in charge of the Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D. Interment in Hilldale cemetery. June 30, 1911 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Antoinette SUPLIT**, 81 years old, widow of Peter SUPLIT, died Monday night, September 11, at 11 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. NIMAL, Center avenue. Mrs. SUPLIT was born in Belgium and with her husband came to McDonald thirty years ago. The death of her husband occurred twelve years ago. Mrs. SUPLIT was well known among the French residents of this section. Besides the daughter, Mrs. Clarissa NIMAL, with whom she resided, four children survive as follows: Mrs. Victor MARLIER, John J., Peter and J. B. SUPLIT, all of this place, and Elisha SUPLIT of Springfield, Ill. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the French Church. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery. Sept. 15, 1911 McDonald PA Record

Died, Friday, September 22, the seven-months-old **daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. **Edmond DOUMONT**. Funeral services were held from the family home on Sunday at 2 p.m., the Rev. J. G. REANEY officiating. Interment in the Center cemetery. *Midway column - Sept. 29, 1911 McDonald PA Record

Victor, the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar **DECROO** of Sturgeon, died of pneumonia Sunday, October 29. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. B. CAVITT. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery. Nov. 3, 1911 McDonald PA Record

Julius W DETRIXHE, son of the late Andrew Woot and Clementine DETRIXHE, died of septicemia, at his late home, 101 Union Street, Bethlehem, at 9:20pm yesterday. He was born in South Bethlehem, Dec 14, 1867 and was 43 years, 11 months and 8 days old. He was graduated from South Bethlehem High School in 1886. He was a clerk in the Lehigh Valley offices for a number of years. Since his marriage to Miss Ann UHL April 28, 1897, he was General Manager of the late Mathias and Anna Uhl estate. Two sons, Paul and Julius, blessed the union. The former died 6 years ago. He leaves his widow, a 2y old son Julius W, and a brother Arthur W DETRIXHE, Fifth Street, South Bethlehem. The marriage ceremony was performed by rev A Fret, in Holy Ghost Catholic church. He was a member of the Board of Prison Inspectors of Northampton County, a Director of the Halcyon Electric Light & Power Co., a member of St. Bernard's beneficial Society, Franz-Josef Society, Knights of St George, Bethlehem Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles,

²⁰ Also known as Della; the 1900 US Census – North Fayette, Allegheny, PA shows she was born in Jun 1853, in Belgium; had been married 25y, had 4 children, 2 of whom are alive in 1900, emigrated in 1896, while her husband had been in the States since 1884

²¹ The 1910 PA Miracode indicates that she is living with her son Julius DUMONT in Washington Co, PA

²² The 1900 US Census give her name as Philomene, b in Belgium in Jan 1849; Nicholas was b in Belgium in Oct 1847. At that time, they had been married 30 years; Philomene indicated she had had 9 children, 6 of whom were alive at the time of the census. A son Jules, b in PA in Feb 1894 lived with them. Next door lived their daughter Lena BAILY (b in Jan 1871, Belgium), wife of Gustave (b in Belgium in March 1868) and three children: Victor, b Oct 1892, PA; Arthur, b Sep 1894, PA and Ernest b Jan 1897, PA. The Nicholas EGBERT family arrived in 1881, one year after Nicholas.

South Bethlehem Nest, Fraternal order of Owls; South Bethlehem Lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; Bethlehem Lodge, Lampawinzoc Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; Court Armor, Foresters of America; Beethoven Maennerchor, and the South Bethlehem Commercial League. The funeral will be held from the house, Monday at 9am and will proceed to the church of the Holy Ghost, where High Mass will be said at 10am. The body will be buried in St. Michael's Cemetery.

The Globe-South Bethlehem, 23 Nov 1911

The funeral services for the late **Peter Joseph LHEUREUX** were held at Rice, Friday, November 17. The Rev. John G. HILTON, conducted the services. Mr. LHEUREUX was born in Belgium, November 26, 1831 and died in this city on November 14, 1911. He was married to **Marie Catherine Henriette HERMANS**, March 6, 1861. To this union was born ten children, four sons and six daughters, of which three died in infancy. He is survived by his wife, two sons and five daughters, on brother, three sisters and ten grandchildren. The family came to America in 1869 and located at Braidwood, Ill., where the deceased engaged in the hazardous work of a coal miner. They came to Kansas and settled on a claim in Lawrence township in 1876, where they lived until about a year and a half ago the aged father and mother moved to Concordia. The oldest son is a missionary in Porto Rico (sic); a daughter, Miss Lydia, is teaching Spanish and French in the public schools of Albuquerque, New Mexico; another son is a barber in Atchison, while the others, we understand, live in this county. Mr. LHEUREUX is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Much might be said in depicting the incidents in the life of this old settler of this county, yet it would be but a repetition of the lives of thousands of others who have gone before and other thousands yet with us--they first saw, as a dream, in their native land across the sea, a new world of broader liberties, of greater opportunities, a great Republic of the people, prosperous and happy, under the protecting folds of the stars and stripes, had after a painful self-denial of small luxuries and often of necessities, they muster the means to reach the goal of their ambition. The long passage over in the steerage, the first job in honorable toil that is offered is taken and the self-denial is again the rule and practice with the hope for better things. Enough is accumulated for a start in Kansas and hither they came. More toil, more self-denial, more effort to succeed in the face of discouraging conditions and unpropitious circumstances, but hopeful ever and with their faces set to the rising sun and never backwards they fought to win and they gained the victory. Our friend who was laid away today was of that type of foreign born American citizen. He was a good neighbor and a steadfast friend. He had the respect of his neighbors and fellow citizens, because he deserved it. He raised a fine family and left them the priceless heritage of a good name bequeathing to them a liberal education and citizenship in a land of unbounded opportunities. This was a goal of his early ambition, this the victory he had won. He lived to a ripe old age, to enjoy the fruit of his early toil and self-denial. He lived in that peace which comes as a reward for an honest life of well-doing and correct living.

*The Kansan of Concordia, Kansas - Dec. 1, 1911 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Syska BAKEN**, aged 54 years, wife of **John BAKEN**, a well known Belgian of Champion, died at her home Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, after an illness of several days. Besides the husband four children survive as follows: Oscar of this place, Mrs. John MUTE of Moon Run, and Anna and Paul at home. Mrs. BAKEN was a member of the St. Patrick's church of Noblestown. The funeral takes place this Friday afternoon.

Dec. 1, 1911 McDonald PA Record

After an illness of a few months **Peter DETURK**, aged 91, died at his home in Fairchance on Monday last. He was born in Belgium December 31, 1821. He is survived by one son, William and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held at his late home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, interment being made in the Fairchance cemetery.

The Morning Herald, Uniontown, Pennsylvania - 6 September 1912

Joachim DUCOEUR, a well known Belgian resident of Charleroi died Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock at his home at 708 Lookout avenue of apoplexy. Mr. DUCOEUR was about 52y old and had lived in Charleroi about nine years. He had three brothers in America and three in Belgium. Besides his wife, Mr. DUCOEUR leaves three sons, Fernand, Joseph and Arthur. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the house. The interment will be in the Charleroi cemetery Rev. J E Charles will officiate. - The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA, 11 September 1912

Maximilian MORSAINT, aged 69 years, died at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 24, at his home in Sturgeon. He was a native of Belgium and had been a resident of this section for thirty years. His wife and one married daughter survive. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon, the services in charge of the Rev. J. B. CAVITT. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Dec. 27, 1912 McDonald PA Record

Vital SCOUVART, 67 years old, died at his home in Coal street, Tuesday morning, January 7. He came to McDonald about 26 years ago from his native country, Belgium. He was married to Miss Petronille DELVEAUX in 1869. She survives him, also one son, Frank SCOUVART of Avella, Pa. Funeral services, in charge of the Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D., and the Rev. Mr. HAINEY, were held at his late home on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Jan. 11, 1913 McDonald PA Outlook

Gabriel, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Henry DUBOIS**, died at their home Wednesday, January 8. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon. Interment in Hilldale cemetery. - Jan. 11, 1913 McDonald PA Outlook

Dominique DELVAL, aged 67 years, a well-known Belgian miner, died at his home at Cecil Thursday morning, February 13, at five o'clock, after an illness due to dropsy. He was born in Belgium and came to McDonald thirty years ago. Mr. DELVAL reside her for

20 years and then removed to Cecil. The wife and four sons and four daughters survive. The funeral services will be held at the DELVAL home at Cecil Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of the Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D. Interment in the Venice cemetery. Feb. 21, 1913 McDonald PA Record

Only 15 years old and married but three weeks **Mrs. Emil POSKIN** drank two ounces of carbolic acid at her home in Valley street at 8 o'clock this morning. She died two hours later. Mrs. POSKIN was Mary VEYDT. Her husband is but 20 years of age. Member of Mrs. POSKIN's and the husband's families deny that quarrels with her husband are responsible for her taking her own life. No other reason has been assigned. The funeral was held from the late home in Valley street Tuesday afternoon. The Solidarite order, the members of two lodges of which attended in a body, was in charge. Interment was made in Hilldale cemetery.

May 9, 1913 McDonald PA Record

Mary, the two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **DHINAUT** of Sturgeon, died at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, May 9. Besides the parents one sister survives. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the home. - May 16, 1913 McDonald PA Record

P. F. GOSSIAUX, aged 45 years, a Belgian miner, died at his home here Tuesday morning, May 20, after an illness of three years due to tuberculosis. He was born in Belgium. The wife survives. He also leaves a son and three daughters: Jules and Miss Simora GOSSIAUX at home, Mrs. Aena MONTIGNE of Monessen and Mrs. Della FERZAIS of this place. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the home. The interment was made in Robinson's Run cemetery. - May 23, 1913 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Louise ALLARD**, 24 years of age, wife of Paul ALLARD, died Monday morning, May 19, at 5 o'clock at her home in Valley street. Her death was due to tuberculosis. She had been ill for the past two years. Beside her husband she leaves one daughter, Gwendola. One brother also survives, Louis ROMESTAN, who made his home with her. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon. Interment was made in the Hilldale cemetery. - May 23, 1913, McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Catherine PENSIS**, aged 78 years, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 11, at the home of her son, Miles PENSIS, in Miller street. She was born in Belgium. Besides the son with whom she made her home, two sons and three daughters survive. The funeral services will be held this (Friday) afternoon at two o'clock at the PENSIS home. The interment will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. - June 13, 1913, McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Joachine WALTIGNY**, aged 97, died Monday night in the home of her daughter, Mrs. August SAVAGE. Mrs. WALTIGNY was born in Belgium and lived there until she was 79 years old, when she crossed the Atlantic alone and went to Charleroi to live with her daughter. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. August SAVAGE of Charleroi, Mrs. J. F. CARLIN of McDonald and Mrs. BIOUX of Belgium. - July 4, 1913 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Adelie Van Straten**, aged 65 years, the wife of Peter Van Straten died at her home at 503 Meadow avenue Monday evening at 5:40 o'clock after an illness of some duration. She was born in Belgium, June 26, 1848. With her family she came to Charleroi when the town just being started, and has lived here since. In addition to the husband two sons, Peter and Joseph Van Straten, of James City; and three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Alberts, and Mrs. J. F. Michener of Monessen and Mrs. Peter Watkinson of Charleroi survive. Funeral services will be held on Thursday morning with requiem high mass at 9 o'clock at St Jerome's Catholic Church. Interment will be in Calvary cemetery. - The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, Pennsylvania - 15 July 1913

Mrs. **Pauline QUINET**, age 60 years, died Tuesday afternoon, August 19, at 4:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. JAMISON, in Sturgeon. She was born in Belgium, coming to this country twenty years ago. Her husband has been dead several years. Besides the daughter, Mrs. JAMISON, she leaves two sons, Emile and Patrick QUINET of Farrell, Pa., and Mrs. Catherine CASHDOLLAR of Sturgeon. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. J. B. CAVTT. The interment in the Robinson Run cemetery. - Aug. 22, 1913 McDonald PA Record

Following an operation for appendicitis **Denna LEGONG**, of Granville, the 12-year-old daughter of Edward Legong, died at the Charleroi-Monessen hospital Thursday morning at 7 o'clock. The little girl had been ill of appendicitis and Wednesday at 11 o'clock she was taken to the hospital for an operation. She failed to rally. She was born in Belgium and came to this country with her parents when very young. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The interment was in the Highland cemetery. The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, Pennsylvania - 29 Aug 1913

Evidently with the purpose of committing suicide, Mrs. **Victorine DAMS**, aged about 50 years, member of a well-known Belgian family of Sturgeon swallowed a quantity of paris green at her home Tuesday morning and died that afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. DAMS was discovered in her home Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock by a neighbor and was then in a critical condition. A physician was summoned and worked with her constantly until her death but to no avail. Members of the family can offer no reason for Mrs. DAMS' act. They state there had been no quarrel of any kind and that she was in the best of spirits when the husband, Louis DAMS, and sons, August and Louis, Jr., left home in the morning to go to work. Mrs. DAMS was born in Belgium, coming to McDonald about 15 years ago. Besides the husband and two sons, three daughters survive: Mrs. William SCHUMAKER and Mrs. Mary FINLEY of Sturgeon, and Mrs. Josephine JEANETTE of McDonald. The funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery. - October 3, 1913 McDonald PA Record

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Paul MONTIGNY** was buried Monday, September *9. Interment in Bridgeville cemetery. *Sturgeon column - October 3, 1913 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. Desire GUYAUX, aged sixty-one years, died at her home in Sturgeon, Wednesday morning, October 15, at six o'clock, following an illness due to pneumonia. She was born in Belgium, coming here with her husband about twenty years ago. The following children survive: Mrs. Celine ROMAIN and Mrs. Nellie PHILLIPS of Sturgeon, Mrs. Elida KINNEY of Steubenville, and Marie, Gustave, Leon and Nicholas, all at home. The funeral services will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The interment will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Oct. 17, 1913 McDonald PA Record

The badly mangled body of **John GILBERT**²³, a miner of Primrose, aged 45 years, was found on the Panhandle railroad Sunday morning at ___ o'clock by a track walker. The man had evidently been dead for some time and it is supposed that he was struck by a train during the night. GILBERT had been in McDonald during the early part of the night and started to walk to his home going along the railroad because it was easier walking. What train or when he was hit is not known. GILBERT was employed in the Primrose mine of the Carnegie Coal company. He leaves a wife and nine children, six sons and three daughters. The body was brought to the morgue of Deputy Coroner HUMPHRIES and taken to his home Sunday evening. The funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment was in the Center cemetery at Midway - Feb. 28, 1914 McDonald PA Outlook

After a year and a half's illness, **Hubert Joseph BRONCHAIN**, aged 64, died of asthma at his home on Belgian Hill, Monday morning, May 18th, at 4:10 o'clock. He was born in Charleroi, Belgium, November 1, 1849. Mr. BRONCHAIN came to this country in 1887 and had lived in McDonald ever since. He is survived by his wife and three children: Mrs. Leon RANDOUR and Mrs. Emma CARROLL of McDonald, and Fred BRONCHAIN of Carnegie. Funeral services were held at St. Alphonsus' Church Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Father MANISE, the French missionary. Interment in Noblestown cemetery. May 22, 1914 - McDonald PA Record

Following a five weeks' illness caused by the extreme heat, **Louis MICHAUX**, a well known carpenter of McDonald, died Wednesday. Five weeks ago MICHAUX was at work on the new high school building when he was overcome by the heat. He steadily grew worse until his death. The dead man was 36 years of age. He was a native of Belgium but had resided in McDonald for the past 30 years. He leaves his wife and four children. There also survive his father, Louis MICHAUX, Sr., one brother Frank and one sister, Leona MICHAUX, all of McDonald. (July 31, 1914 McDonald PA Record)



Eugene Gilbert
Isidore Gilbert
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD.

Mrs. Henrietta TOURNEY, wife of Gregory TOURNEY and a well known resident of McDonald died Wednesday night, June 10, at the family home on Belgian Hill. She was in her sixtieth year. Death was due to apoplexy, Mrs. TOURNEY having been ill for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. TOURNEY came to McDonald from Belgium 28 years ago and had many friends here. Mrs. TOURNEY was a member of the French United Presbyterian Church. Beside her husband she leaves one daughter, Mrs. RICHEL of McDonald, and five sons, Gregory, August, Gustave and Harry of McDonald and Charles of Canonsburg. Funeral services were held in the French church Friday afternoon. The services were in charge of the Rev. Dr. Alexandre MAGE. Interment was in Hilldale cemetery. June 19, 1914 McDonald PA Record

²³ The 1910 Census Mt Pleasant, Washington, PA shows **John GILBERT**, 54, b in Belgium, miner, emigrated in 1886, naturalized, married for 16 years to **Ida**, 33, also b in Belgium, emigrated in 1885. She has born 7 children by 1910, all of whom are living at the time of the census. They were all born in Pennsylvania: **Isadore** (son)16, **Eugene** 14, **Peter** 13, **Matilda** 9, **Jane** 7, **Lena** 5, **John** 3.

The 1920 Census shows that Ida stayed in Mount Pleasant. She rents the house where they reside. Six of her children are still with her. Eugene, 22 is a miner; Jane 15, Lena 15, John 13 **Nestor** 9, **Joseph** 6.

The 1930 US Census shows that Eugene, 32 got married 6 years later, to Anna, 27 b in Pennsylvania, with 2 children **Eugene Jr**, 3y 8m and **Floyd**, 1y 7m; Ida, 51, still resides in Mount Pleasant too with many of her children: Isadore, 34 (widower); John, 22, Nestor, 19, Joe 16 and Lena 21 along with married daughter **Anna PATTERSON**, 27; Peter lives in Independence with his wife **Minnie ROGERS**, 24, b in PA. They have 3 children: **Thelma M**, 7, **Elizabeth J** 5, **Harry W** 11. Living with Peter are 2 brother-in-laws Harry ROGERS, 13 and Robert ROGERS, 19.

They were harder to find in the 1900 Census as for a time they apparently resided in Richland, Ohio County, West Virginia where we read: **John GILBERT**, miner, b Jan 1874, in Belgium, has been married for 5 years to Ida, b Jul 1878 in Belgium who has had 3 children, all of whom are living: Isadore, b Mar 1896 in Pennsylvania, Eugene, b in July 1898 in Pennsylvania and Peter, b Dec 1899 in Ohio.

The Social Security Death Index adds more information:

Floyd R GILBERT, b 21 Aug 1928 – d. 11 Oct 2003, McDonald, Washington, PA

Eugene GILBERT, b 4 Jul 1897 – d Feb 1975; McDonald, Washington, PA

Harry GILBERT, b 21 Jul 1919 – d Oct 1980, McDonald, Washington, PA

Nestor GILBERT, b 27 Apr 1910 – d 16 Jan 1993, McDonald, Washington, PA

The WWI Draft Registration Cards also give information about:

Eugene GILBERT, b 4 Jul 1897, PA -

Isidore GILBERT, b 25 Mar 1896, PA- tall, medium built, gray eyes, brown hair

Peter GILBERT, b 11 Dec 1898, PA -

Eugene GILBERT, aged 71 years, a well-known resident of Primrose, died at his home there Friday, November 6, following an illness due to pneumonia. He was born in Belgium but came to this section 28 years ago with his wife and had resided here since. He was a member of the French church and one of its most active workers. His wife and one son, Joseph, at home, and three married daughters survive. The daughters are Mrs. HENNON and Mrs. NESTELL of Primrose and Mrs. MATTHEWS of Midway. One son was killed in the mine and another died of typhoid fever within the past year. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. Dr. Alexandre MAGE. The interment was in Center cemetery at Midway.

Nov. 13, 1914 McDonald PA Record

Desire GUYAUX, 67 years old, a well known resident of Sturgeon, died at his home on Saturday evening, December 5. Mr. GUYAUX was born in Belgium but had lived in Sturgeon the past twenty five years. His wife died last October a year ago. He is survived by three sons and four daughters. They are: Leo and Michael GUYAUX of Sturgeon and Gustave GUYAUX of Oakdale, Mrs. Romain DAGUE of Sturgeon, Mrs. KENNEY of Steubenville, Ohio, Mrs. Mattie PHILLIPS of Imperial and Miss Marie GUYAUX of Michigan. Mrs. GUYAUX's funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from his late home in Sturgeon. Interment was made in Robinson's Run cemetery. Dec. 11, 1914 McDonald PA Record

Stricken by heart trouble as he was making a small purchase in the store of Louis TAZAT near his home on Belgian Hill Friday, **Henry DEHAUT** dropped to the floor and was dead before a physician could reach his side. Mr. DEHAUT had appeared in his usual health all day and had not complained of feeling unwell when about 8 o'clock he left his house to go to the store.

Mr. DEHAUT was born near Liege, Belgium, 67 years ago. Twenty-two years ago he and his wife came to America, settling in McDonald, which has since been their home. For many years Mr. DEHAUT was employed in the mines. He retired from active work about ten years ago. His wife survives. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Dec. 18, 1914 McDonald PA Record

After a long illness, **Prosper DEVREUX** died Tuesday morning, February 2, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **August GATY**, in Valley street. He was 77 years of age. Mr. DEVREUX and his wife came to McDonald from Belgium about sixteen years ago. Mr. DEVREUX was formerly employed in the mines but of late years he had led a retired life. He leaves his wife and two daughters, Mrs. GATY and Mrs. **Vincent JIANNINO** of McDonald. Funeral services in charging of the Rev. Dr. Alexandre MAGE were held in the French church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was made in the Hilldale cemetery.

Feb. 5, 1915 McDonald PA Record

At 7 o'clock Monday morning occurred the death of Emma, the four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John LAGRAN** of Belgian Hill. Death was due to pneumonia. Besides the parents one brother survives. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, interment being in Hilldale cemetery. - Jan. 15, 1915 McDonald PA Record

Following an illness of but a few hours **John B. DUBOIS**, a well-known Belgian (sic) resident of this place died at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home in Miller St. Mr. DUBOIS was at his work at Jumbo mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company Monday as usual. He complained of illness in the evening and during the night rapidly grew worse. Heart trouble was assigned as the cause of death. The dead man was born in Belgium 61 years ago and came to America 16 years ago. His wife survives. He was a member of the Solidarite society. Funeral services were held at the DUBOIS home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery. - *January 16, 1915 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. **Apolexine ESGAIN**, wife of Frank ESGAIN, died Thursday night, April 1st, at 10:30 o'clock at her home at Cecil. She was 58 years of age. A native of Belgium, Mrs. ESGAIN came to this locality about 1890. She leaves her husband and two sons, Frank E. ESGAIN of Champion and Adolph ESGAIN of Kentucky. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Apr. 9, 1915 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Adrien DUSSERE**, aged about sixty years, a member of one of the best known Belgian families of the Panhandle section of Washington county, died at her home at Hanlin on Saturday evening, June 5th, at six o'clock following an illness due to a general decline. She formerly resided in McDonald. The death of her husband, Adrien DUSSERE, occurred about one year ago. Two sons and two daughters survive: Mrs. Donald HELLAIRE of Donora, Mrs. Emile ROBERTS and Adrien and Louis DUSSERE, all of Hanlin Station. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Hilldale cemetery. - June 11, 1915 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Felicie MASON**, aged 73 years died this morning at 7:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J Vezzetti, at 1125 Prospect avenue from complaints of old age. The one daughter survives. Funeral services will be held at the home on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment in the Charleroi cemetery. - The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, Pennsylvania - 15 July 1915

Mrs. **Amelia BERGER**, wife of **Leon BERGER**, and a well known resident of this place, died at 7 o'clock Saturday evening at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. B. ROBERTS. She was 80 years of age. The funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of the Rev. J. P. JORDAN. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery.

Mrs. BERGER was born in Belgium and came to this country more than 28 years ago. She was married some years prior to her coming to this country and she and Mr. BERGER came directly to McDonald where they made their home. She was a member and conscientious worker of the Presbyterian church. She leaves her husband. There are no children.

Aug. 14, 1915 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. FURNO and Mrs. ANDREWS attended the funeral of **Mrs. P. J. CHARLIER**²⁴ of Midway last Thursday.*Sturgeon column

Sept. 4, 1915 McDonald PA Outlook

Alphonse VERSCHEUREN, aged 56, died at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning at his home in Laurel Hill. Death was the result of a complication of diseases. The funeral services were held at the late home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in charge of the Rev. J. B. CAVITT. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery. Mr. VERSCHEUREN was born in Belgium and came to this country with his wife about 30 years ago. Since coming here he was employed as a miner. He leaves wife and one son now with the Belgium army. - Oct. 2, 1915 McDonald PA Outlook

Word was received Monday of the death at Aylesburg, Saskatchewan, of **Ulysse SOUPLY**, aged about 37, formerly of Charleroi. Souply died as a result of burns sustained while fighting a prairie fire. The funeral is being held this afternoon at Regina. Mr. Souply is survived by his widow, Mrs. Martha Dilant, formerly of Charleroi.

The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, Pennsylvania – 2 Nov 1915

Word was received by the DESCUTNER brothers on Monday that their brother-in-law **Leandre THIBAUT** was killed in a mine explosion at Ravensdale, Washington on November 15. Mr. THIBAUT left McDonald about 27 years ago and for some time had been located at Ravensdale. He was 54 years old and was employed as utility man around the mine. A brother of the DESCUTNER boys lost his eye sight in an explosion at the same mine about 12 years ago, he has since died. - Dec. 4, 1915 McDonald PA Outlook

Caesar LEROY, aged 63 years, a well known Belgian of Laurel Hill, died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock at his home. He had been an invalid for 11 years. Mr. LEROY was born in Belgium and came to McDonald 30 years ago. He was a miner until ill health forced him to retire. Besides the wife, three sons, Jules, Marcel and Rene, all at home. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of the Rev. J. B. CAVITT. Interment will be in the Robinson's Run cemetery.

Nov. 13, 1915 McDonald PA Outlook

Theophile PORIGNAUX, aged 68 years, died Saturday at 11:40 am at his home at North Charleroi. He was born in Honay, Belgium. He had been a resident of this vicinity for about 26 years, having been a well known. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in the Charleroi cemetery. - The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, Pennsylvania - 3 Jan 1916

Mrs. Phillipine DUTHIE, aged 62 years, wife of Theodore DUTHIE died at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at her home at Sturgeon. Death was due to rheumatism of the heart and followed a brief illness. The funeral services were held at the late home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery. Mrs. DUTHIE was born in Belgium. She came to this country in her youth and for the past 22 years had resided at Sturgeon. The husband is at the present time critically ill of pneumonia. There survive besides him three sons and one daughter. - Feb. 5, 1916 McDonald PA Outlook

Lambert DEPASSE aged 58 years who had been ailing for several months from asthma, died at his home Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. He was born in Belgium but came to McDonald about 25 years ago. The wife and two daughters Mrs. Marie LEUNIS and Mrs. Rose DONNAURE, both of McDonald, survive. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the DEPASSE home. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery. - Feb. 12, 1916 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. **Catherine MORSAINT**, aged 67 years, died at nine o'clock Sunday night, April 16, 1916, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emile DUTILLIEUX, at Sturgeon. She had been ill nine weeks with appendicitis and complications. Mrs. MORSAINT was born in

²⁴ PJ Charlier = **Peter Joseph CHARLIER**. The WWI Draft Registration cards show a Peter Joseph Charlier, miner, born in May 1878, Belgium, living in Midway, listing **Elmer Charlier** as his closest living relative in Greenville, IL. The 1920 US Census shows a Peter Joseph CHARLIER, laborer at Coal Company, widower, 41, born in Belgium (Flemish) with children: **Elmer**, 14, **Leah**, 12, **Eli**, 10 and mother **Eugenie**, 65. The 1910 US Census shows Peter Joseph Charlier, 32, having been married for 6 years to an **Elizabeth**, 24, French. She had had 3 children, all alive at the time of the 1910 census: **Elmer, Leah and Eli**. Peter's origins as Belgian-Flemish seem to have been crossed out to read Belgium – French. The 1900 US census – North Fayette, Allegheny, PA - shows Peter Charlier, coal miner, born in May 1878, Belgium, son of Peter (invalid, b Feb 1853, Belgium) and mother **Jane** (b. Feb 1854, Belgium), emigrated in 1879. with siblings: **Baptiste**, b. Feb 1881, Belgium; **Emile**, b. March 1887, PA; **Emily**, b. Jan 1895, PA; **Mariah**, b Sep 1895, PA – Jane had had 7 children, 5 of whom were alive in 1900. The WWII Old Man Draft cards have **Peter Joseph Charlier**, b 19 May 1877, Charleroi, Belgium with closest living relative, **Elmer Charlier** living in Lester, PA; Elmer Charlier (b 5 Mar 1905) died in May 1975, in Millville, Cumberland, New Jersey (SSN issued in PA) while **Eli Charlier** (b 9 Oct 1909) died Aug 1981, in Essington, Delaware, Pennsylvania. On the 1930 US Census – Tinicum, Delaware, PA, Elmer Charlier is listed to be married to Edna (b PA) with whom he had Elmer, 2 ½ ; Lewis, ½. Eli Charlier, ship fitter, married Victorine (b PA of Belgian parents)

Charleroi, Belgium, and came to this country thirty years ago, living here and at Primrose. Her husband, Maximilian MORSAINT, died two years ago. The daughter, Mrs. DUTILLEUX is an only child. There are two nephews, Edward MORSAINT of Hays boro and Joseph MORSAINT of Detroit, Mich. Funeral services were held at the daughter's home Tuesday afternoon, in charge of the Rev. J. B. CAVITT. Interment was in Robinson's - Run cemetery.- Apr. 21, 1916 McDonald PA Record

Administrator's Notice: Estate of **Sebastian DESCUTNER**, deceased, late of McDonald, Pa. Robert E. BURNSIDE Administrator, Washington, Pa. W. R. DENNISON, Attorney, Washington, Pa. - *No obit found - May 27, 1916 McDonald PA Outlook

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Eli SCHAYES** died on Friday morning, July 7th. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery. - July 15, 1916 McDonald - *Sturgeon column

Mrs. **Marrietta CAPELLA**, wife of Casper CAPELLA died at her home in Sturgeon, on Wednesday night aged 22 years. Mrs. CAPELLA came to this country from Belgium with her father, Joseph GERHAIGEN when she was but a small child, her mother still resides in Europe. Besides the husband her father, two sons and one daughter survive. The funeral services were held at her late home on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery. - Aug. 26, 1916 McDonald PA Outlook

August PEICH, a Belgian, aged 76 years, died Wednesday at his home near Oakdale. Two daughters and one son survive. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late home and interment was in the Valley cemetery at Imperial. Sept. 2, 1916 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. **Mary MOTTE**, aged 43 years, wife of Alfred MOTTE, died on Saturday night at 10 o'clock, after an illness due to cancer trouble. She was born in Hainaut province, Belgium, but came to McDonald with her parents 32 years ago. Eight children survive: Louis, Dolphine, Earnest, Jules, Celine, John, Alexander and Albert. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the MOTTE home, in charge of Dr. W. D. IRONS. Interment was in Robinson Run cemetery. - Oct. 7, 1916 McDonald PA Outlook

Victor THIBAUX, aged 54 years, a resident of Pricedale, died in the Mercy hospital Sunday night, October 1, 1916, after an operation for hernia. He had been in the hospital two weeks. Mr. THIBAUX was born near Charleroi, Belgium, and came to this country about twenty-three years ago. He worked in the mines and lived in McDonald for a number of years. Thirty-one years ago he married Miss Eloise PETTIT, who survives with an adopted daughter, Augustine GONZE. The body was brought on Monday to the home of a cousin, Emile DUFOUR, at Sturgeon, where short funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon in charge of the Franco-Belgian Association. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Oct. 7, 1916 McDonald PA Outlook

Desire VERCAMMEN, aged 63 years, died at his home at Sturgeon at 8:10 o'clock Wednesday morning, November 29, 1916. He was born in Belgium January 28, 1853, coming to America and locating at Sturgeon twenty-eight years ago. His wife died sixteen years ago. Surviving are eight children, three sons and five daughters: Mrs. Lena DEVASSE, wife of Charles DEVASSE of Monessen; Mrs. Emma RANDOUR, wife of Alfred RANDOUR of East Bakersfield, Calif.; Mrs. Hermene SALLES, wife of F. J. SALLES who are spending the winter at East Bakersfield, Calif.; Mrs. Mary KREPS, wife of George KREPS of Monessen, Miss Christine, at home, Edmund VERCAMMEN of Sturgeon, Paul and Gustie at home. - Dec. 1, 1916 McDonald PA Outlook

Nettie VERSCHUREN, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred VERSCHUREN of Sturgeon, died at the home of her parents on Wednesday morning, November 29, 1916, after a month's illness of pneumonia. Besides the parents, three brothers and sisters survive. The funeral services were held at the late home Saturday afternoon, December 2d and interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Dec. 9, 1916 - McDonald PA Outlook

Desire VERCAMMEN, aged 52, a well-to-do Belgian miner of Sturgeon, died Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at his home, following an illness of three weeks of pneumonia. VERCAMMEN was born in Belgium, but had lived for the past 30 years in Sturgeon. His wife died 15 years ago, and he is survived by four sons and four daughters. He had not worked at his occupation for the last eight or ten years. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the late home. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery. - Dec. 9, 1916 - McDonald PA Outlook

Maurice Jules MASQUELIER, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules E. MASQUELIER, died at ten o'clock Monday morning, February 26, 1917, at the home of his parents in Valley street. Death was due to pneumonia. The boy had been sick only two days. Besides his parents one sister, Aline Elizabeth, survives. Funeral services were held at the French church Wednesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. Dr. Alexandre MAGE. Interment was in Hilldale cemetery. - Mar. 2, 1917 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. Mathile Isabella THILMONT, aged 73 years, wife of Martin J. THILMONT died at her home at Cecil on Thursday March 8, 1917, following an illness of several months. Since October she had been suffering from pneumonia, which finally developed into heart trouble and caused her death. Mrs. THILMONT was born in Charleroi province, Belgium, and came to America thirty-four years ago, locating immediately in the McDonald section. Besides the husband, the following sons and daughters survive: Nestor THILMONT, at home, Leon THILMONT of Donora, Mrs. Fred DHAYER of Midway, Mrs. Amanda PHILLIPS and Mrs. Josephine CHEESBROUGH of McDonald; Mrs. Mary HALLETT of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Dolphine MILLER of Pittsburgh. She also

leaves nineteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Short funeral services were held at the THILMONT home on Sunday afternoon. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Services at the cemetery were conducted by the Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D.
Mar. 16, 1917 McDonald PA Record

Charles L. HAINAUT, aged 53 years, died at his home at Sturgeon on Wednesday afternoon, March 14, 1917, after an illness of dropsy. He was born in Belgium and came to this country many years ago. He had resided in this locality about twenty-five years and was a coal miner by occupation. He is survived by his wife. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon in charge of the Franco-Belgian Club of Sturgeon. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - March 23, 1917 McDonald Record

Gregory SCHAYES was killed Thursday, July 26, at 1:16 o'clock, in the Jumbo mine, now known as Montour No. 1, of the Pittsburg Coal company. He was working in a main entry with his brother Arthur SCHAYES, when a fall of slate caught him and crushed out his life. Mr. SCHAYES was a well-known and respected mineworker and lived out Valley street. He was born near Charleroi, Belgium, September 12, 1864, and came to this country when a young man. He was united in marriage with Miss Camille CARLEY and to this union five children were born, three of home are still living. They are: Mrs. Wendell P. STAMPFLY, Fanny street, and George and Telephore at home. Mrs. SCHAYES survives; also his aged mother who resides at Sturgeon and four brothers and sisters: Arthur SCHAYES of McDonald, Eli J. SCHAYES of Sturgeon, Mrs. Adolph PLETINICKS and Mrs. Xavier LORENT of the Monongahela Valley. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the French church of McDonald.
Aug. 4, 1917 McDonald PA Outlook

Adolph OPENBRIER, aged 30 years, of Primrose, died at the West Penn hospital in Pittsburgh on Tuesday morning, September 18, 1917. His death was due to injuries sustained in the mine about eight months ago. Mr. OPENBRIER was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver OPENBRIER of Midway. He is survived by his wife and one son, Adolph, his parents, three brothers and five sisters: Mrs. John STEVENSON and Mrs. Charles KLENNER of McDonald, Mrs. Hector LIBERT of Midway, Misses Justine and Margaret OPENBRIER, John, Oliver and August OPENBRIER, at home. Funeral services were held at his late home at Primrose on Thursday afternoon, September 20th, in charge of the Rev. J. B. CAVITT, pastor of Robinson's Run United Presbyterian Church. Interment was in the Center cemetery at Midway. - Sept. 28, 1917 McDonald PA Record

LIVED IN CHARLEROI FOR MANY YEARS

Hadelin BARBOUSE, aged 54 years, nine months and 29 days, died at his home 725 Lincoln Avenue Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. He had been a resident of Charleroi since the founding of the town. He was an employe of the Pittsburg Plate Glass works. He is survived by his widow Mrs KUPPIMIE and four children, Arthur, Arnold, Aledia and Mrs Wm BOBRIK. Also three brothers, Jules, John and Alfred and three sisters Mrs W. DELFOSSE, Mrs Joseph ALBERT and Mrs Louis LATOUR all of Charleroi. Funeral will be held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Requiem High mass at St Jerome's Catholic church, interment in Charleroi cemetery.
The Charleroi Mail (Charleroi, PA) - October 22, 1917

Mrs. **Clementine VERMER**, wife of John Baptist VERMER, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James STEVENSON, in Valley street, on Monday morning, November 12, 1917, at 11:30 o'clock, after sever months' illness. Mrs. VERMER was 62 years of age and was born in Belgium. She was united in marriage with Gustave ROMAINE, and to them were born five children, four of whom survive. In 1887 Mr. and Mrs. ROMAINE and their family came to America, locating at Noblestown. Shortly afterwards they moved to Primrose where Mrs. ROMAINE had resided since. Mr. ROMAINE died in 1895. In 1898 Mrs. ROMAINE was united in marriage with Mr. VERMER. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Louis DHANS of Primrose, Mrs. James STEVENSON of McDonald, Max ROMAINE of the United States Aviation Corps, and Victor ROMAINE of Primrose. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon on the arrival of Max.ROMAINE from Florida. Interment was in the Center cemetery at Midway. - Nov. 16, 1917 McDonald PA Record

Martin Jean THILMONT, aged 77 years and 9 days, died at his home at Bishop on Wednesday morning, November 21, 1917, at one o'clock. Mr. THILMONT was a native of Charleroi, Belgium. Mrs. THILMONT died about six months ago. In 1883 Mr. and Mrs. THILMONT and their family came to America, locating in McDonald. About twenty-two years ago they moved to Bishop, where they had since resided. Mr. THILMONT attended the French Church of McDonald while his health permitted. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. THILMONT, seven survive, five daughters and two sons: Mrs. John C. PHILLIPS and Mrs. William CHEESEBROUGH of McDonald, Mrs. Fred DHAYER of Midway, Mrs. Frank MILLER of Pittsburgh, Mrs. William HALLETT of Canada, Leon THILMONT of Donora, and Nestor THILMONT at home. Funeral services will be conducted from the late home this (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Nov. 23, 1917 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Catherine DESCUTNER**, aged 76 years and 4 months, died Friday, June 28, 1918, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph CUJAS. Mrs. DESCUTNER was born in Belgium. In 1858 she was married to Mr. P. J. DESCUTNER. They arrived in this country March 5, 1885, coming to McDonald, where the family has resided ever since. Mr. and Mrs. DESCUTNER brought with them eight children, and two more were born in this country. Mr. DESCUTNER died March 13, 1907, aged 59 years and three months. The oldest daughter, Mrs. Maria THIBAUT, has resided in Seattle, Wash., for over thirty years. She has been visiting here for the past month. The oldest son, Sebastian DESCUTNER, died at sea in 1914, on his return to this country from Belgium, following the outbreak of the war. The other children all reside in the McDonald section. They are: Emma, wife of J. B. MASQUELIER, F. L. DESCUTNER, P. E. DESCUTNER, Zefirine, wife of Jules HAINAUT, E. F. DESCUTNER, John DESCUTNER, Arthemise, wife of

Joseph CUJAS and Harry DESCUTNER. Forty grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held at the French church Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Alexandre MAGE, D. D. Interment was in the Hilldale cemetery. July 6, 1918 McDonald PA Outlook

Fernand A. THOMASSY, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Desire THOMASSY, in Fifth Street, on Friday night, July 12, 1918, from the effects of burns received from an explosion of powder. Fernand was helping his brother deliver powder, and in some way unknown, the powder which was in three pound packages, ignited and young THOMASSY,on the delivery truck was so .. burned that death resulted. .. Brother who was in the Mag_____ rushed to his assistance, but was unable to save Fernand. Walter was burned about the neck and hands. George, the twin brother of Fernand, who was also helping, was uninjured. Fernand was born April 7, 1902, being in his sixteenth year. He was a manly little fellow and was liked by all who knew him. The family has the sympathy of the entire community in this their sad bereavement. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Desire THOMASSY, three sisters, Mrs. L B. WILLIAMS of Oilton, Okla., Mrs. James CRAIG of Burgettstown, Pa., and Lena, at home, and four brothers, Thomas THOMASSY, Walter THOMASSY of McDonald, and George and Arthur, at home. Funeral services were held in the home on Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, in charge of Rev. J. P. JORDAN, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. A. MAGE, D. D., and Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D. Interment was in Robinson Run Cemetery. July 20, 1918 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. Joseph CENIS, one of McDonald's most respected Belgian residents, died at her home on Liberty street on Sunday night, November 17, 1918. Pneumonia, superseded by influenza, was the cause of her death. Mrs. CENIS was one of McDonald's foremost Belgian women, having a life acquaintance with her people, not only in McDonald, but in other parts of the country. She was born in Belgium. She took active interest in all work pertaining to the welfare of her people and the Allied countries as well during the war. Mrs. CENIS was twice married. Her first husband was Paul WAUTHIER. Mrs. CENIS was aged 59 years and is survived by her husband and six children: Josephine and Joseph at home, Mrs. John SMITH and Mr. Paul WAUTHIER of McDonald, Mrs. Joseph CENIS of Bulger, and Mrs. Emile CHARLIER of Midway. Nine grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, November 19th. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Nov. 29, 1918 McDonald PA

Emile CHARLIER died at the St. Francis hospital, Pittsburgh, on Thursday, November 21, 1918. He was aged 40 years. Mr. CHARLIER's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jules CHARLIER, came to this country when he was an infant, arriving at McDonald October 16, 1879. He was a coal miner and worked at the E. B. MCKEE coal mine, east of McDonald. About six weeks ago he became ill and was taken to the hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bertha DEHAUX, and two daughters, Amelia and Lenora, at home; his mother, Mrs. Josephine CHARLIER, two sisters, Mrs. Mary EVANS of Oakdale, and Mrs. Alice SMITH of Butler, Pa.; three brothers, Jules J., president of the Midway National Bank; Fred of Pittsburgh, and Eli of McDonald. Eli was the first Belgian baby born in McDonald. Funeral services were held at the late home in Valley street on Sunday afternoon. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Nov. 29, 1918 McDonald PA

Mrs. **Marie DESIRE**, a well known Belgian woman, died at two o'clock this morning at her home in West Sixth avenue. She had been ill a little more than a week with pneumonia. Mrs Desire was born in Belgium and came to Tarentum in 1914. Surviving are her husband Frank Desire; two sons, Jesse, with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, and Antone, with the Belgian army; a daughter, Mrs Henrietta Ponce, whose husband is also in service in France; and two other daughters, who reside in Belgium. Funeral services will be held in St. Peter's Catholic church but the hour of the funeral has not been set. December 11th, 1918, Valley News Distpatch (Tarentum, PA)

Mr. and Mrs. **Edmond SCHOLLAERT** received a telegram Wednesday stating the death of their son, Edmond, who was wounded in action October 2, 1918. A card dated November 20 was received by the parents on Tuesday of this week. At that time Edmond was in the hospital, and was getting along nicely. He died November 24. It is thought that blood poisoning caused his death. Edmond is the fourth Sturgeon boy who died in the service of his country. The other three are William BARCLAY, John CAIRNS, "Bun" TROY. - Dec. 20, 1918 McDonald PA Record

Francois LOUERE, aged 68 years, was found dead at his home on Belgian Hill on Monday morning, February 3d. He lived alone, and had asked a neighbor to call him at seven o'clock. On receiving no response the woman called other neighbors and they entered the house and found the man dead. Heart trouble was given as the cause of death. He leaves three sons and one daughter, all living in East Pittsburgh. The funeral services were held at St. Alphonsus' church Wednesday morning. Interment was in the Noblestown cemetery. *This person is related to my mother-in-law – Feb. 8, 1919 McDonald PA Outlook

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness and sympathy at the time of death of our husband and father especially do we thank those who sent floral tributes.

Mrs. **Arthur Malfaire** and children - Charleroi Mail February 28, 1920, Charleroi, PA

Mrs. Jules LEROY, aged 31 years, died Saturday, February 14, 1920, at her home in Laurel Hill, following an illness of pneumonia. She leaves a husband²⁵, 2 small children*, a father, mother, brother and sister. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Albert A. LOVE of Corliss. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery.
Feb. 19, 1920 McDonald PA Outlook - *From another article: the children were named Florence and Jules.

The **infant son** of Mr. and Mrs. POSKIN of Valley street, died at the house of his parents, Thursday evening, Feb. 27 of pneumonia. The child was one year of age. On Friday, **Elmer POSKIN**²⁶, an 8 year old brother, died, also of pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by Rev. A. MAGE. Interment in Robinson Run cemetery. The children are survived by their parents and one sister. - Mar. 4, 1920 McDonald PA Outlook

Julien MASQUELIER, one of McDonald's most highly respected citizens, died at his home in Valley street Sunday evening, May 23, 1920, after an illness of about a year. Mr. MASQUELIER was born in Courcelles, Belgium, April 24, 1863. He came to the United States with his parents in April 1887, locating in McDonald. He worked in the mines and as a carpenter for a number of years and in 1894 opened a store in Valley street, which he conducted until last year when he turned it over to his sons. On June 7, 1887, Mr. MASQUELIER and Miss Maria DEHOUX were united in marriage, the Rev. W. D. IRONS performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. MASQUELIER united with the First U. P. church, and when the French mission was started Mr. MASQUELIER was on of the active workers in it, being an elder, a teacher in the Sabbath school, and a leader of the choir. He did much good in a quiet unostentatious way. He is survived by his wife and these children: Emma, the wife of John GRILL of Tramping Lake, Canada; Evelyn, the wife of P. J. CHARLIER of McDonald; Eva, the wife of Albert SAPPPIE of Pittsburgh; Harry of McDonald; Isabel, Octave, Julien and Merle, at home. He was the third member of a family of five brothers and one sister, and the first to pass away, being survived by Zachary, Eli, John B., and Jules MASQUELIER, all of McDonald, and a sister, Lydia, the wife of F. L. DESCUTNER of Steubenville. The funeral services were held in the French church Tuesday afternoon conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. A. MAGE, who was assisted by the Rev. Dr. W. D. IRONS. A quartet composed of Messers. PARKE, NEVIN, YOUNG, CAMPBELL sang. The funeral was a large one. Interment was made in the family lot in Hilldale cemetery.
May 26, 1920 McDonald PA Record

Julian MASQUELIER died at his home in Valley Street Sunday evening May 23 at 7 o'clock. He was aged 57 years. Mr. MASQUELIER was on of McDonald's business men, having conducted a store on Valley Street for the past 25 years. He came to McDonald from Belgium with his parents, in April, 1887 and on June 7, 1887 was married to Miss **Maria DEHOUX**, Dr. W. D. IRONS performing the ceremony. Mr. MASQUELIER was active in church work uniting with the First U. P. church shortly after coming to this country, and when the French Mission was started Mr. MASQUELIER was one of the workers init, being an elder and a teacher in the Sunday School. For years he led the choir being succeeded by his son, Harry. He was a quiet unassuming man and had done much in the interest of his people. Mr. MASQUELIER is survived by his wife and the following children, Mrs. GRILL who is located in Canada; Mrs. P. J. CHARLIER of McDonald; Mrs. A. SAPPPIE of Pittsburgh; Isabelle Rebecca at home; Harry A., Octave, Julien and Merle, all of McDonald. Four brothers and one sister also survive as follows, Zacharie, John Baptiste, Jules, and Mrs. F. DESCUTNER of Steubenville. - May 27, 1920 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. Julien MASQUELIER died at her home in Valley street, Thursday morning, June 4th, 1920, at seven o'clock, after several weeks' illness. She was aged 52 years and died on her thirty-third wedding anniversary. She was born in Belgium and in 1887, shortly after coming to this country, was united in marriage with Julien MASQUELIER, who died about two weeks ago. The following children survive: Mrs. GRILL, in Canada, Mrs. P. J. CHARLIER, of this place; Mrs. A. SAPPPIE, of Pittsburgh; Isabelle Rebecca, Harry, Octave, Julien and Merle, all at home. Two sisters and one brothers also survive; Mrs. Emil MANANDISE, of Charleroi; Mrs. Eli MASQUELIER and Emile DEHOUX, both of McDonald. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in the French church, conducted by Rev. A. MAGE. Interment took place in the Hilldale cemetery.
June 10, 1920 McDonald PA Outlook

Mr. Arthur CHARLIER received word on Tuesday morning of the death of his sister, **Mary DAILY** and her husband, Steve DAILY as the result of an automobile accident at Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur CHARLIER, Helen JOHNENO, and Filbert DEGIGLE left on Tuesday afternoon for Birmingham. Mr. DAILY's mother who is visiting friends here received word of the accident on Monday and left for her home at once in Birmingham. No word as to how the accident happened or as to funeral arrangements have been received at this writing. - June 17, 1920 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. Emile²⁷ **MANANDISE**, age 69, died early Sunday morning at her home in Charleroi. Mrs. MANANDISE was a sister of the late Mrs. J. MASQUELIER of this place. Besides her husband she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ulyssis G. SOUPLE, of

²⁵ The 1920 US Census taken in late January 1920, shortly before she died gives: Jules LEROY, 27 b in PA of Belgian parents, fireboss in coal mines, wife Amanda, 31 b Germany and children: Florence, 4y 2m b PA, Jules, 2y 11m

²⁶ The 1920 US Census in Robinson Twp, Washington Co. PA, taken on 30 January 1920, gives Elmer G, 8, b in PA, son of Alexander, 39 and Rosa K POSKIN, 36, both of Belgium. With baby brother Harry A (10m) and older sister Rosa M, 17

²⁷ The 1910 Census indicates that Emile MANANDISE (laborer at glassworks) was her second husband. They were both from Belgium. Her name looks like Eugene (could be Eugenie). She was 46 years old while Emile was 39. There were children from her previous marriage: Alice DEHOUX?, 21, b in PA, a sales lady in a dry good store

Canada, Mrs. Fernan MANANDISE, Mrs. Homer FROCHER and Mrs. Nicholas LAUDRIN, of Charleroi; one sister; Mrs. Eli MASQUELIER, and one brother Mr. Emile DEHOUX, both of McDonald. Funeral services were held at her late home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. A number of friends and relatives from here attended the funeral.

Nov. 11, 1920 McDonald PA Outlook

Joseph H. DOUMONT, aged 44 years, a native of Belgium, but for 26 years employed on the Panhandle section of the Pennsylvania, was almost instantly killed when 11 cars passed over his body in the Scully yards Saturday night about 8:30 o'clock. DOUMONT was employed as a switchman at the yards. He was "humping" a long string when killed. Two cars had just passed over the "hump" but he did not notice others approaching. He was knocked on the track and the entire string of 11 passed over his body. Though his body was terribly mangled, life was not extinct when he was found. DOUMONT was born in Belgium but came to this section when a young man and had resided in Midway since. He was well known in this section. For a number of years he had been a member of the Center United Presbyterian church. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. and Brotherhood of Switchman. Mrs. DOUMONT survives with one son, aged 10 years. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in charge of Rev. R. W. NAIRN, D. D. Interment was made in the Center cemetery. March 3, 1921 McDonald PA Outlook

Following a brief illness Prof. **Theodore ARNTZ**, aged 38 years, a teacher of languages for five years at the Indiana Normal School, died with pneumonia at the Indiana hospital Monday. The deceased, who was born in Belgium, was educated in Brussels and the University of Louvain, and coming to this country he completed his studies in Philadelphia high schools before locating in Indiana. He is survived by his wife and two brothers residing to South America. The funeral services will be conducted at the Normal School on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will follow in Oakland cemetery.

The Indiana Progress, Indiana, Pennsylvania – 23 March 1921

Following a brief illness Prof. **Theodore ARNTZ**, aged 38 years, a teacher of languages for five years at the Indiana Normal school, died with pneumonia at the Indiana hospital Monday. The deceased, who was born in Belgium, was educated in Brussels and the University of Louvain, and coming to this country he completed his studies in Philadelphia. After a residence of five years in Chile, South America, he was employed as a teacher in the Kingston and Philadelphia high schools before locating in Indiana. He is survived by his wife and two brothers residing in South America. The funeral services will be conducted at the Normal school on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will follow in Oakland cemetery.

Indiana Weekly Magazine, Indiana, Pennsylvania – 24 March 1921

Adolph MASSON, 41 years old of St. Louis, Mo., formerly a resident of McDonald, died Wednesday, April 20, 1921, from injuries received when he was held up and robbed. Mr. MASSON was removed to the City hospital after the robbery, and died three hours later. He is survived by one brother, Frank MASSON, of Sturgeon, an uncle, Adolph PLETINCKS, of McDonald, and his aunts, Mrs. Victor CENIS and Mrs. Victor BOS COURT, also his stepfather, Frank ENSGAIN, of Cecil and brother-in-law, Joseph COSSART of Federal. The body was brought to Sturgeon Saturday evening. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in charge of the Rev. C. M. RITCHIE. Interment in Robinson's Run cemetery. May 5, 1921 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. Matilda PIOT, aged 53 years, wife of Wm. PIOT died at the Mercy Hospital, Wednesday. She was taken suddenly ill on Saturday and removed to the institution on Monday. She was born in Belgium coming to this country in 1905 and has been a resident of this place for several years. She is survived by her husband and four children, three boys and one girl. Funeral services will be held from the late home on Sunday at 2 o'clock. Interment in Highland Cemetery. - The California Sentinel, 12 August 1921

Louis SOUPLY, formerly of this city, but now a well known farmer of Rostraver township, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by slashing his throat with a huge butcher knife. Mr. Souply was a victim of the flu epidemic and ever since his illness had been acting strange about the house and lately was carefully watched by other members of his family. Yesterday he arose early and going to the side of his wife who was still asleep in her bed, kissed her and started to leave. The wife awoke and believing that all was not well hurriedly dressed and followed him downstairs to discover that he was quietly leaving the house with a shotgun in his possession. She ran to the yard and questioned him about his actions and took the gun away. His mind apparently affected, the husband walked about the yard during the remainder of the day and in the afternoon ordered his wife and three children, who were at home out of the house. The wife, fearful of her own safety took the small children and went to the porch, but an older daughter remained in the house and plead with her father not to do anything rash and fought with him for some time, but the determined man finally kissed her, and then put her out of the house, locking all the doors from the inside. The frightened mother rushed to the home of neighbors for assistance, while the daughter attempted to gain entrance into the house. While passing near a window she looked in and saw her father sharpening the large butcher knife. Mr. Souply noticed the daughter peering in at the window and drew the blinds after which he walked to the kitchen and slashed his throat from ear to ear and then crawled on his hands and knees to an adjoining room where he was found. Neighbors who answered the frantic woman's cries for help, hurried to the house but on finding the doors, refused to force entrance and State Police were called, and after breaking down a door they entered and found the man dead on the parlor floor. Mr.

The 1900 Census gives a slightly different picture: Emile MANANDISE, b Oct 1872, Belgium, emigrated in 1892, coal miner; Eugene MANANDISE (has had 4 children, all of whom are alive – only 1 marriage but the kids are listed as step children of Emile... - Eugene was born in Belgium in June 1854. She arrived in the US in 1887. Emile's step-children are: Mariah DELIANT, b Feb 1885, Belgium, Josephine DELIANT, b May 1887, Pennsylvania, Alice DELIANT, b Jan 1889, Pennsylvania.

Souply was well known here, having conducted a milk route in town for years. He is survived by his wife and five children, all of whom are at home with the exception of one. Coroner Harkins of Mt. Pleasant was notified and is expected this afternoon to conduct an inquest. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning with interment, in the Belle Vernon cemetery.

The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, Pennsylvania, 1 Dec 1921

Ansel DAY, 64 years old, a respected citizen of McDonald, died at his home in Valley street Friday morning, January 20, 1922 at 5:50 o'clock, after a lingering illness, from miner's asthma. Mr. DAY was born in Belgium and came to the United States thirty-two years ago. He located in McDonald and had lived here since. In 1891 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary FOUNTAIN. He followed the occupation of a miner nearly all his life, except for a short time in recent years when he was employed on the railroad. Three years ago he suffered a slight stroke. He had been ailing more or less since. He is survived by his wife, and three daughters: Kate, the wife of Constantine WILLIAMSON of North McDonald street, Nellie, the wife of William POUNDS of Valley street, and Marie, the wife of Morgan JONES of Valley street. There are also two stepsons and four stepdaughters: Mark DENNY of North McDonald Street, Alexander FOUNTAIN of Valley street, Annie, the wife of Emile VEYDT of Colliers, W. Va., Mary, the wife of Harry DUBOISE of Belgian hill, Helen the wife of Abel RANDOUR of North McDonald Street, and Rose, wife of Alex POSKIN of Valley street. Funeral services were held at the late home of the deceased in Valley Street on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. H. DEBOLT, pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was in Hilldale cemetery.

Jan. 27, 1922 McDonald Record

Gustave DEWEY, 65, years old, died at his home on Belgian Hill, McDonald, on Wednesday afternoon, January 25, 1922, at 3:45 o'clock, of miner's asthma, after a long illness. Mr. DEWEY was born in Belgium January 12, 1857, and came to the United States, locating in McDonald, thirty five years ago. His wife survives him with two sons and one daughter. They are: Joseph DEWEY of Dinsmore, Augusta, the wife of Mark DENNY of McDonald, and Victor DEWEY of Laurel hill. The body was taken to the home of Victor DEWEY, Laurel hill, where the funeral will be held this (Friday) afternoon at four o'clock. Interment will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Jan. 27, 1922 McDonald Record

Point Marion, PA – Jan 31 – The funeral of **J Philip MICHAUX**, who died suddenly here last week, was held from his late home on Third St., Sunday last at 2pm, the obituary being delivered in French by Mr. Frank F CRINER. The deceased was a stockholder in the Federated Glass company and a member of the board of directors. It is thought that death was due to heart trouble. Deceased was born in Belgium some 59 years ago, coming to this country a number of years ago, and has been resident for possibly 16 to 18 years. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn their loss. One brother also survives, but he could not be located. Undertaker E J Conn was in charge and the body was taken to the South Point Marion cemetery followed by a large crowd of friends and fellow glassworkers. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family. Daily News Standard, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 2 Feb 1922

Emile DEHOUX, aged 69 years, died at his home in the New World, north of McDonald on Sunday afternoon, March 19, at 12:45 o'clock. Mr. DEHOUX for the past 34 years has lived in this vicinity. He is survived by his wife, five daughters and four sons: Mrs. Rose SMITH, Mrs. Loucetta JOHNSTON, Mrs. Millie SMITH of McDonald; Mrs. Bertha CHARLIER of Colliers, W. Va.; Mrs. Mammie (sic) GEORGE of Corliss and Emile, Jules, Fred and Victor DEHOUX, all of McDonald. The funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl SMITH of Valley street on Wednesday afternoon in charge of Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D., assisted by Rev. Alexandre MAGE and Rev. J. H. DEBOLT. Interment was in the Robinson Run cemetery.

Mar. 23, 1922 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. **Marie LEONARD** died at her home in Valley street, on Thursday, March 23rd; aged 48 years. Mrs. LEONARD was born in Belgium. She is survived by her husband, one son, Herman, and one daughter, Mrs. Jules MASQUELIER. Funeral services were held in the French United Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was in the Robb cemetery.

Mar. 30, 1922 McDonald PA Outlook

Leon BERGER died Thursday evening, March 23rd, in the 84th year of his age. Mr. BERGER, for many years, has lived in North street, McDonald. Funeral services were held in the French United Presbyterian church, Saturday afternoon, in charge of Rev. Alexandre MAGE. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Mar. 30, 1922 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. **Emma DEVOS** died at her home in Sturgeon on Thursday morning, April 27, 1922, at five o'clock, in her thirtieth year. Mrs. DEVOS' maiden name was DECROO and she was born July 6, 1892. She leaves her husband, **Maurice DEVOS**, a son, Maurice, Jr. and two daughters, Emmaline and Eleanor. Her mother, Mrs. Tillie DECROO of Tarentum, a sister Mary, the wife of David THOMPSON of Sturgeon, and four brothers: Oscar, Joseph, Baptist, and Victor DECROO, all of Tarentum, also survive. The funeral services were held from the home of her sister, Mrs. David THOMPSON, in Sturgeon, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. -

May 4, 1922 McDonald PA Outlook

Mr. **Phillip VINCK**, aged 81 years, died yesterday morning at 2:30 at the home of his daughter. Mrs. Adeline Strimel at No. 77 Lenawee avenue. The gentleman had been confined to his bed for the past six weeks suffering from the infirmities of old age. He is survived by his wife and seven children. Mrs. Strimel, at whose house he died, Mrs. Leona DeBlander of Philadelphia. Mrs. Sirrmin Dehainaut, of Charleston, W. Va, Daniel Vinck, of Jeannette; Charles Vinck, of Mt Vernon, Ohio, Jules Vinck of the state of Texas,

and Louis Vinck, of Michigan. One brother Louis Vinck. of this city. and a sister Nellie Matthews of East Pittsburgh also survive. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon with interment being made in Grandview cemetery.

The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, Pennsylvania – 22 Sep 1922

Mrs. **Octavie DEBLANDER CHIFF**, aged 58 years, wife of Henry CHIFF, died Saturday, January 5, 1923, at her home in Primrose of valvular heart disease, complicated by diabetes. Mrs. CHIFF was born in Belgium May 12, 1863, and came to America at the age of sixteen years, locating in McDonald. Five years later she moved to Primrose, where she had resided since. On July 15, 1884, she was united in marriage with Henry CHIFF who survives her with three sons and two daughters: August and Gustave CHIFF of Primrose, Lena, the wife of Charles LIBERT of Primrose, Mrs. Flora HICKS and Joseph at home. There also survive seven grandchildren, Mrs. Mathilda DERHOVEN of Primrose is a sister and Octave DEBLANDER of Primrose, Peter DEBLANDER of Cecil and Alphonse DEBLANDER of Philadelphia are brothers. Funeral services were held at her late home on Monday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by the Rev. Dr. IRONS of McDonald. Interment was in Centre cemetery, Midway.

Jan. 12, 1923 Obits Not sure which McDonald, PA newspaper

Mrs. **Charlotte MORTELETTE**, wife of Peter Joseph MORTELETTE of McDonald, died at the family home in Valley Street on Wednesday afternoon, January 10, 1923, at ten minutes to two, after a long illness of cancer of the stomach. Mrs. MORTELETTE was born in Belgium April 6, 18*5. About thirty years ago Mr. and Mrs. MORTELETTE came to America. For three years and a half they lived in Indiana and then they came to McDonald and have lived here since. Mrs. MORTELETTE leaves beside her husband, six sons and one daughter. They are: Eli of Polk, Samuel of East Pittsburgh, Jules of McDonald, Peter, George, and Rene, at home, and one daughter, Rachel, the wife of Victor CATRAIN of McDonald. There are two grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Rachel VERKLEEREN of Charleroi, and a brother, Samuel CLAVIR of Salem, W. Va. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon in the French United Presbyterian church in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Alexandre MAGE. Interment will be in the Hilldale cemetery. - Jan. 12, 1923 Obits Not sure which McDonald, PA newspaper

After a lingering illness, which covered a period of 25 years, **John B. JIRARD** passed away at his home in Valley street Saturday evening, January 26 at 5:30 o'clock, death being due to pulmonary hemorrhages. The deceased had been confined to his bed one week prior to his death. Mr. JIRARD was born in Belgium March 21, 1848, being 76 years of age at the time of his death, and he had worked in the coal mines the greater part of his life. He is survived by his wife and one son, Michael, at home. Funeral services were held from his late home on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment was private, in the Hilldale (Robb's) cemetery.

Jan. 31, 1924 McDonald PA Outlook

John B. GERARD, aged 75 years, died at his home in Valley street at 5:30 o'clock Saturday evening, January 26, 1924 of asthma, after a lingering illness of 25 years. He fell down a flight of steps a week ago and following this accident was confined to his bed until his death. He was born in Belgium March 21, 1848. He is survived by one son, Michael, at home. Funeral services were held at his late home on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was in the Hilldale cemetery. - Feb. 1, 1924 McDonald PA Record

Louis LIBERT, aged 37 years, 9 months and 9 days, died at the home of his mother in Primrose at eight o'clock on Thursday evening, January 31, 1924, of miners' asthma. Mr. LIBERT was born April 25, 1886, in Belgium and came to the United States in his boyhood. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Maria LIBERT of near Primrose, three sisters, and three brothers. They are: Mrs. Charles CAGNERT, Mrs. Alexander SMALL, and Mrs. Gus LANCE, all three of Primrose, and Joseph, Frank and Gustave LIBERT, all three at home. Funeral services were held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. John H. DEBOLT, pastor of the McDonald Methodist church. Interment was in the Center cemetery, Midway. - Feb. 8, 1924 McDonald PA Record

IN MEMORY of Mrs. **Pelagie VINCK**²⁸ who died one year ago today, March 1, 1923. Just a year ago, dear Mother, that you entered in the fold But your memory always lingers With all the dear folks at home. Sadly missed by Husband and Children.

The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, Pennsylvania – 1 March 1924

Mrs. Frank MICHAUX of East Lincoln avenue, McDonald, on Monday received word from Belgium that her father, **Jean Baptist WATHELET**, had passed away at his home in Dampremy, near Roux, Tuesday, March 11, 1924, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. WATHELET would have been seventy-two years old had he lived until the 19th of May. He is survived by his second wife, two sons in Belgium, and four daughters, two of whom live in Belgium, one in McDonald-Mrs. Frank MICHAUX, and one in Whiteburg, Iowa-Mrs. Seraphin RENARD. Quite a few natives of Belgium, who now live in McDonald and vicinity, were acquainted with the deceased. The funeral services were held in the church at Dampremy in morning of March 13th.

Mar. 28, 1924 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. **Flora MOTTE**, aged 81 years, eleven months and twelve days, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nicholas LIENARD, in Center avenue, McDonald, Thursday morning, April 17, 1924. Mrs. MOTTE was born in Mons, Belgium, May 5, 1843. She was married in Belgium and came to the United States with her husband, settling in Wheeling, W. Va. She has been a resident of McDonald for the past thirty-three years. Mrs. MOTTE was a member of the French United Presbyterian church. Besides her husband (Alexander), she leaves one daughter and four sons, Mrs. Nicholas LIENARD, Alfred MOTTE, Hilaire MOTTE, all three of

²⁸ Wife of Louis VINCK

McDonald, Ernest MOTTE, of .. Alabama, and Alexander MOTTE of Indiana. There are twenty-eight grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Funeral services were held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. LIENARD, in avenue, McDonald, at three. Sunday afternoon, conducted by CABRIT. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Apr. 25, 1924 McDonald PA Record

Jules Robert GOSSIAUX, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules A.GOSSIAUX of Grindstone, Fayette county, died at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, May 17, 1924, of gastritis, after by three days' illness. The child was born December 5, 1923, and was aged five months and two weeks. Three other children remain in the GOSSIAUX home: Emile, Frank, and Joseph. The body was brought to the home to Mr. GOSSIAUX's mother, Mrs. Joseph PENSIS, in Orchard street, McDonald, where the funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Mlle. CABRIT of the French church. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

May 23 1924 McDonald PA Record

Louis BORZEE, aged 81 years and two months, passed away peacefully at his home in Liberty street, Memorial day, May 30, 1924, at 10 a.m. He was born at Bon Saint, Province of Luxemburg, Belgium, March 3, 1843, and at the age of 12 years moved to Liege, Belgium, where he learned the trade of bootmaker. When 20 years of age he moved to Rux, Province of Hainaux, Belgium, and was united in marriage in 1868 to Mathilda COUSHE, who still survives. Mr. and Mrs. BORZEE left Rux February 9, 1887, coming to this country. They settled in McDonald where Mr. BORZEE followed the occupation of coal mining. He and his family at that time resided in F. A. THOMASSY's father's home in Miller street. Mr. BORZEE has been a highly respected citizen of McDonald for 37 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mathilda BORZEE, two children, Mrs. Samuel C. STEWART and David BORZEE, both of McDonald, also three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Funeral services were held at his late home on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. August DEVOS of the French U. P. church. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

June 6, 1924 McDonald PA Record

Charles SCHOLLAERT, aged 72 years, died of pneumonia at his home in Noblestown at 9:30 o'clock Friday evening, September 26, 1924. Mr. SCHOLLAERT was born in Belgium February 28, 1852, and came to the United States 43 years ago, settling in Noblestown. He was a miner by occupation until about six years ago when he was injured and was obliged to retire. He had resided in the house in which he died since he first came to Noblestown. Thirty-six years ago he was united in marriage with Miss **Lena VERCAMMEN**, who survives him. The wedding took place in St. Patrick's church. Five children survive. They are: Mrs. Mary DURAIN, Miss Mathilda, Miss Sadie, Arthur and Joseph, all at home. One sister, Mrs. Martin A. CHARMAR of McDonald, and one brother, Edwin SCHOLLAERT of Sturgeon also survive. Funeral services were held in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church at Noblestown Monday morning at 10 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. Fr. D. J. COX. Interment was in the Noblestown cemetery.

Oct. 3, 1924 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. Mathilda DERBOVEN, aged 62 years, died at her home in Primrose at 5:45 o'clock Friday afternoon, October 24, 1924, of diabetes. Mrs. DERBOVEN was born in Belgium. She had lived in this country for over thirty years. Besides her husband, Triffon DEREBOVEN, she leaves a son, E. L. DERBOVEN of Primrose, and a daughter, Mrs. Elida OPENBRIER. Three brothers also survive. They are Octave DEBLANDER of Primrose, Alphonse DEBLANDER of Philadelphia and Peter DEBLANDER of Cecil. Funeral services were held at the home on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. DEVOS, pastor of the French U. P. church of McDonald. Interment was in the Midway cemetery. Oct. 31, 1924 McDonald PA Record

Mrs. Joseph ROBINO, 55 years old, died at her home in Seattle, Wash., Monday, December 15 1924. Mrs. ROBINO was born in Charleroi, Belgium, and came to the United States with her parents 33 years ago. The family settled in McDonald. She is survived by one son, Leonard PHEDANT of Seattle, Wash., and two daughters in California. Three sisters and five brothers also survive. They are: Mrs. J. B. MASQU(E)LIER and Mrs. Jules HAINAUT, both of McDonald, Mrs. Joseph CUJAS of Hickory, F. L. DESCUTNER of Norwood, near Philadelphia, Peter E. DESCUTNER, John DESCUTNER, Efen DESCUTNER and Harry DESCUTNER, all three of McDonald. 19 December 1924, McDonald PA Record

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. **Arthur MALFAIRE**, aged 61, a former resident of Charleroi, which occurred in Charleroi, Belgium, May 14. Mrs. Malfaire left this place in December 1924. She is survived by two daughters, one in Belgium, one in Hazelhurst, and one son of Cresson; three sisters, Mrs. Renee Sechez, Mrs Leo Vannacker and Mrs Ralph Goodvriend, all of this place. The deceased was well known here - Charleroi Mail June 2, 1925, Charleroi, PA

Mrs. **Catherine BRIGODE**, 62 years of age, wife of **A BRIGODE**, of 100 Crest avenue, died at her home on Tuesday evening, Spetember 29 at 9:33 o'clock. She was born in Roux, Belgium on July 4, 1863 and had been a resident of Charleroi for the past 35 years. There survive besides her husband, two daughters, Mrs. **Harvey B WOLFBRANDT** and Mrs. **Martin C DIETZ** of Charleroi; two sons, **Alex BRIGODE** and **Fernand J BRIGODE** of Charleroi; two sisters, Mrs. **Lucy BOSSOM** of Blairsville, PA and Mrs. Thereza VANMOTHEM of Hites, PA; one brother, **Jules HORGANEIS** of Charleroi, Belgium and thirteen grandchildren. Funeral services will be held from her late home Saturday October 3 at 2 o'clock with interment in Monongahela cemetery.

The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA 1 Oct 1925

Mrs. **Philomene HIERSOUX**, wife of Adolph HIERSOUX, died Thursday Dec 3, at 8pm at the home of her daughter Mrs. James O'Neil, Eleventh street, Monongahela. Mrs. Hiersoux had a stroke two years ago on Oct 22, last, and had been confined to her bed

since that time. She was born in Jamais , Belgium, September 18, 1839, coming to America 38 years ago. There survive her husband --- James O'Neil, two sisters, Mrs. Louise Williams of New Eagle, Mrs. August George of Sturgeon, PA and one brother Prosper Greer, of New Eagle. Funeral services will be held at the Transfiguration church next Monday morning with high mass, time of service being 9:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Monongahela cemetery. 4 Dec 1925 – The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA

Mrs. Charles DE MIERBE, aged 76 years, died Sunday evening, December 6, at 11:10 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Harry DELBARRE of California. Mrs. DE MIERBE who made her home with her daughter for some time --- was a former resident of Stockdale, having resided at that place for twenty-five years. She was in the best of health and her sudden death Sunday evening was a great shock to her immediate friends and relatives. She is survived by her husband, one son Amel BASTEN of Montana, two daughters, Mrs. Desire BRISON and Mrs. Charles BRIGODE, and Mrs. Harry DELBARRE of California. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her daughter with Rev. John R BURSON in charge. Interment will take place in the Highland Cemetery – The Charleroi Mail - 8 Dec 1925

Mrs. **Germa LASEVER HEILMAN**, of Rosston, aged 34 years, 9 months and 19 days, died at the Kittaning hospital at 2 o'clock Saturday morning, following an operation for acute appendicitis performed at 10 o'clock Friday morning. Mrs. Heilman was born in Belgium and came to this country when but a child. She resided in Ford City and Rosston all her life. She is survived by her husband, Clarence R Heilman, one son, Clair, one daughter, Lillian Marie, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lasever, one sister, Mrs. H S McCollum and one brother Simon Lasever, all of Rosston. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Simpson's Leader-Times, Kittaning, Pennsylvania - 6 Feb 1926

Mrs. Anna FREROTTE TAKEN BY DEATH

Ford City, Dec 20 – The death of Mrs. **Anna FREROTTE**, aged 79, occurred at the home of her daughter Mrs. Samuel Sirwell, this place, this morning at 12:15 o'clock. Deceased was well known and highly respected. She had been a resident of Ford City 22 years. She was a member of St. Mary's church and St. Anne's Society. The following children survive: Mrs. Annie Wagner, Mrs. Samuel Sirwell, Gus and Albert Frerotte, Ford City; Mrs. Tony Boucher, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Kittaning Simpson Daily Leader Times, Dec 20, 1926 – Kittaning, PA

Ford City, Dec 22 – Funeral services for Mrs. **Anna FREROTTE**, of Thirds Avenue will be held Thursday morning at 9:30 in St. Mary's church. Internemnt in St. Mary's cemetery. Kittaning Simpson Daily Leader Times, Dec 22, 1926 – Kittaning, PA

Henry RANDOUR²⁹, aged 21 years, died en route to the Canonsburg hospital following an accident in which he was squeezed between a pit car and the rib as he tried to throw the brake on the car as he was leaving his work in the Gilmore mine, near George station, about four o'clock Thursday afternoon, January 20, 1927. He was so badly crushed that he died shortly after having been injured. Mr. RANDOUR was the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Abel RANDOUR** of Belgian hill, McDonald, and was born June 21, 1905, in McDonald. In October 1925 he was united in marriage with Miss **Florence DEVANNY**. Six weeks ago a daughter was born to them. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of McDonald. Besides his wife, his daughter, and his parents, he leaves two sisters, **Mrs. George MOORE** of McDonald, and **Mrs. George NICE** of Midway, and one brother, **Arthur RANDOUR**, at home. Funeral services were held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon in the McDonald Methodist Episcopal church, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. J. M. BETTS, assisted by his former pastor, the Rev. J. H. DEBOLT of Washington. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. Jan. 28, 1927 McDonald PA Record

Joseph BRANDEGRAM, of Eichelberger Town, died Saturday, January 22, aged 49 years. He was born in Charleroi, Belgium, and came to the United States sixteen years ago and in due time became a naturalized American. He is survived by his wife, Josephine, and two step-children, Silvan Chanvenne, at home and Mrs. C. A. Chiavizia, of Saxton, and several grandchildren. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist Church in charge of Rev. Paul Dilling. Interment was made in the Hopewell Cemetery.

Huntington Daily News, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania – 28 January 1927

Mrs. Arsene DUBOIS, aged 77 years, died at three o'clock Friday morning, February 11, 1927, in the county home at Arden. Death was due to complications due to her advanced years. Mrs. DUBOIS was born in Belgium. It was there she was married, and she and her husband came to the United States about forty years ago. Mrs. DUBOIS had lived in McDonald about thirty-five years. Mr. DUBOIS was killed twelve years ago in the Bulger mine. Three years ago Mrs. DUBOIS went to the county home at Arden. There are no known relatives. The body was brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. CHARLIER in East Lincoln avenue, where funeral services were held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. M. BETTS, pastor of the McDonald Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. Auguste DEVOS, pastor of the French U. P. church. The choir of the Methodist church sang. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. Feb. 18, 1927 McDonald PA Record

²⁹ The 1910 US Census (North Fayette, Allegheny, PA) shows **Abel Randour**, 30, b in France, emigrated to the US in 1886, has been married for 7 years to Helen, 28, b in Belgium. She had 6 children, only 3 of whom were living at the time of the census: Henry, 4, Eveline, 2 and Blanche, 9 months. Helen emigrated to the US in 1888. The WWI Draft cards give Abel's birth date as 28 Oct 1879. Abel died in April 1966 in McDonald, Washington, PA

Kasper KUGLER, aged 83 years, who passed away at his home in Oil City early yesterday, was a pioneer in the oil fields along Oil Creek. He came to Titusville in 1861 where he opened a blacksmith shop and made tools for the oil fields of this vicinity. He later formed a partnership with M. M. Mount and for a number of years they conducted a shop in Petroleum Center. In 1873, Mr. Kugler went to Oil City, disposing of his shop and entering the oil producing business, which he continued for over fifty years. He was born in Belgium on November 22, 1843, and located in Dunkirk, NY, when he came to America. In Oil City he served in the old select council and was held in high esteem. He is survived by six children, 21 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.
Titusville Herald, Titusville, Pennsylvania – March 4, 1927

Edmond SCHOLLAERT, aged 79 years, a native of Holland and for many years a resident of the McDonald locality, died Friday, February 25, 1927, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. R. GROSS, in Waynesburg. He had been in failing health for some time, but pneumonia, which developed a few days ago, was the direct cause of death. Mr. SCHOLLAERT was born in Holland in 1848 and came to America in 1877. He located in Noblestown, where he followed mining until he retired from work 20 years ago. His wife, Catherine SCHOLLAERT, died three years ago. About one year ago Mr. SCHOLLAERT went to Waynesburg and had since lived with his daughter there. Mr. SCHOLLAERT was a member of the French association and was also a member of the First United Presbyterian church of McDonald. Besides his daughter, Mrs. GROSS, at whose home he died, he leaves another daughter, Mrs. James L. MAIZE of Uniontown and two sons, Victor SCHOLLAERT of Sturgeon and Charles SCHOLLAERT of Bentleyville. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home of his son, Victor SCHOLLAERT, in Sturgeon, conducted by the Rev. Dr. W. D. IRONS, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, who was assisted by the Rev. J. M. BETTS, pastor of the McDonald Methodist Episcopal church. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. Mar. 4, 1927 McDonald PA Record

Alfred TOURNAY, aged twenty years, a brakeman on the Panhandle railroad, was caught and crushed between two cars at four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of last week in Weirton, W. Va. He died the following day--at six o'clock Thursday evening, March 10, 1927. Mr. TOURNAY was the son of Henry and Guillemille TOURNAY, and was born in October 1906, in McDonald. His mother died November 18, 1911. He is the third in the TOURNAY family to die by accident: a brother two years old was scalded to death in 1916, and his brother Henry was killed in a railroad accident September 2, 1927. Alfred was faithful in his attendance at the French U. P. church until he left McDonald about three years ago to seek work elsewhere. He was a member of the French U. P. Sabbath school, of the Y. P. C. U, and of the young men's athletic organization--the F. A. Y. M. He frequently played baseball for the French church team and was greatly admired by all who knew him intimately for his good sportsmanship, fair play, and other gentlemanly qualities. Mr. TOURNAY was employed as brakeman, working on one of the steel mill yard trains. In attempting to couple two of the scrap buggies together, he was caught between the cars, crushing his chest and puncturing his lung. Workmen nearby who were unable to explain the accident, assisted in his removal to the Weirton Steel company emergency hospital, where his injuries were dressed. It is thought he was struck by a dolomite pan as it tipped, and was knocked between the buggies. Besides his father and stepmother he leaves eight brothers and sisters. The body was brought to the TOURNAY home in McDonald on Friday. Funeral services were held on Sunday at 2:30 o'clock from the home and at three o'clock from the French United Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Auguste DEVOS. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery.
Mar. 18, 1927 McDonald PA Record

Victor LIRA, of Cecil, 45 years old, was killed instantly when he was struck by a freight train of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia railroad at Cecil Monday afternoon, March 21, 1927. His body was badly mangled. He was united in marriage on the 13th of November last year with Mrs. **Rosie BOURGUIGNON**, whose husband was killed in a mine July 28, 1923. She is left with four children of the first marriage³⁰. Mar. 25, 1927 McDonald PA Record

George CUJAS, aged 11 years, of near Hickory, is in the Canonsburg hospital in an extremely critical condition as a result of wounds suffered when an old-fashioned breech-loading rifle backfired. A piece of steel apparently was carried into the chest of the lad and lodged in the base of his lung. His condition has been such that no attempt could be made to remove it. A man working on the CUJAS farm was experimenting with the old weapon when the accident occurred. - Apr. 1, 1927 McDonald PA Record

On April 6th, 1927, **Ruth**, beloved daughter of **Ellis** and **Esther Lewis**, nee **Bouchat**. The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her parents, 23 W Chelton Ave, Parkside. Interment at Chester Rural cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening.
Chester Times April 9, 1927, Chester, PA

Mrs. **Louise DEVETT**, wife of Michael DEVETT of Lilly, died at 11:55 o'clock last night at the Altoona hospital of a complication of diseases. She was admitted on April 7. She was born in Belgium and was 43 years of age. The remains were taken to Lilly today.
Altoona Mirror, Altoona, Pennsylvania – 15 April 1927

³⁰ The 1920 US Census (Cecil Twp, Washington Co., PA) shows that **Rosie Bourguignon**, 35, b in Belgium, emigrated in 1890, is married to Max Bourguignon, 44, also born in Belgium, who emigrated in 1896, have 4 children: **Josephine**, 16 b PA; **Elise**, 14, b in PA; **Henrietta**, 11, b PA and **August**, 1y 5months, b. PA.

The WWI Draft Registration Cards have **Maximilian Bourguignon**, coal miner for the National Mining Co., naturalized, b 15 Nov 1875, residing in Cecil, Washington, PA; medium size and build, brown hair.

Alexander A. WULFFING, aged 69 years, of 1106 DuShane street, watchman at the Pennsylvania railroad crossing, East Washington street, dropped dead Saturday night at 11:55 soon after reporting for duty. Mr. Wulffing's death was very unexpected as he had just returned from Niles, Om where he had spent the day with his daughter Mrs. J Crawford of that place.

While reporting to work soon after he reached this city he was seen to fall over on the sidewalk near the crossing, Some passersby ran to his aid and he was carried into the East Side station. A physician was sent for but before medical aid could reach him he passed away. His death is believed to have been the result of a sudden heart attack. Mr. Wulffing was born in Gosselies, Belgium, April 10, 1858, a son of Henri and Sophia Wulffing. He had been a resident of this city for 30y ears and for the last seven years had been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. C. M. Thompson. Mrs. H. W. Moncrief and Mrs. Jennie Thocia of this city and Mrs. J. Crawford of Niles, and one son Amedy Wulffing of Paris, France. His wife, Mephanie Hanny, preceded him In death some time ago and he had been making his home with his daughter. Mrs. H. W. I Moncrief of this city, funeral services will take place Tuesday, September 27, at 2:30 pm from his daughter's home on DuShane street. Burial in Oak Park cemetery. - New Castle News, New Castle, Pennsylvania – 26 Sep 1927

Maurice BALZA of 1012 Meadow avenue, Charleroi, died in the Charleroi-Monessen hospital, December 25, 1956, at 9:30am. He was born in McDonald, Pa., January 27, 1900, the son of **Leon**³¹ and Mrs. **Carmmellia NOVAK**, aged 31 years, wife of **Walter NOVAK**, died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at her home 1002 Crest avenue. She is survived by her husband, two daughters Marietta and Norma Jean, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Leon Balza**, four brothers, Rene, Maurice, Herman and Arnold and one sister Bertha, all of Charleroi. Funeral services will be held from the late home, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the rev Frank S Montgomery officiating, with interment in Charleroi cemetery. – The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 10 Oct 1927

Mrs. **Nunzio COLECCHI**, aged 23 years, died last night at 6:45 at her home 118 Donner. Death was sudden and unexpected and came as a great shock to family and friends. She leaves an infant child two days old. Mrs. Colecchi before her marriage was Miss **Bertha Soupley**, daughter of Mrs. Marie Souply of 719 Sixth street. The family have been resident of this city for many years. Besides the mother and infant child, two sons Robert, aged three years and Walter, aged 18 months survive. Also three sisters: Mrs. Dan Rogers, Alice and Marie and Lewis Sonply at home. Much sympathy is expressed for the family on account of the sad conditions surrounding the home. The funeral cortege will leave the home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Charleroi, where services will be held in the Italian Catholic church on Fallowfield avenue. Interment will follow in the Belle Vernon cemetery.

The Monessen Daily Independent – 25 Oct 1927

LEONARD RITES TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Funeral rites for Mrs. **Henrietta Antoinette (DUPONT) LEONARD**, 72, well known Wellsburg resident, who died Wednesday, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late home, 99 Ninth street. Rev. M. M. Allison, pastor of the Wellsburg Presbyterian church will officiate, and burial will follow in Brooke cemetery. Mrs. Leonard was a native of Leige (sic), Belgium, and came to this country 40 years ago. She came to Wellsburg from Tarentum, Pa. in 1914 and has resided there since. She leaves ten children: Mrs. Ben Kirby, of Ward, West Va., Joseph, of Tiltonville (sic), Ohio, John, of Monessen, Pa., Frank of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Lee Thomas of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Jules Regnier, Elmer, Jules, Mrs. Jackson Cook, Miss Henrietta Leonard, all of Wellsburg.

The Wheeling Intelligencer, Friday 20 January 1928, Page 13, Column 4

We desire to make this public acknowledgement of our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy accorded us during our recent bereavement, the death of our father, **Louis VINCK**. We also wish to thank the pastor and choir of the Christian church and the many friends who so generously gave of their services and the use of their automobiles for the funeral. The VINCK Family

The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, PA – 14 May 1928

Mrs. **Rosine LECLERCQ**, aged 77 years, died yesterday, August 13 at 2:35 p. m. at the home of her son, Emil Joseph Leclercq, of Monessen. Death was due to complications following a recent illness. Mrs. Leclercq, for many years a resident of Charleroi and Monessen, had been making her home with her daughter in Warren, Ohio, and was taken seriously ill several weeks ago while visiting at her son's home in Monessen. She was born in Belgium May 1, 1851. There survive two sons, Emil Joseph Leclercq of Monessen and Arthur J. Leclereq. of North Charleroi; two daughters, Mrs. Leopold Stassin, of Warren, O and Mrs. Oscar Albert, of Weirton, W. Va.; thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the home of her son, 665 Knox avenue, Monessen, Thursday afternoon 2 o'clock with interment following in the Grandview cemetery, Monessen.

³¹ The 1930 US Census for Charleroi, Washington Co., PA shows two BALZA families living next door to each other:

Morris BALZA, 29, owner of a barber shop, married at the age of 22, born in PA of Belgian parents, with his wife Theresa, 26 (19y old at time of marriage) b in PA of Italian parents, with their son Raymond, 5

Leon BALZA, 54, married since the age of 19, b in Belgium, emigrated in 1889, naturalized; his wife Adelaide, 64 (married at age 29), b in Belgium, emigrated in 1893; their children : Rennie, 35, b in PA; -indel, 28, Bertha, 23; granddaughter Marietta Hornbake(?), 12 and brother Oscar Balza, 57, emigrated in 1893 (still listed as Alien)

The 1920 US Census, in Charleroi, Washington Co., PA is easier to read:

Leon BALZA, 43, emigrated in 1880, naturalized in 1898, working at the glasshouse; his wife Adelaide, 55 emigrated in 1892 and children: Rene, 24; Herman, 18; Arnold, 18, all 3 gatherers at the glasshouse and Bertha 13

In the same household lived Maurice BALZA, 19 and his wife Jennie, 17, both b in PA of Belgian parents; along with Oscar Balza, 46, emigrated in 1880, naturalized but no date given.

The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, Pennsylvania – 14 Aug 1928

Emile OPENBRIER, aged 61, shot himself in a bed room at his home in Primrose about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. OPENBRIER was born in Belgium and came to this country 25 years ago. Besides his wife, Mr. OPENBRIER is survived by seven children: Mrs. **Jules GOSSIAUX**, Grindstone, Pa.; Mrs. David **FERRIS**, Midway; Mrs. William **SMART**, Bridgeville; Ferdinand, Emile, Jr., Joseph and William, at home. Funeral services will be held from his home Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment will be in the Center cemetery, Midway. Aug. 16, 1928 McDonald PA Outlook

A fall from a ladder last Tuesday at his home in North Charleroi was the direct cause of the death of **Peter J. STOREZ**, 44, which occurred Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Allegheny General hospital, Pittsburgh. He had been painting the house and was using a swing. It was said he became dizzy and fell to the ground. A physician was immediately called but it was Thursday before he was sent to the hospital. An examination at the hospital disclosed a fractured skull, broken arm, three ribs broken and other injuries. After he fell his family said he did not recognize anyone preceding his death. The body was returned to his late home, corner Sixth and Conrad avenue, Lock Four, Saturday evening. He was born in Belgium and had resided in the vicinity of Charleroi for the past 18 years. He was employed at the Allenport tube mill as a roller. He is survived by his widow, Clemensi M Huweart Storez and two sister and three brothers, Mrs. Augusta Demys, Lock View, Mrs. Laura Viramt, Twilight, George Desire and Armond Storez.

The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, Pennsylvania – 27 Aug 1928

Louis MOTTE, aged 36 years, of this place was fatally stabbed Friday evening shortly after 10 o'clock as the result of a quarrel at a dance held in Fayolle school house north of town. The cause of the quarrel has not been determined. Frank **BOLIND**, aged Santiago, near Imperial, was taken into custody by Chief of Police **SCHONS** shortly after and confessed that he had wielded the knife. Tony **FIALOS** of Valley street was severely slashed on the left arm when he grabbed **BOLIND** who attempted to run after **MOTTE** fell. **BOLIND** succeeded in getting away but was captured by Policeman **SCHONS** near the German church, west of town. **MOTTE** died before medical aid could be reached; his body was taken to the mortuary of J. C. **ROGERS**. **FIALOS** was attended to by a local physician. Mr. **MOTTE** was a world war veteran serving with the 319 Infantry, 80th Division and for the past three years had been a member of the 103d Medical Regiment U. S. National Guards. He was a well-known musician and for the past year has been in the drayage business here. Besides his wife, Mrs. Antonia **KLIMAS MOTTE**, three children survive. They are: Louise aged 8 years; Louis, aged 6 years, and Roseann, 9 months. Mr. **MOTTE** is also survived by his father, Alfred **MOTTE**, of McDonald; two sisters, Mrs. Jules **LEMAL** of Langeloth, Mrs. Ralph **SAUNDERS**, Ellwood City, and five brothers, Ernest, Jules, John, Alex. and Albert **MOTTE** all of this place. A military funeral was held in the St. Alphonsus church Monday morning at 9:00, in charge of the Rev. Fr. Joseph A. **BURGOON**. The procession from his late home to the church was headed by the 103rd Regimental band of Oakdale, of which band he has been a member for a number of years. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery in Noblestown.

Sept. 6, 1928 McDonald PA Outlook

Alphonse VAN GATHERN of 209 Crest avenue died this morning at 10:30 o'clock after a lingering illness. He was aged 56 years and was born in Belgium March 15, 1822. He came here from Canada five years ago. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Alphonse, Jr., and Augustus, both at home, and one granddaughter, Alice, a brother and sister in Canada and three sisters in Belgium. Funeral services will be announced later. – The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, Pennsylvania – 29 Sep 1928

Arthur DANDOY died at his home Saturday evening at 6:45 o'clock after a long illness. He was 56 years old and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose of this place. He leaves his widow, one brother of this place and two sisters in Belgium. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Hasenplug officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Nebo cemetery at Mt. Jewett.

The Bradford Era, Saturday Oct 13, 1928 – Bradford, PA

Mrs. Catherine DEHOU (nee RIGAUX) aged 25 years, died Sunday at 2:10 p.m. after an illness of influenza. She leaves her husband, Alfred **DEHOU**, and three children: Victorine, five and one-half years old; Isabelle, four years old; Alfred, eighteen months old; her mother, Mrs. Elsie **RIGAUX** of Valley street; a sister and four brothers. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. August **DEVOS** Wednesday at three o'clock. Oct. 31, 1928 McDonald PA Outlook

Desire POSKIN, aged 72, died of pneumonia Tuesday at noon in the home of his eldest son, Valentine, in North McDonald street. Mr. **POSKIN** came to McDonald forty-two years ago from Gilly, Belgium. He is survived by two sons, Valentine of North McDonald street and Aime of Valley street. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at three o'clock, at the home of his son on North McDonald street, with Rev. August **DEVOS** in charge. Oct. 31, 1928 McDonald PA Outlook

Mrs. **Antoinette BOHEY**, aged 72, died at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, she was well-known and had many friends. She came to America forty-seven years ago from Marchienne-aux-Ponts, Belgium, settling in McDonald, then removing to Midway and later to Cecil. Mrs. **BOHEY** was a member of the French U. P. church of McDonald. She is survived by her husband, Bernardin **BOHEY** and three children: Mrs. Mary **DEBLANDER** of Ceil, Auguste **BOHEY** of Wheeling, and Simion **BOHEY** of Detroit. Funeral services were held Tuesday at two o'clock, with Rev. Auguste **DEVOS** in charge. Oct. 31, 1928 McDonald PA Outlook

John Baptiste NIMAL died Thursday afternoon, December 13, 1928, at 12:45 o'clock. He was 74 years of age. Mr. **NIMAL** had been a resident of McDonald for many years. He followed farming until a few years ago when he was forced to retire on account of

poor health. Death came as the result of a stroke. Besides his wife, Mrs. Josephine SUPLIT NIMAL, there survive the following children: Mrs. P. J. DESCUTNER, Mrs. L. H. STEWART, Mrs. W. A. STEWART, Ernest NIMAL and P. J. NIMAL, all at home. Funeral services were held in the French church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. Auguste DEVOS. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. - Dec. 20, 1928 McDonald PA

Mr. **Oliver OPENBROWER**, aged 65 years, died on Saturday, December 15, 1928, at six o'clock in the evening at his home in Midway. His death came as a result of a severe attack of asthma with which he had been ill four days. He was born in Belgium on February 18, 1863 and when he was 23 years of age was married to Miss Eugena LAHLEY, who survives him with five daughters: Louise, wife of John STEVENSON; Jennie, wife of Hector LIEBERT, Elsie, wife of Charles KLENNER, all of McDonald, Justine, wife of Nesbit PHILLIPS of Burgettstown and Margaret, wife of William MEREDITH of McDonald, and three sons, John of Midway; Oliver, Jr. of McDonald, and August, of Columbus, Ohio. One son Adolph died eleven years ago. Mrs. Valencia DUPONT, a sister, and Adolph OPENBROWER, a brother, still live in Belgium. Mr. OPENBROWER was a member of the French Odd Fellows organization of McDonald and the Solidarite Lodge of McDonald. The funeral was from the OPENBROWER home in Midway on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with services conducted by the Rev. B. F. HEANY of the First Presbyterian church of McDonald. Interment was in Center cemetery, Midway. Dec. 20, 1928 McDonald PA

Mrs. **Leona BROWETT**, aged 75 years, died Saturday morning, December 29th, at 7:45 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Desire THOMASSY in Fifth street, after an illness of several weeks due to heart disease. Mrs. BROWETT was born in Province Brabant, Belgium, December 3, 1853, and came to McDonald in 1887. She was the wife of Jules BROWETT, who died January 21, 1916. Mrs. BROWETT is survived by six children. They are: Mrs. Desire THOMASSY, Ernest, Rene, Fernal and Fred BROWETT, all of McDonald, and Mrs. Allan CHALMERS of Midway; also two brothers, Aime DELGIGNESS; and Desire DELGIGNESS of Belgium, and two sisters, Mrs. C. MATURIN of Belgium, and Mrs. F. BOHY of Monessen. Nineteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the French United Presbyterian church of which church she was a member. The pastor, the Rev. Auguste DE VOS had charge of the service and was assisted by the Rev. B. F. HEANY. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. Jan. 3, 1929 McDonald PA Record

Nicholas LIENARD, aged 66 years, died suddenly at his home Thursday evening, January 3, at 8:30 o'clock of heart disease. Mr. LIENARD was born in Belgium, February 12, 1862 and came to this country when twenty years of age. He has resided in McDonald 45 years. Mr. LIENARD had great musical ability and has been an instructor practically his entire life. He was a member of the La Solidarite association. Besides his wife, Mrs. Elmira MOTTE LIENARD, Mr. LIENARD is survived by the following sons and daughters: Charles, Columbus, Ohio; Nicholas, Jr., Sturgeon; Alphonse, Louis, Adele, at home; Mrs. Emile SILHOL, Hays, Pa.; Mrs. Harry MASQUELIER, McDonald; Miss Vivian, at home, Mrs. William LYONS, Carrick, and Miss Madeline, at home. Funeral services were held in his late home on Center avenue, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Revs. Auguste DEVOS and B. F. HEANY. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. Jan. 17, 1929 McDonald PA Record

John Joseph SUPLIT died at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, January 22, at this home in Valley street, after several weeks' illness with asthma and pneumonia. Mr. SUPLIT was born March 22, 1857 at Roux basse, Belgium and was united in marriage with Charlotte ROUSSEAU, June 4, 1884 in Belgium by the Rev. ANNETTE. He came to McDonald with his wife and son Joseph in 1887 and has resided here since that time following the occupation of coal mining. Besides his wife he leaves these sons and daughter: Fernand SUPLIT, Wilkinsburg; Herman SUPLIT, McDonald; Alfred SUPLIT, McDonald; Miss Olga SUPLIT, Wilkinsburg. Three sisters and two brothers also survive; they are Mrs. J. B. NIMAL and Mrs. Victor MARLIER, McDonald; Miss Elsie SUPLIT, Springfield, Ill., John B. and Peter J. SUPLIT of McDonald. Five grandchildren also survive. A son, Eli Joseph and a grandson, George, were killed in an automobile accident August 25, 1918. Mr. SUPLIT was a founder and elder of the French Mission church. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon in charge of the rev. Auguste DEVOS, assisted by the Rev. S. A. MCCOLLAM. Interment will be in Hilldale cemetery. Jan. 27, 1929 McDonald PA Outlook

A victim of pleurisy pneumonia. Mrs. **Palmyre HUMEZ**, wife of Alexander F. Humez died Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, at 6 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Lang on East avenue. Mrs. Humez was born in Belgium. 73 years ago, coming to the United States in 1888 and settling in Wellsboro about 31 years ago, where she was loved and respected by all who knew her. Besides her husband, Mrs. Humez is survived by three children, A. P. Humez, of Mt. Jewett, Pa.; F. J. Humez, of Detroit, and Mrs. E. G. Lane, of Wellsboro. Five grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. George B. VanWaters, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church last Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock; burial in Wellsboro cemetery. Wellsboro Gazette, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania – 31 Jan 1929

E. A. LAGNEAUX³² died in 1929. E. A. Lagneaux, aged 63 years and 4 days, died at his home in Fairchance, Fayette County, Tuesday night March 12, 1929 at 10 o'clock of complications. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella Wilson Lagneaux. Mr. Lagneaux was born in Charleroi, Belgium on March 8, 1866. He immigrated to the United States in 1889, settling at Charleroi, Pa., where he worked for six years in a plate glass factory. From Charleroi he went to New York for nine years and then returned to Point Marion in 1904 where he opened a bakery. In 1906 he disposed of his bakery to Leon Hackett and moved to Fairchance where he opened another bakery which he later disposed of. Mr. Lagneaux returned to Europe with his first wife where she died five months

³² Fayette County USGenWeb Project

after arriving there and was buried at Charleroi, Belgium. In 1898, Mr. Lagneaux married again and they lived in Fairchance. Mr. Lagneaux had made 30 trips across the Atlantic in his lifetime. Soon after his arrival in this country in 1889, Mr. Lagneaux took out his first naturalization papers. He was a member of the Odd Fellows. Brief funeral services will be held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, followed by additional services in the Fairchance Presbyterian church with the Rev. Mr. Douglas officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove cemetery, Fairchance. (The Charleroi Mail - 3/15/1929)

Funeral of M Blongeaux held Thursday

Bearers were all Girl friends of estimable young woman – many at services

Ford City, April 19 – Funeral services for Miss **Margaret BLONGEAUX**³³ of 722 Fifth Avenue, who died at her home Monday evening at eight o'clock following a lingering illness were held Thursday morning at nine o'clock at St. Mary's R.C Church by the Rev. Father Baldauf. There were many beautiful floral tokens and a large number of friends attended the funeral to pay their last tribute to a beloved friend. The L C B A accompanied the body to the cemetery. Interment was made in the St. Mary's cemetery with the following pallbearers who were friends of the deceased girl: Mary Frerotte, Elizabeth DuRue, Rose Brandstetter, Angela DuRue, Margaret Greenwalt and Barbara Liebl. Kittaning Simpson Daily Leader Times, April 19, 1929 Kittaning, PA

Mrs. **Fannie GILLETTE**, aged 70 years, a former well known resident of Charleroi, died yesterday, May 26, at her home in Detroit, Mich., following a lingering illness. Mrs. Gillette was born in Belgium in 1859. She immigrated to this country forty years ago and was among the early settlers of Charleroi. She made her home here until four years ago when she left to reside in Detroit, Mich. There survive the following children: Mrs. **Ralph** --- of Buffalo, NY, Mrs. Clarence Inland of North Charleroi, Mrs. Frank Hook, Mrs. Ann Lehew, Mrs. Carl Anderson, Leo Gillette and Fred Gillette, all of Detroit. The body is expected to arrive in Charleroi today and funeral services will be held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Inland of North Charleroi. Definite arrangements have not been completed and will be announced later. – The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, Pennsylvania – 27 May 1929

Mrs. **Fannie GILLETTE** died in Detroit on Sunday, May 27, 1929 at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Gillette was born in Belgium in 1859 and came to this country forty years ago. She was a resident of Charleroi and North Charleroi practically all of that time. She moved to Detroit four years ago. She is survived by five daughters and two sons, Mrs. **Ralph Loor**, Mrs. Frank Hook, Mrs. Anna Lehew, Mrs. Carl Anderson of Detroit and Mrs. Clarence Inland of here. Mr. Fred Gillette, and Mr. Leo Gillette of Detroit. The body arrived here at the home of her daughter Mrs. Inland, from which place funeral services will be held. The interment will be in the Monongahela cemetery. - The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, Pennsylvania – 31 May 1929

Mr. Emile HOYAUX, Sr., aged 74 years, died in the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh Monday evening, December 9, at 10:15 o'clock. Mr. HOYAUX fell on a walk at his home Wednesday of last week, breaking a hipbone and sustained internal injuries. He was rushed to the hospital but his condition gradually grew worse. Mr. HOYAUX was one of McDonald's most highly respected citizens and was esteemed by all who knew him. For twenty-five years he was janitor of the school buildings here and his interest and friendliness towards the children won for him many friends. He retired seven years ago and because of his failing eyesight, has been inactive. Mr. HOYAUX was born in Thuine, Belgium, March 26, 1855 and came to this country thirty years ago. He was married in the year 1891. Mr. HOYAUX was one of a family of eleven children; the remaining ten brothers and sisters are all living in Belgium. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Emile Hubert HOYAUX, a violinist of note, who has been visiting at the home of his parents the past month. Funeral services were held in the French church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. Auguste DEVOS, assisted by the Rev. B. F. HEANY. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. 12-12-1929 McDonald PA Outlook

Albert VERKLEREN, aged 64 years, died last night, June 6, at 10 o'clock, at the home of his brother, Isador Verkleeren, of 25 Shady avenue. Death followed an illness of a lengthy duration. The deceased was born in Belgium. He had been a resident of Charleroi for thirty-nine years. For a number of years he was caretaker at Oakland Park. Surviving are three children, Mrs. J. B. Ulens, Mrs. J. V. Delestine, Miss Martha Verkleren, all of Charleroi; his father, Peter Verkleren, Sr. of Fallowfield township; and five brothers, Peter and Edward Verkleren, of Belgium, Rene and Oscar Verkleeren, of Fallowfield township and Isidore, of Charleroi. Funeral services will be held at the home of Isadore Verkleeren Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment following in Charleroi cemetery. - The Charleroi Mail, 7 Jun 1930 – Charleroi, Pennsylvania

Mrs. **Lottie LENAIN**, aged 64 years, wife of Emil LENAIN, died this morning, Sept 20, 1930, at 6:45 at her home, 216 Luella avenue, after a lengthy illness. She was a well known resident of Charleroi, having lived here for a number of years. She was born in Charleroi, Belgium, September 15, 1866. Surviving are her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Augustine SUFERANT of McDonald. Funeral services will be held from the late home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in the Charleroi cemetery. 20 Sep 1930, The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA.

Mrs. **Marie ROMAINE LIEBERT**, 69, died at 4:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 1931, in her home in Primrose. She had been an invalid for 18 years. Mrs. LIEBERT was born in Belgium. She was united in marriage with Mr. LIEBERT in Belgium. Forty-three years ago they came to the United States locating in Noblestown. Thirty-five years ago they removed to Primrose. Mr. LIEBERT died in 1913. The following children survive: Mrs. Julia DHANS of Primrose, Hector LIEBERT OF Fanny street, Joseph LIEBERT

³³ Misspelled last name. Likely to be BLONDEAUX or BLONDIAU. Might be Julian Blondeaux's daughter born in 1910 – needs verification.

of Primrose, Charles LIEBERT of near McDonald, Frank LIEBERT, Mrs. Zella SMALL, and Mrs. Louise COGINET of Primrose, and Gustave at home. Funeral services will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon in the LIEBERT home in Primrose, in charge of the Rev. B. F. HEANY, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of McDonald. Burial will be in the Center cemetery, Midway.

March 13, 1931 Obits McDonald Record

Mrs. **Sylvia DELVAUX**, 72, died at 9 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 1931, in her home, 935 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, after an illness of four days. Born in Roux, Belgium, February 20, 1859, she came to America 53 years ago. She resided in McDonald prior to moving the Charleroi 29 years ago. Surviving are two sons and a daughter: Frank H. of Charleroi, Conrad of Niles, Ohio, and Mrs. Alice GODISART of Los Angeles, Calif. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon of last week, conducted by the Rev. F. S. MONTGOMERY, a Presbyterian pastor of Charleroi. Burial was in the Charleroi cemetery. Mrs. GODISART, because of illness and Conrad DELVAUX, because of a broken leg, were unable to attend their mother's funeral.

The McDonald, PA. "Record"- March 20, 1931

Mrs. **Roland MOREAU**, 64, died at one o'clock Monday morning, March 30, 1931, in her home in Cecil, of a cerebral hemorrhage. She had been in ill health for five years. She was born August 5, 1866, in Belgium. She leaves her husband, a son, and a daughter. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the home in Cecil. Burial was in the Venice cemetery.

April 3, 1931 Obits McDonald Record

Mrs. **Josephine CENIS NOWE**, aged 65 years, 4 months and 11 days, died on Monday, March 23, 1931, after a three-day illness of bronchial pneumonia in her home in Cambridge, Ohio. The daughter of the late Victor and Adeline DUBOIS CENIS, Mrs. NOWE was born November 12, 1865, in Marshen, Belgium. On February 7, 1891, she was united in marriage with the late Henry NOWE in Brussels, Belgium. They came to the United States in 1893, locating in New Mexico. They later removed to McDonald, moving to Cambridge, Ohio, about 28 years ago. Mrs. NOWE made her home with her surviving daughter Mrs. Robert MCELROY, in Cambridge, Ohio, following Mr. NOWE's death February 1, 1930. Two grandchildren Raymond and Elmer MCELROY also survive, together with the following brother and sisters: Max CENIS of North Irwin, Pa., Mrs. Celine BOULANGER of Klein, Mont., Mrs. Emil GOFFART and Mrs. Elizabeth CAUCHIE of McDonald. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon of last week in the MCELROY home in charge of the Rev. J. F. MCLEOD. Burial was in the Northwood cemetery. Mrs. **Roland MOREAU**, 64, died at one o'clock Monday morning, March 30, 1931, in her home in Cecil, of a cerebral hemorrhage. She had been in ill health for five years. She was born August 5, 1866, in Belgium. She leaves her husband, a son, and a daughter. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the home in Cecil. Burial was in the Venice cemetery. April 3, 1931 Obits McDonald Record

Mrs. **Alphonse DEWOLF**, 70, died on Saturday, April 4, 1931, in Salem, W.Va., in the home of her daughter Mrs. Emma LAURENT, where she had been visiting when she took ill. She had been a sufferer from asthma for many years. Her last sickness was of three days duration. Mrs. DEWOLF was twice married. Her first husband, with whom she came from Belgium to Noblestown 45 years ago, was Aime HEMRY. He died about 22 years ago. He had resided the last 45 years of her life in Noblestown and in Champion. She leaves her husband, a son Alexander HEMRY of Harrisburg, the daughter in whose home she died, and a sister, Mrs. Gustave DELMINTAGUE of Sturgeon. The funeral was held Wednesday from her late home in Champion. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. - April 10, 1931 McDonald Record Obits

Calixte GILLARD, 81, died at 2 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 1931, in his home in Cecil township, a short distance south of Laurel Hill where he had resided the past 44 years. He was a native of Belgium and a coal miner by occupation. His aged wife survives him.

The funeral is being held this Thursday afternoon. Burial is in the Robinson's Run cemetery.

April 10, 1931 McDonald Record Obits

Desire THOMASSY, 67, for more than fifty years a resident of McDonald, died suddenly at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning, April 25, 1931, as he was about to open the store of the Service Stores Corporation in Marianna, of which he was a manager. For some time he had not been in rugged health, but continued in his employment. Mr. THOMASSY was born in Belgium, November 25, 1863, a son of the late Mrs. And Mrs. Thomas THOMASSY. The THOMASSY family removed from Belgium to France, and in 1880 came to the United States, locating at Smithton. Shortly afterward the family moved to McDonald, and for many years resided in the THOMASSY homestead in what is now Deloche avenue. Mr. THOMASSY had been employed the past thirty-nine years as manager of stores for the Federal Supply Co., the Noblestown Supply Co., and the Service Stores Corporation. He was manager of the Federal Supply Co. stores in McDonald for many years. For several years past he has been manager of the Marianna store of the Service Stores Corporation. He was a member of the Carnegie PPOE, MacDonald lodge, IOOF, the Loyal Order of MOOSE, the K. of P. and the Royal Arcanum. For years he was a member of the McDonald Hose Co. Mr. THOMASSY was an upright citizen, a good family man, and a loyal friend. There is no guile in his make-up. Though he made no profession of religious faith, he was unconsciously in that which is good, and true and pure and his conduct in life was such that no one could say that Desire THOMASSY had wronged or taken advantage of him. He was held in high esteem by his associates in business and had the good-will of those who were or who had been in his employ. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Juliette BROWETT THOMASSY and the following children: Leona the wife of Leon B. WILLIAMS of Cleveland, Okla., Julia the wife of James F. CRAIG, Burgettstown: Walter of Fairmont, W. Va.; George of Carnegie, Arthur of Burgettstown, and Lena the wife of Raymond SIMPSON of Fifth street, McDonald. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Celine, the wife of Seal BAGUET of Hays, Anna the wife of George GILLESPIE, Sr. of McDonald, Celeste the wife of H. H. DELOCHE of Dalton, Ohio, Fernand A. THOMASSY, West Lincoln avenue, McDonald, Ida the wife of E. T. ROBERT of Fanny street, McDonald, George E. THOMASSY of Burgettstown, and Julia the wife of George YOUNG of

Wilksburg. A daughter Laura died in 1901. A son Fernand died in 1918 and a son Thomas died in 1926. There are eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the THOMASSY home in Fifth street, conducted by the Rev. B. F. HEANY, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of McDonald. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. - May 8, 1931 Obits McDonald PA Record

Joseph PENSIS, 65, died at 3:20 a.m. Sunday, May 24, 1931, in his home in Orchard street of complications. He had been ill since December 17. He was a son of the late Joseph and Catherine PENSIS and was born in Chatelneau, Belgium. He came to America in 1885, locating in McDonald. Later he removed to Charleroi, where in 1895 he was united in marriage with Amelia WALOT. To this union four children were born-Louise, Emilie, Henri, and Armand. The last named died in infancy. Mrs. PENSIS died March 26, 1905, and Mr. PENSIS remarried July 2, 1915. A son Amie of this union survives, together with the 3 children of the first marriage-Mrs. Louise PAYNE of Rayland, Ohio, Mrs. Emilie BIBBEE of Tiltonville, Ohio, and Henri of Dillonvale, Ohio. A sister Mrs. Rosalie BOYNES and a brother John of Charleroi and a brother Miles PENSIS of McDonald also survive. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose No. 65 of Carnegie, and La Solidarite association of McDonald. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the home in charge of Mr. Fernal BROWETT. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery.
May 29, 1931 Obits McDonald PA Record

Gregory TOURNAY, aged 81 years, died of a heart attack at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oliver Richell in Miller Street extension shortly after 6 o'clock Friday evening. Mr. Tournay was pasteurizing a cow in a field adjoining his home when he was seen to topple over. He was dead when neighbors reached him. Besides his daughter, Mr. Tournay is survived by the following sons: Gustave, Harry, August and Gregory Tournay of McDonald and Chares Tournay of Greensburg. Funeral services were held in the French U P church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of the Rev A A Armstrong assisted by the Rev. Auguste DeVos of Fall River, Mass. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. - McDonald Record Outlook, Oct 8, 1931

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. **Alice DELBARRE**, wife of **Harry DELBARRE**, of California, PA. The deceased was aged 39 years and died in the Magee hospital, Pittsburgh, yesterday at 6:05pm. Besides her husband, Mrs. Delbarre is survived by two daughters and an infant son six days old. Other members of the family of the deceased are her father, Mr. Charles DEMIERBE, of California (PA) and the following sisters and daughters: Mrs. B DESIRE of California, Ms. BRISON and Mrs. Charles BRIGODE, both of Charleroi, and Mr. Emile BASTIN, of Bear Creek, Montana. Funeral services will be held from the late home in California, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Burson, of the First Presbyterian church, of California, of which the deceased was a member, will have a charge of the services. - The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, PA, 24 Dec 1931

Word has been received by relatives here of the death of **Arthur MALFAIRE**, aged 44 year, a former well known local resident, at his late home in South Mountain on Saturday April 16. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Malfaire and had been ill for sometime. He leaves five children and two great-grandchildren. - Charleroi Mail April 18, 1932, Charleroi, PA

Funeral services for Mrs. **Apoline CABARET**, aged 65 years, 8 months and 21 days who died at her home on McKinley Hill, Thursday evening, November 10, 1932 at 8:45 o'clock, following an illness of complications was conducted from the late home, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in the Point Marion cemetery. Mrs. CABARET was born in Jumet, Belgium, the daughter of Leon THIRY and Rosalie DELFOSSE. Her husband Emile CABARET preceded her in death on October 7, 1932. She is survived by the following children, Mrs. Irene FRERE of Point Marion, Mrs. Mary GIBSON of Masontown, WV, Mrs. Alice GOFFAUX and Mrs. Amelia LADIRE both of Charleston, WV, and Edgar CABARET at home. - Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA - 15 Nov 1932

John LEONARD, aged 75 years, pioneer resident of Charleroi died Friday night, March 17, 1933, at 11:50 o'clock at his home in 21 Crest avenue. Mr. LEONARD, born July 11, 1857 in Belgium, was one of the community's first settlers and was among the first employed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company. He had been declining in health for some time. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. S A SWEARINGEN, who is en route home from Tucson, Ariz., where she had been with her husband; three sons, Anthony LEONARD; three sons, Anthony LEONARD of Detroit, Mich., and Fred and Emil LEONARD of Charleroi. His wife died in the year 1902. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S A SWEARINGEN, 705 Washington avenue. Rev. Frank S Montgomery, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, will be in charge. Interment will be in Charleroi cemetery. The deceased is an uncle of John J LEONARD of this city, whose father, a brother of the dead man was also a pioneer resident of Charleroi and Monessen. - The Monessen Daily Independent, 20 March 1933

Leon BALZA, aged 78 years, died Saturday afternoon, August 5, 1933 at 5:30 o'clock at his home in 1002 Crest avenue. Mr. Balza was one the community's pioneer residents. He settled here 42 years ago, coming from Charleroi, Belgium, where he was born. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Adelaide Balza; four sons, Rene, Maurice, Herman and Arnold; one daughter Bertha Balza; six grandchildren and two brothers, Oscar Balza of Charleroi and Jules Balza of Rochester, PA. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock at the late home with the Rev. Bernard C Newman, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church as the minister. Interment will be in Charleroi Cemetery. The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA - 7 Aug 1933

Word has been received in Monessen announcing the death of Mrs. **Fernanda Camille PANCOOK**, which occurred on January 26th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stephen WILSON, in Morganstown, W Va. Mrs. PANCOOK was the widow of August J PANCOOK, Sr. and the family resided here in the early days. A son Julius F PANCOOK, the daughter, three sisters and six

grandchildren survive. Two sons, August Jr. and Arthur PANCOOK preceded their mother in death. Arthur's family are residents of this city. Mrs. PANCOOK was born in Belgium where her three sisters reside. The remains were laid to rest temporarily in a mausoleum at East Grove cemetery and will be brought to the Belle Vernon cemetery for interment.

The Monessen Daily Independent, 7 Feb 1934

Mrs. **Emma WITTEBORT**, prominent Point Marion resident, died Saturday night, February 24, in the Cresson sanatorium where she had been a patient several months. The body was removed Sunday to her late residence in Point Marion. She is survived by her husband **Emil WITTEBORT**, who is an employe of the Quertinmont Glass Company, and the following children: Sylvester, Senora and Mrs. Virginia BUMGARDNER, at home; Mrs. William DULIERE of Point Marion and Ned WITTEBORT of Pittsburgh. Funeral arrangements remained incomplete this morning. - Daily News Standard, Uniontown, PA - 26 February 1934

Dominick SCHEERS, 74, died at one o'clock Thursday morning, March 15, 1934, in his home in Sturgeon. Mr. SCHEERS was born April 16, 1860, in Belgium, and came to the United States twenty-eight years ago, locating in Sturgeon, where he had resided ever since. He was a coal miner by occupation, retiring several years ago. He is survived by his wife and a brother Paul SCHEERS, who resides next door. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in charge of the Rev. A. R. ARMSTRONG of the Robinson's Run U. P. church, McDonald. Burial will be in the Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mar. 16, 1934 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Henry CHIFF dies at 5:45 a.m. Sunday, March 25, 1934, of complications, in the home of his daughter Mrs. Charles LIEBERT in Primrose, where he had made his home the past eight months. Mr. CHIFF was born in Belgium, December 7, 1860, the son of Joseph and Virginia CHIFF. He came to the United States 52 years ago, locating in McDonald. Four years later he moved to Primrose where he had since resided. He was united in marriage in 1885 with Octavie DEBLANDER, who died January 6, 1923. To this union were born five children: August of Primrose, Gustave, who died May 4, 1924, Flora the wife of Maurice MANSON of St. Albans, N. Y., Joseph of Primrose, and Lena the wife of Charles LIEBERT of Primrose. A sister Mrs. Frances BUREAU resides in Belgium. There are nine grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the home of his daughter Mrs. Charles CHIFF (sic, but I think it should be LIEBERT), conducted by the Rev. D. O. E. GARDNER of the First Presbyterian church. Burial was in the Center cemetery, Midway. - Mar. 30, 1934 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Word has been received by Mrs. Eli CARLIER of the death of her uncle, **Joseph LEROY**, police commissioner of Gilly, Belgium, on March 21, 1934, of a stroke, at the age of 79. Mr. LEROY is well known to many of the Belgian people of McDonald. He was on the Gilly police 45 years. He leaves his wife and two grandsons. - Apr. 6, 1934 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Edmond J LEROY, aged 88(?), a glassworker for many years a resident of Point Marion, died in Uniontown Hospital, Wednesday at 6:00 from a complication of diseases. He is survived by his wife Amelia; four daughters, Mrs. Stanley JONES of Point Marion, Mrs. P Q MOHL of Morgantown, Mrs. D LEROY SCHROYER and Lillian LEROY of Point Marion. Two granddaughters, a sister, Mrs. John ROBERTS of Jeannette and three brothers, Clifford of Point Marion; Michael of Charleston, WV, and Peter of Jumet, Belgium also survive. Funeral services will be conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with burial in the Point Marion Cemetery. Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA, 23 Aug 1934

GUYAUX Services To Be Held Today - Point Marion Nov 1.

At the late home of Cheat Street, last rites are to be held tomorrow at two o'clock for Mrs. **Sadie GUYAUX**, whose sudden passing came as a shock to the whole neighborhood late Tuesday afternoon. From Mrs. Mary BRIGODE, who lived with her sister, we learn that she had been in extraordinary good health recently and since Sunday had seemed to be in a more jovial mood than customary. Mrs. BRIGODE departed a few minutes before 6 o'clock to visit her daughter and on her return fifteen minutes later discovered the aged lady prostrate. When medical aid arrived life had departed in the wake of a heart attack. Rev Fr A M Benedik will conduct the services with interment in the family plot in the Point Marion Cemetery, Conn Bros in charge.

Mrs. Sadie GUYAUX was born the daughter of Augustine and Fernand COLINET in Floreffe, Namur, Belgium August 20, 1867. Married to Peter J GUYAUX Sr. the couple came to America 1882, first to Duquesne, Pa. She was preceded in death by an only daughter, Mrs. Leon LAURENT, over 30 years ago, her husband Peter J GUYAUX, Sr. who passed on fourteen years ago, followed by her eldest son Peter J GUYAUX Jr., twelve years ago. Left to mourn her passing are a son: Fred GUYAUX of Clarksburg, WV, two sisters, Mary BRIGODE of Point Marion and Mrs. J B CHERUY, Jumet, Belgium; and the following grand children, Helen and Howard GUYAUX, Uniontown, Mrs. Phyllis NESLER, of Clarksburg, WV and Emile LAURENT, Brussels, Belgium

Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA - 2 Nov 1934

Georgie Emile MATON, one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of Point Marion, died suddenly at 12:30 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, January 3, 1935. In his home only a short time after returning from his morning's work. Mr. Maton was a native of Jaumet, Belgium having been born there August 20, 1866. After serving several years with the King's Army in the Belgian Congo, he returned and took up the glass trade. He went to Point Marion with the advent there of the handmade window glass industry. He also served for a number of years as doorman at Barney's theater. Surviving are: his widow, Mary Maton, and two daughters, Mrs. Anna Fahey and Miss Georgianna Maton. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

January 4, 1935 - Donation from Marilyn M Tolentino. (Transcribed by Beverly Sellers-Niel for the Fayette Co. Genealogy Project)

Mrs. **Denise STRIMEL VOLPE**, 41, died at 3:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon, July 6, 1935, in her home in Lorain, Ohio. Death ended a lingering illness of five years. She had been confined to her bed the past year and a half. Mrs. VOLPE was born September 15, 1894, in Jumet, Belgium, and brought to America by her parents at the age of 11. The STIMELS first resided in Cecil, later removing to McDonald. On April 27, 1910, she was united in marriage with John VOLPE in Donora. They resided for 15 years in Cecil. From Cecil the VOLPEs moved to Lorain, Ohio. Mrs. VOLPE is survived by her husband, three daughters, Elda, Ellen and Erma, and a son, John, Jr. A daughter Eva died December 7, 1932. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. J. B. ROBERTS of McDonald and the following brothers and sisters: Herman STRIMEL, Mrs. Robert HERD, Albert STRIMEL, Raymond STRIMEL, and Ferdinand STRIMEL of McDonald, and Miss Simone STRIMEL of Lancaster. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the VOLPE home in Lorain, conducted by the Re. L. E. ROTHROCK of the Methodist church of Lorain, Ohio. Burial was in the Ridgeville cemetery. - [July 12, 1935 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Melchoir WILLIAMS, 74, died Tuesday evening, July 23, 1935, at 9:50 o'clock in his home in McKee Place. Mr. WILLIAMS had been ill of asthma and complications the past eight months. He was born January 21, 1861, in Belgium. On May 13, 1882, he was united in marriage with Mary VINARION, also of Belgium, and in 1886 they came to America. Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAMS celebrated their golden wedding anniversary three years ago last May. Besides his wife, he is survived by the following sons and daughters: Seamont WILLIAMS of Sturgeon and Sylvester WILLIAMS of McDonald; Mrs. Helen JIANNINO of Sturgeon; Kathryn, the wife of William NOTTE of Holidays Cove, W.Va.; Blanch, the wife of Sylvester DUCARME of Southview, and Rose, the wife of George CONLEY of Walkers Mill. There are nineteen grandchildren. Funeral services will be held this Saturday. [July 26, 1935 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Nestor J. MATHIEU, 70, died at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 7, 1935, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph VANDERBORD, in Ambridge. Death was due to complications. He had been sick since the first of March. Mr. MATHIEU was born October 9, 1864, in Sallisalle, Belgium, a son of Celestin and Anastasia MATHIEU, and one of 11 children. About 45 years ago he came to the United States and on January 28, 1893, he was united in marriage with Flora GILBERT of Primrose. He was a member of Center U. P. church, Midway. He is survived by his wife, who makes her home with her daughter in Ambridge, a daughter Ellen, the wife of Joseph VANDENBORD of Ambridge, and a son Eugene of Philadelphia. A brother Severin resides in Sallisalle, Belgium. There are two grandchildren. Funeral services will be held this Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, DST, in the home of his daughter, 1518 Ohioview avenue, Ambridge. Burial will be in the Center cemetery, Midway. - [Aug. 9, 1935 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Mrs. **Clementine DELMONTAGUE**³⁴, 78, died suddenly of heart trouble at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, September 25, 1935, in her home in Champion, near Sturgeon. Mrs. DELMONTAGUE was born December 11, 1856, in Belgium. She had been a resident of the Sturgeon locality for 45 years. An only child, a son, preceded her in death. Besides her husband, Gustave, she is survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. Elmer GRIMES and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held in the family home on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock Daylight Savings Time. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. [Sept. 27, 1935 Obits, McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Mrs. **Desiree LEMAL**, 81, died at 3:37 a.m. Sunday, November 10, 1935, after an illness of several years of complications. Mrs. LEMAL before her marriage was Desiree FAUGONNIER. She was born July 15, 1854, in Antwerp, Belgium. At the age of 35 she came to the United States and settled in Sturgeon. She was united in marriage with Celestine LEMAL, May 1, 1890, in Pittsburgh. Her husband died a number of years ago. She is survived by one son, Jules LEMAL of East Lincoln avenue, McDonald, and one step-daughter, Lena, the wife of J. B. TEILHET of Farrell, formerly of McDonald. There are seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the home of her son, in East Lincoln avenue, conducted by the Rev. O. E. GARDNER. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. - [Nov. 15, 1935 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Aime VANDERMESS Called By Death on Anniversary of Wedding Dec 11, 1879

Point Marion, PA, Dec 12 – Death claimed **Aime VANDERMESS**, well known local resident just 55 years to the day after he had married Miss Josephine SOUPLET at Jumet, Belgium. Mr. and Mrs. VANDERMESS were married on December 11, 1879 and at noon on that date, 56 years later, Mr. VANDERMESS, who had lived an active and useful life answered the final call. The couple was preparing to quietly celebrate the occasion at the home here. Mr. VANDERMESS was aged 81 years, five months and 11 days, having been born at Jumet, Belgium on July 29, 1854. Coming to the United States and settling in Jeannette, Pa in 1889. Eleven years later he removed to Point Marion, where the family had resided since. Mr. and Mrs. VANDERMESS were married following a courtship that lasted three years before they were married. When Mr. VANDERMESS first came to the United States he left his family in Belgium, returning later and bringing them to their new home. Mr. VANDERMESS had been ailing for upwards of a year and was unable to participate in the presentations for observing the 56th wedding anniversary, having lapsed into unconsciousness early this week. all at home, the following grand children: Arthur VANDERMESS, Jr.; Pore MANKINS, Zeluma and Rene BRASSEUR, Lillie and Rose VANDERMESS, Charles, Bertha, Annis BOUCHER of Fairchance and Emma ADAMS of Monessen and two great grand children. [The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 13 Dec 1935](#)

³⁴ Name spelled **DELAMONTAGNE** on the 1930 US Census (District 733, North Fayette, Allegheny Co):

Gustave, 61y, b in Belgium, with his wife Clementine, 73 also b in Belgium; emigrated respectively in 1889 and 1900. They live with their grand-daughter's family: Elmer GRIMES, 23, b in PA (PA/MD); wife Alexina GRIMES, 21; three great-grandchildren: Shirley, 3y5m; Darlene, 2y3m; and John 1y1m- Elmer drives trucks.

Alphonse GEORGE, 69, died at 12 noon, Thursday, December 26, 1935, in his home in Sturgeon. He had been ill of pneumonia one week. He was born May 28, 1866, in Jumet, Belgium, and was united in marriage to Julia LAURENT, April 26, 1901, in Belgium. After coming to the United States he was employed by the Pittsburgh Coal Co. and had been an employee of this company the past thirty years. He had also been an active member of the Franco-Belgian club since coming here. Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Roland DRUGMAND of Imperial and Mrs. Abel MASQUELIER of Sturgeon, a son, Frank George of Imperial and a brother, August GEORGE of Sturgeon. Five grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in his late home in Sturgeon, conducted by the Rev. L. C. MATTHEWS. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery.

Jan. 3, 1936 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Matilda BORSEE**, 87, widow of Louis BORZEE, died at 9 p.m. Saturday, December 38³⁵, 1935, in her home, 207 Liberty Street, McDonald. Death was due to infirmities incident to her advanced age. Born in ROUZ, Belgium, March 4, 1848, she was married to Louis BORZEE in 1869 and came with her husband to McDonald in May, 1887. She had resided here since. She leaves a son, David BORZEE of McDonald and a daughter, Mrs. Samuel C. STEWART of McDonald. There are two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held in the late home, Tuesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. R. M. GROVE of Noblestown, and Mr. F. J. BROWETT of McDonald. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. - Jan. 3, 1936 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Frank J. SCOUVART, Sr., 59, Avella merchant, whose grocery store was extensively damaged by fire Saturday morning, died early Wednesday, January 29, 1936, in his home in Avella after a long illness of a complication of diseases. Born in Belgium, he came to the United States at the age of 10 and resided in the Cecil and McDonald districts where he was employed for eighteen years as a clerk and store manager. Thirty-one years ago he moved to Avella and opened his own hardware store, and seven years ago he also opened a grocery store there, conducting business in both until the time of his death. He was prominent in that community. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and an elder of the First Presbyterian church of Avella. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Petronella DELVAUX SCOUVART of McDonald, the wife, Mrs. Helen EGBERT SCOUVART of Avella, three daughters, Mrs. George P. SHANKS, Mrs. David H. WILLIAMS, and Miss Edna Mae SCOUVART, and a son F. J. SCOUVART, Jr., all of Avella. Five grandchildren also survive. Funeral services will be held in the home at Avella this Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. N. E. KOEHLER, Jr., pastor of Avella Presbyterian church, in charge. Burial will be in the West Middletown cemetery.

Jan. 31, 1936 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Cesare J. LORANT, 69, died Thursday, February 6, 1936, in his home in Cherry Valley of the effects of a stroke of paralysis suffered Wednesday. He had been in poor health since an earlier stroke two years ago. Mr. LORANT had lived in this section about 35 years. He was a native of Belgium, coming to this country when a young man. After coming to America he married Josephine, also a native of Belgium. He was well known in the Cherry Valley section. Much of his life he spent as a miner, but the last 10 or 12 years he had been a successful farmer. He leaves his wife and two sons, Arthur at home, and Achille P. LORANT of Cherry Valley. He also leaves three brothers and two sisters, Arthur LORANT of Morgantown, W. Va., Telesphore and Peter LORANT of New Kensington, Ermeline DESTREE of Canada, and Sylvie TRESSY of Miami, Fla. The sisters were unable to attend the funeral, but the three brothers were present. Services were held Saturday afternoon in the home of his son, Achilles P. LORANT, in Cherry Valley. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Burgettstown. - Feb. 14, 1936 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **VIGNERON WILLIAMS**, 76, wife of the late Melchoir WILLIAMS, died at 9:30 o'clock Sunday evening, February 16, 1936, in her home in McKee Place, Sturgeon. Mrs. WILLIAMS was born December 25, 1860, in Auvlet, Belgium, and was united in marriage with Mr. Williams on May 15, 1883. They came to America in 1886 and made their residence in this locality. Mr. WILLIAMS died July 23, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAMS celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 14, 1933. Mrs. WILLIAMS is survived by the following sons and daughters: Seamount WILLIAMS of Sturgeon, Sylvester WILLIAMS of McDonald, Mrs. Helen JIANNINO of Sturgeon, Catherine the wife of William NOTTE of Hollidays Cove W. Va.; Blanche, the wife of Sylvester DUCHAMR of Southview; and Rose, the wife of George CONELY of Carnegie. There are nineteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this Thursday afternoon in the late home in charge of the Rev. L. G. RICHEY of Franklin, W. Va. Burial was in the Robinsons' Run cemetery. - Feb. 21, 1936 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Jane DELVAUX SCHOLLAERT**, 40, wife of William C. SCHOLLAERT of Joffre, died at 4:40 a.m., Friday, February 21, 1936. She had been ill about five months. She was born in Belgium and came to this country at the age of eight years. Before going to Burgettstown 13 years ago she had resided in Charleroi, Donora, and Monessen. Surviving are her husband, William C. SCHOLLAERT, and a daughter Dorothy, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre DELVAUX, and three sisters, Simone, and Denise DELVAUX and Mrs. Eston MOYER, all of North Charleroi. The funeral was held from the home of Julian SCHOLLAERT in Sturgeon Monday morning, with requiem high mass in St. Patrick's church, Noblestown. Burial was in the Noblestown cemetery.

Feb. 28, 1936 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Eli MORTELETTE, 47, single, died Monday noon, April 20, 1936, in the State hospital in Torrance where he had been a patient the past eight years. Death was due to heart trouble. He is survived by five brothers and one sister: Samuel of Cleveland, Ohio, Peter and Jules of East Pittsburgh, George of McDonald, Rene of Pittsburgh, and Rachel, the wife of Victor CATRAIN of McDonald. He was a

³⁵ As transcribed

son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre MORTELETTE, who came to McDonald from Belgium over 40 years ago. Mrs. MORTELETTE died in 1923, and Mrs. MORTELETTE died in 1928. Funeral services are being held this Thursday afternoon in the Irons Memorial French U. P. church, conducted by the pastor, Dr. Alexandre MAGE, who will be assisted by Mr. F. J. BROWETT. Burial in Hilldale cemetery. - [Apr. 24, 1936 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Joseph CENIS, a former resident of McDonald, died suddenly Saturday, May 9, 1936, in East Liverpool, Ohio. He was aged 59 years, 4 months, and 9 days. A son of Leon and Felice CENIS, Joseph CENIS and his brother Victor CENIS of McDonald came to America forty-three years ago this May. He resided in McDonald until 1909, when he moved to Raccoon, where he conducted a grocery business and later moved to a farm on the Bulger road. About a year ago, because of ill health, he went to Youngstown, Ohio, to make his home with his daughters. On July 3, 1901, he was united in marriage with Leocadie WAUTHIER of McDonald. She died in June 1919. He leaves five daughters and one son: Josephine, the wife of Walter HALETOH, Marie, the wife of Rex DEBRACKELER, of Youngstown, Ohio; Katherine, the wife of Marcelan DHANSE of Langeloth, Felice the wife of Victor VANMUFFLIN of Washington, Ida and Paul of Youngstown, Ohio. Three brothers and one sister also survive: Victor CENIS of McDonald, Victoria, the wife of August SAINTENOY of Cambridge, Ohio, Edward CENIS of Cambridge, Ohio, and Louis CENIS of Carnegie, Pa. There are twelve grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. SMITH in Langeloth, conducted by the Rev. Harold GIFFIN, pastor of the Langeloth United Presbyterian church. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery, McDonald. - [May 15, 1936 Obits McDonald Record Outlook](#)

Among those who attended the funeral of the late Mrs. **Celenie (Brigode) YANSSSENS**, mother of Councilman **Ernest YANSSSENS**, on Tuesday, were Mrs. **George DIETRICK**, a first cousin of the deceased, and Mrs **Alice HALL**, also of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. **Camille DEJEFFER** of 122 Twenty-third Avenue, Altoona and **Andrew TREFOIS**, a member of the United State army band in Washington DC. - [Altoona Mirror, January 15, 1937 - Altoona, PA](#)

Jules ROSSOMME, aged 61 years, of Ford City, Pa, formerly of Charleroi, died yesterday, Monday June 28, 1937, in the West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh, following a two weeks' illness. He was well known to many local acquaintances having made Charleroi his home for many years. He was born in Fosses, Belgium.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Aline Faulx Rossomme and two children, Anita Rossomme Marshall, of Ford City and Ralph Rossomme of Chicago. Also six brothers and two sisters: Mrs. Marie Louise Rossomme Hainaut, of Fosses, Belgium; Edmond Rossomme of Clio, Michigan; Felix and Joe Rossomme, of Los Angeles, California; Leopold Rossomme of Dunbar; Frank Rossomme of Charleroi and Mrs. Pauline Rossomme O'Harn of Charleroi. [The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – June 29, 1937](#)

Mrs. **Octavia BRONEAUX BLEUMONT**, 72, died at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 1938, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jules Z. MASQUELIER, 424 Valley street, McDonald, of a paralytic stroke. She had been ill the past six years. She was born February 27, 1866, in Belgium. She and Alexander BLEUMONT were married in 1885 in Belgium and came to the United States 50 years ago, first locating in Fannie street extension, McDonald. He died June 15, 1923. Mrs. BLEUMONT (sic) was a member of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church. She is survived by four daughters: Mary, the wife of Jules Z. MASQUELIER of Valley street, McDonald, in whose home she died; Maria, the wife of Fernal SUPLIT of Wilkinsburg; Nettie, the wife of John STEINHEISER of Fannie street extension, McDonald; and Josephine, the wife of T. G. SCHAYES of Vinita, Okla., and one sister, Hortense, the wife of F. DINDAL of Charleroi. There are ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the MASQUELIER home conducted by the Rev. Alexandre MAGE, D. D., pastor of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church. Burial was in the Hilldale cemetery. - [Mar 11, 1938 McDonald PA Record-Outlook](#)

Mrs. **Florentine DELGIGNESSE BOHY**, 75, died at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 1938, in the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. James PHILLIPS, in Monessen, after an illness of several months. She was a daughter of Barney and Victoria DELGIGNESSE, and was born in the Province of Brabant, Belgium, coming to the United States in 1886. She was a former resident of McDonald. Mrs. BOHY is survived by two sons, Leon and Osva, both of Monessen. There are three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A sister survives in Belgium. Mr. BOHY died January 19, 1935. Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon in the PHILLIPS home, conducted by the Rev. Mr. BOETTCHER, pastor of the Monessen M. E. church. Burial was in Belle Vernon. [July 15, 1938 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Leon MONSEAU, 52, died Thursday, July 7, 1938, in his home in Weirton, W.Va. after an illness of seven months. He was a son of Juliette MONSEAU and the late Herbert MONSEAU, and was born in Belgium. He had been a resident of Cecil for 35 years before going to Weirton where he was employed in the tin mill. Mr. MONSEAU was twice married. His first wife died 20 years ago. He was a member of LaSolidarite Association Mutuelle of Cecil. Besides his second wife, Mrs. LaFrance MONSEAU, he is survived by three sons: Edward, Leon, and Florent; two daughters: Marie Calena and Henrietta; his mother and his stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice VERNET; two brothers: Sidney of Weirton and Albert of Warren, Ohio; two stepsisters: Mrs. Mary FERIARIE and Mrs. Edna BROWER; and seven grandchildren. His father, a brother, Edward, and a sister Henrietta BALON, are dead. Funeral services were held at one o'clock Sunday afternoon in the MONSEAU home in Weirton and at three o'clock in the Venice U. P. church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. C. T. LITTELL, D. D. Burial was in the Venice cemetery. [July 15, 1938 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Mrs. **Ida ROMAIN DELANEY**, 56, wife of Jules DELANEY of Champion hill, Sturgeon, died at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, August 23, 1938, in the Mercy hospital after an illness of three years. A daughter of the late Anthony and Philomene FREMAL ROMAINE, she was born November 4, 1882, in Belgium and came to the United States with her parents at the age of five. She spent her entire life in Noblestown and Sturgeon. She and Jules DELANEY were united in marriage November 22, 1902, in McDonald. Besides her husband she is survived by four daughters: Juliette, the wife of Samuel WATTERS of Oakdale, Norma, the wife of Robert GAITENS, Jr., of Sturgeon, and Rose Marie and Florence at home; seven sons: Raymond of Noblestown, and George, Jules, Arthur, Hector, Bobby, and James, all at home; one sister, Mrs. Emile RANK, Sr., of Sturgeon; two brothers: Desire ROMAIN of Sturgeon, and Joseph ROMAIN of Barberton, Ohio, and four grandchildren. One daughter died in infancy. Funeral services were held August 25 in the DELANEY home, conducted by the Rev. James G. BARRONS, pastor of the Noblestown U. P. church, and the Rev. W. V. RITCHIE, pastor of the Oakdale U. P. church. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery.

Sept. 2, 1938 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Edmund VIGNOUL died in 1938³⁶. Edmund Vignoul, aged 43, veteran of the World war and a member of the Point Marion American Legion, died suddenly at 8:30 Tuesday morning in Clarksburg, W. Va., from Heart disease. He served overseas for a number of months. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 Thursday morning in Clarksburg, followed by a military burial in charge of the Legion in Evergreen Memorial cemetery, Point Marion. The Legion will conduct the last rites. Mr. Vignoul was born March 14, 1895 in Belgium a son of Leon and Marie Vignoul. He was married to Beatrice Warman, daughter of Clark and Emma Warman, of Point Marion. In addition to his widow, he leaves two children, Florence Marie and Edmund, Jr., and a brother, Leon of Clarksburg.

August 31, 1938 - Herald Standard

Mrs. **Petronille SCOUVART**, 88, of Liberty street, McDonald, died at 7 p.m. Monday, September 18 1938, in the home of John B. ROBERT in Miller street, McDonald, after a long illness. Mrs. SCOUVART, widow of Vital SCOUVART who died 25 years ago, had resided in McDonald the last 51 years. She was born in Belgium. Her only son, Frank SCOUVART, a prominent businessman at Avella, died in January of 1936. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Rogers Funeral Home, with the Rev. N. E. KOEHLER of Avella conducting the service. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Sept. 23, 1938 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Frank MICHAUX, 59, of 320 East Lincoln avenue, McDonald, died at 6:20 p.m. Saturday, September 24, 1938, in the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, of a heart ailment. He had been in ill health for three years. He was a carpenter by trade and had resided in McDonald the last 52 years. He was born April 5, 1879, in Charleroi, Belgium, and came to the United States with his parents at the age of seven. In 1903 he was united in marriage with Mare DEKEGEL in McDonald. Surviving are his wife, Mary; three daughters, Mrs. Amelia YECKO of Valley street, McDonald; Mrs. Leona GOULRAND of Houston and Miss Doris MICHAUX, at home, and one son Harry of the L. O. O. M. apartments, McDonald. There are five grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Leona GRABILL lives in Everett. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the home, conducted by the Rev. A. R. ARMSTRONG of Washington and the Rev. Alexandre MAGE of the Irons Memorial French church. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery.

Sept. 30, 1938 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. Martha Mary Rogier Hum, aged 58 year, wife of George J Hum, died at her home, 414 Galbreath avenue, Wednesday of complications following an illness of five weeks' duration, Mr. Hum was born in Jumet, Belgium, on the 22nd of July, 1881, daughter of Arthur and Julia Rogier. She came to the United States at the age of 10 years. New Castle was her home since 1902 when she came here from Anderson, Ind. She was married to Mr. Hum 41 years ago last July 30. Her husband, the following children, Mrs. Florence Sines. Mrs. Louise Kinnon of this city, Mrs. Mae Thomas of Toledo, O., John D. Hum, this city, and George E. Hum of Cleveland, O.; six grandchildren, two brothers, Ferdinand Rogier of Maumee, O., and George Rogier of Clarksburg, W, Va.; one sister, Mrs, Marione Van Dorp of Maumee, O., and an aunt, Mrs. August Dussart of Clarksburg, W, Va., survive. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:30 p. m. in the home. - New Castle News September 7, 1939

Dennis N. Gothot, proprietor of a service station at the Greenville-Mercer" and Kremls road Intersection, died suddenly at 5:05 o'clock on Friday afternoon, Nov. 24, 1939, in his home. He was a son of John and Clementine Andre Gothot and was born in Belgium on Dec. 20, 1886. He had been a resident of Mercer County for about five years, coming here from Alliance, OH. He was a member of the United Brethren Church of Alliance, O., and the Modern Woodmen Lodge. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Edith Lang Gothot; a son, Robert J. of Cleveland and a daughter Velma of Canton, O.; his mother, Mrs. John Gothot of Alliance, and six sisters, Mrs. S. I. Maud of Adena, O., Mrs. D. G. Whiteletter of Canton, Mrs. J. C. Wood, Mrs. C. J. Burden of Alliance, Mrs, Louise Ringenfelter of Cleveland and Mrs, G. P. Cook of Sandusky. The body was removed this afternoon from the Relchard funeral home to the residence. A short service will be held at 9:45 o'clock Sunday morning in charge of Rev. Victor A. Ruth. Further services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Turk and Cassidy funeral home in Alliance. Interment will be made in the Alliance cemetery. - Greenville Record Argus November 25, 1939, Greenville, PA

Adele G ROUSSEAU, a pioneer resident of Charleroi, died at 11:30am today after a lingering illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary SPUMONT, in Springdale. Mrs. Rousseau, who was 87 years of age succumber after a lingering illness. Born in Roux, Belgium, she became the bride of the late John B Rousseau and they lived for years on a farm back at Lock Four. Later they helped in

³⁶ Fayette County USGenWeb Project

the formation of the town of Charleroi and lived here in the earliest days. Mrs. Rousseau is survived by four sons, Joseph, Arthur and Aex of Belle Vernon, John of Creighton; and two daughters, Mrs. Sprumont of Springdale, with whom she made her home and Eva Creighton of Kittaning. The remains will be brought to the home of Joseph Rousseau in Belle Vernon but funeral plans are not available. Charleroi Mail February 22, 1941, Charleroi, PA

Mrs. **Lucy BARBIAUX**, aged 35 years, died Saturday, February 21, at her home in Dearborn, Michigan. Surviving are her husband, Emile, and three children, all at home. Her mother, Mrs. Josephine Delestine, of Dearborn, also survives, along with three brothers, Emile and Aimie, of Lock Four, and Ermin, of Dearborn. The body will be brought to Lock Four Tuesday and taken to the home of the brother, Aimie Delestine, 531 Center avenue, Lock Four, where funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Belle Vernon cemetery.

The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, Pennsylvania – 24 Feb 1941

ANTHONY J. CORNELIUS, a former resident of Saxton and a native of Belgium, died yesterday afternoon at 2.20 o'clock at the home of his son, Anthony Joseph Cornelius, jr., 418 Sugar Street, Roaring Spring, death being attributed to a complication of ailments after an illness of three months. Anthony Joseph Cornelius, Sr. was the son of Antoine and Philomene (Renny) Cornelis and was born in Charleroi, Belgium, on Oct. 29, 1864. He came to the United States at the age of 27 and later became a citizen and followed farming in the vicinity of Saxton until retiring from active work seven years ago. He was united in marriage with Desiree Emilie Lucas in 1885? She preceded him in death. Surviving are seven children, Mrs. Emma Godroid and Mrs. Augusta Kline of Langdondale, Mrs. Philomene Honstine and Mrs. Adelia Honstine, both of Huntingdon, Anthony, Jr., of Roaring Spring, Joseph F. of Hopewell and Alphonse Cornelius of Wood; eighteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one brother, August Cornelius of Illinois, and two sisters Mrs. Adelia Vanderbaken and Mrs. Beatrice Bastine both of Beaverdale. He was a member of the Methodist church, a charter member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Wells Tannery and of the Loyal Order of Moose at Saxton. Friends are being received at the son's home in Roaring Spring. - Altoona Mirror May 23, 1941

Mrs. **Marie Ann BARBER**, 73, died at 9:15 p.m. Saturday, July 12, 1941, in her home in Monaca, following a six-month illness due to a paralytic stroke. She was born October 5, 1867, in Belgium. She is survived by one son, John BARBER, and one daughter, Margaret, the wife of Nick ELDER, both of Monaca; one brother, Joseph BOUCHA of New Sheffield, and two sisters: Mrs. Peter J. CHARLIER of McDonald and Mrs. George DUJARDIN of Baltimore, Md. Two brothers resided in Belgium. Her husband, Harry BARBER, died May 15, 1940. Funeral services were held July 16 in the BARBER home, conducted by the Rev. C. E. READ. Burial was in Sylvania Hills cemetery. - McDonald Record-Outlook July 25, 1941

Adolph CAMBIEN, 85, died Sunday, August 10, 1941, in his home in Cecil. He was born May 23, 1856, in Belgium and came to the United States 48 years ago. He had been a resident of Sturgeon before moving to Cecil and was a retired coal miner. His wife, Emily CAMBIEN, died February 15, 1926. There are no relatives. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Coleman funeral home, Cecil. Burial was in the Venice cemetery. - McDonald Record-Outlook Aug 15, 1941

A heart attack which seized him as he was preparing to retire last night proved fatal to **John H BETHEM**, aged 73 years, at 12:25am today, December 13, at the home of a son, Jules L BETHEM, 809 Lookout avenue, with whom he resided. Mr. BETHEM was born in Belgium in October 1868. He had resided in Charleroi for a number of years. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Bethem; two sons, Jules and Fernand Bethem and thirteen grandchildren, all of Charleroi.

Charleroi Mail December 13, 1941, Charleroi, PA

Mrs. **Mary SOUFFRANT CARLY**, 62, widow of Fortney CARLY, died at 2:20 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 1942, in her home on the Noblestown road at Sturgeon, after an illness of only a few hours. A daughter of Mrs. Mary WAUTHIER SOUFFRANT of Sturgeon and the late Alexander SOUFFRANT, she was born September 23, 1879, in Belgium. Coming to the United States at an early age, Mrs. CARLY had been a resident of Sturgeon the past 45 years. Besides her mother, she is survived by one son, August CARLY at home; three brothers; August SOUFFRANT, Jules SOUFFRANT, and Firmin SOUFFRANT, all of Sturgeon; two sisters, Mrs. John (Augusta) PUSKAR of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. William (Phoebe) RENNEKAMP of McKees Rocks. There are two grandchildren. Mr. CARLY died in 1929. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the CARLY home, conducted by the Rev. Father ERKINS, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Noblestown. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mar. 13, 1942 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Pauline HENRY THIELET**, 54, died at 2:40 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 1942, in her home in Cecil, following a tree-month illness. She was born in Belgium and upon arrival in the United States locating in Noblestown. She and Joseph THIELET were married in 1906 in Cecil. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons: George THIELET of Hills, Felix THIELET of Cecil, and Raymond THIELET of Cecil, one daughter, Mrs. William ROBERTS of Pittsburgh; three brothers, Felix HENRY of Canonsburg, Ferdinand HENRY of Cecil, and George HENRY of Noblestown. There are six grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the THIELET home, conducted by the Rev. Alexandre MAGE, D. D., pastor of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church, McDonald. Burial was in the Venice cemetery. - Mar. 13, 1942 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Louis GILLES, 71, of McDonald, a former resident of Midway, died at 4:20p.m. Wednesday, July 8, 1942, in St. Margaret's Memorial hospital, Pittsburgh. He had been ill for two weeks. Born on August 27, 1871, in Aisemont, (Aisemont) Belgium, he was

the son of August and Mary LEGREEN GILLES, and came to this country many years ago. Mr. GILLES was married 51 years ago to Leontine HOLS, who survives. He was in business in Midway for 29 years as a merchant and had resided in McDonald for the past two years. Surviving in addition to his wife, are two sons, Ferdinand of Fowlersville, Mich., and Edmond of Midway; three daughters: Mrs. Louisa CULLEY of McDonald, Emma and Elsie at home, and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the home, 214 Barr street, in charge of the Rev. R. C. SUTON, pastor of the Burgettstown, U.P. Church. Burial will be in Center cemetery, Midway. - July 10, 1942 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Joseph PIERRARD, 48, died suddenly of a heart attack about 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 1942, in his home, 344 North street, McDonald. A son of Philip PIERRARD of McDonald and the late Alice BERGER PIERRARD, he was born June 23, 1894, in Belgium and came to the United States with his parents at the age of six years, locating in McDonald. He and Margaret ZIRWAS of McDonald were married September 29, 1920, in McDonald by the Rev. W. D. IRONS. Mr. PIERRARD enlisted in World War I and was a first class private. He served eleven months overseas. He was a W.P.A. worker and was a member of LaSolidarite association and the McDonald Volunteer Fire department. Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Margaret SHOTIS of Primrose; on son, Philip PIERRARD at home; one brother, Emile PIERRARD of McDonald, and two sisters: Mrs. Edmond DILLON of McDonald and Mrs. E. A. RANK of Sturgeon. There is one grandchild, Rose Marie SHOTIS. His mother died eight years ago; a sister, Mrs. Theodore LEGROS died August 15, 1929, and a daughter died in infancy. Funeral services with military honors were held Tuesday afternoon in the Emile PIERRARD home, North street, conducted by the Rev. O. E. GARDNER, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, McDonald, assisted by the Rev. Grant M. McKNIGHT, D. D. pastor of Robinson's Run church. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Among the friends from out-of-town who attended the funeral were the Howard GILES family of Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. ATTORIO of Ohio, and Mrs. Margaret GEHRKE of Buffalo, N.Y. July 24, 1942 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Julienne DAOUT VEREGHAN**, 70, of 235 Barr street, McDonald, widow of Louis Joseph VEREGHAN, drowned Thursday, July 23, 1942, in a pool known as the "Third Entry" near Sturgeon. Mrs. VEREGHAN was reported to have left her home in the morning and had apparently walked about three miles from McDonald when the drowning occurred. The first knowledge of the tragedy came about noon when two Sturgeon boys, Louis DAMS and Glenn VEZIE, who had gone to the pool to swim, found her body floating on the surface. The body was removed to the James R. Coleman Funeral home at Cecil. A daughter of John Baptiste and Angeline H. S. EDMINDE, she was born December 19, 1869, in Belgium and upon arriving in the United States she located in Sturgeon, where she had resided for 43 years. After her husband's death in January 1940, she moved to McDonald and made her home with a nephew, John DAOUT. A brother, Charles DAOUT, resides in Cecil. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the DAOUT home in charge of Charles FIALON. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. July 31, 1942 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Harrison Victor DAGUE, 74, of Main street Sturgeon, died at . p.m. Wednesday, August 26, 1942, in the Washington hospital following a three-month illness. He was born in Washington county. He and Celine GUYAUX ROMAIN were married January 1, 1914, in Pittsburgh. Mr. DAGUE was a member of the Franco-Belgian association and active in the affairs of the community. Besides his wife he is survived by a step-son, Hector ROMAIN of Sturgeon; a brother, William DAGUE of Houston, and a sister, Mrs. Mary HUNT of Washington. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday in the DAGUE home. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Aug. 28, 1942 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

John B. SUPLIT, 71, single, died Sunday night, August 15, 1942, in the Washington County Home at Arden, following a year's illness. He suffered a paralytic stroke about a year ago while residing in McDonald and was removed to the Home. A son of John J. and Antoinette LEJEUNE SUPLIT, he was born in Belgium and came to the United States with his parents about fifty years ago, locating in McDonald. He was a coal miner by occupation. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. V. V. MARLIER of Summit street, McDonald, and two brothers, E. E. SUPLIT of Springfield, Ill, and P. J. SUPLIT of McDonald. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, August 18. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Aug. 28, 1942 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Jules MERCIER, 50, of Primrose died at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 27, 1942, in the Canonsburg hospital. He had been in ill health the past six years and was bedfast eighteen weeks. Mr. MERCIER was born May 11, 1892, in MELLET, Belgium, and came to the United States in 1913 with his wife Louise with whom he was united in marriage December 7, 1911. They first located in Belgian hill, McDonald, and in 1914 they moved to Primrose. Mr. MERCIER was a coal miner and house painter by occupation. He was a member of La Solidarite association, McDonald. Besides his wife, Louise MERCIER, he is survived by three sons: Louis who is married and resides in Primrose, Joseph, stationed with the marines in New River, N. C. , and John at home: a daughter Dorothy MERCIER at home: a grandchild, Lonnie MERCIER of Primrose. His father, two brothers and two sisters are in Belgium. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the MERCIER home, conducted by the Rev. Alfred HUBBARD, pastor of Center United Presbyterian church, Midway. Burial was in Center cemetery. - Oct. 2, 1942 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Victor DE BOE, 54, of Cecil, died Monday, November 2, 1942 in St. Francis hospital, Pittsburgh, following an illness due to complications. A son of Stanley and Tressia DEGRAVE DE BOE, he was born in Belgium, but had spent practically his entire life in Cecil. He was employed as a truck driver. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Jennie PENSIS, Mrs. Emma DORDAIN, and Frank DE BOE, all of Charleroi, Mrs. Jeannette VAN HORNBECK, Mrs. Rose PREAUX, Mrs. Augustine

CHABOSOL and John DE BOE, all of Cecil. Funeral services are being held this Thursday afternoon in the home of his sister Mrs. CHABOSOL. Burial in Venice cemetery. - Nov. 6, 1942 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Sylvester J. WILLIAMS, 49, of 201 Liberty street McDonald, died at 7:00p.m. Thursday, November 26, 1942, in the Aspinwall Veteran's hospital, following a brief illness. A son of the late Melchoir and Mary VIGNEAUX WILLIAMS, he was born June 22, 1893, in Laurel hill, McDonald, and had been a resident of McDonald his entire life. He was a charter member of Ernest Phillips Post American Legion No. 485, and of La Solidarite association, McDonald. Mr. WILLIAMS was employed at Champion Coal washer. He is survived by his wife, Mina Delilah WILLEY WILLIAMS; three daughters: Mary Ellen, Virginia, and Doris, and three sons: William, Sylvester, Jr., and Lee, all at home: one brother: Seamont WILLIAMS of Sturgeon; four sisters, Mrs. Helen JIANNINO of Sturgeon, Mrs. Kate NOTTE of Hollidays Cove, W. Va., Mrs. Blanche DUCARME of Canonsburg, and Mrs. Rose CONLEY of Walkers Mill. Funeral services were held Sunday evening in the Rogers Funeral home, conducted by the Rev. S. A. MC COLLAM, D. D. pastor of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Graham COOPER, chaplain of Ernest Phillips post, American Legion. Burial was Monday morning in Robinson's Run cemetery. - December 4, 1942, Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Fernande WATLET**, 57, wife of Jules WATLET of Raccoon (Joffre), died suddenly of a heart attack at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January, 28, 1943. She had been visiting in Carnegie going to the train that was to bring her home. Mrs. WATLET was born in Belgium, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Victor DRUGMAND. Surviving besides her husband, are a daughter, Mrs. Rena DEVALKENEER of Raccoon; two sons: Albert of Raccoon and Jules of Monongahela, two brothers: Alfred DIDOT of Bulger and Pvt. Victor DRUGMAND with the U. S. coast artillery, California, and a sister, Mrs. Amelia DUMONCEAU, in Belgium. Seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the home at Raccoon, in charge of the Rev. R. L. BIDDLE of Florence. Burial was in Center cemetery, Midway. Feb. 5, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Lena EGBERT BAILY**, 72, died Monday noon, February 1, 1943, in her home 215 Liberty street, McDonald. Her husband, Gustave BAILY, died about seven years ago. Mrs. BAILY was brought to the United States from Belgium in 1889 by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas EGBERT, and the family settled in McDonald in 1885. She is survived by two sons: Victor of Sturgeon and Arthur of McDonald, and a daughter, Evelyn, at home. There are two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, also three sisters: Mrs. J. J. CHARLIER and Mrs. Eli CARLIER of McDonald, and Mrs. Frank J. SCUBART of Avella, and a brother, Isadore EGBERT of Carnegie. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon and were in charge of Dr. MAGE, pastor of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Feb. 5, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

LORIAUX, Joseph, age 66 years a veteran glass worker, died Monday night, February 8th at 11:30o'clock in his home in Cupelli street, Pt. Marion. He was born in Jumet, Belgium, and came to this country at the age of five years, first living in Hartford City, Indiana. He came to Pt. Marion in 1905 to work for the Federated Glass Company. He is survived by his widow and one son, Aime, owner of the little store on Railroad street. A daughter preceded him in death in 1926. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock in St. Hubert's Catholic Church with Rev. Topping in charge. Interment, Pt. Marion Cemetery under the direction of the Herod Funeral Home, Pt. Marion. - Uniontown Evening Standard February 10, 1943

Charles CHOME, a resident of Sturgeon the past fifty years, died at 7:35 p.m. Saturday, February 6, 1943, following a lingering illness. He was born June 20, 1852, in Belgium and had been a resident of Sturgeon since coming to the United States with his wife Anatolie DEVAULKANIER CHOME, who died November 3, 1940. Mr. CHOME is survived by three daughters: Julia, the wife of George TOWARD of McDonald; Emma, the wife of Oscar BYKENS of Sturgeon, and Laura, the wife of Emile MEUTE of Florence; a grandson, Charles CHOME, whom they adopted. There are eight grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held February 10 in the CHOME, conducted by the Rev. O. E. GARDNER, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Feb. 19, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

LORIAUX, Joseph, age 66 years, a veteran glass worker, died Monday night, February 8th at 11:30 o'clock in his clock in his home in Copelli street, Pt Marion. He was born in Jumet, Belgium and came to this country at the age of five years, first living in Hartford City, Indiana. He came to Pt Marion in 1905 to work for the Federated Glass Company. He is survived by his widow and one son, Aime, owner of the little store on Railroad street. A daughter preceded him in death in 1926. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock in St Hubert's Catholic Church with Rev Topping in charge. Interment Pt Marion cemetery under the direction of the Herod Funeral Home Pt Marion. Morning Herald, Union Town, PA – 10 February 1943

Mrs. **Adelaide Balza**, aged 78 years, died February 23 at 4:10am at her home at 1002 Crest avenue after a short illness. She had been a resident of Charleroi for the past 50 years. Surviving are four sons: **Rene, Maurice, Herman** and **Arnold** of Charleroi; a daughter, Miss **Bertha Balza**, at home; seven grandchildren and one great grand-child. Friends will be received at the late home.- The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, PA – 23 Feb 1943

Gary E. HAINAUT, eight-month-old son of Amelia HAINAUT of Primrose, died at 4:30 a.m. Monday, February 15, 1943, in the Children's hospital, Pittsburgh, following a week's illness of pneumonia. He was born June 6, 1942, in Primrose. Besides his mother, he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip HAINAUT, and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Hortense HAINAUT of Primrose. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, February 18, in the home of his grandparents, conducted by the Rev. C. E. Chapman, pastor of the Midway Baptist church. Burial was in Center cemetery, Midway.

Feb. 26, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Juliette MORIN MONSEAU VERNET**, 83, of Weirton, W. Va., died Saturday, February 20, 1943, in the Gill hospital, Steubenville, Ohio, of heart trouble, which was of seventeen weeks duration. She was born August 10, 1860, in Belgium, came to the United States in 1891, and resided in Cecil until 1920, when she moved to Weirton. Mrs. VERNET was twice married. Her first husband was Hubert MONSEAU. She was married to Maurice VERNET in 1909. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons: Albert MONSEAU of Warren, Ohio, and Sidney MONSEAU of Weirton, W. Va.; two daughters: Mrs. Richard BRONWER of Canonsburg and Mrs. James FENARK of Weirton. There are 21 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Venice U. P. church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. C. T. LITTELL, D. D. Burial was in the Venice cemetery. Mrs. VERNET was the aunt of Peter and Ernest VANDALE and Mrs. August DEVOS, Sr., of McDonald, and Mrs. Philip CHAUSSARD of Farrell. - Feb. 26, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Peter J. BELOT, 64, died in his home, 781 Freeport road, Creighton at 3:30a.m. Tuesday, February 16, 1943. Having been a resident of Creighton for 28 years, he was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Belgian club of McDonald and Sturgeon. He resided in McDonald before moving to Creighton. He leaves his wife, Alphonsine; two sons, George BELOT of New Kensington, and Raymond BELOT of Springdale; two sisters, Mrs. Marie MENGES of Glassmere and Mrs. Georgiana STENUIT of Belgium, and four grandchildren. Mrs. Alphonse DUCARME of Sturgeon is a sister. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, February 18, with the Rev. Mr. STEWART of Creighton and the Rev. Mr. HARRIS of Indiana, Pa., officiating. Burial was in Prospect cemetery at Creighton. Among those from McDonald who called at the BELOT home or attended the funeral were Joseph LAURENT of Valley street, Mr. and Mrs. A. CHARLIER of East Lincoln avenue. Former residents of McDonald but who now reside in Indianola were Mr. and Mrs. William YAATES and daughter Laura and Mr. and Mrs. William YATES, Jr.

March 5, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Amie DELESTINE, 51, died at 1:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, 1943, in his home in Cecil, following a two-week illness. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie DELESTINE, he was born January 28, 192 in Belgium and had resided in the Cecil community for a number of years and was engaged in the carpenter trade. He was a member of the French club, Cecil. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Julia DELESTINE of Charleroi; two daughters, Mrs. Palmer STARY and Mrs. Harold RICHTER, both of Charleroi; a son, Amie DELESTINE of Charleroi, and a sister, Mrs. Pauline GOSSETT of Cecil. There are five grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the GOSSETT home in Cecil, conducted by the Rev. W. L. STEWART. Burial was in the Venice cemetery.

Mar. 12, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Alexander GLAUTHIER, 77, died at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 1943, in his home, 360 Barr street, McDonald, following a two-year illness. A son of the late Lucier and Kathryn CHAPPELL GLAUTHIER, he was born April 2, 1865, in Belgium and came to the United States with his parents at the age of 16 years. He and Louise LEPREUX were married December 4, 1890, in McDonald by Squire Graham S. CAMPBELL. Mr. GLAUTHIER was a retired coal miner. Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons: Eugene and Louis GLAUTHIER, both of Akron, Ohio, and Lt. Theodore GLAUTHIER, stationed at the army finance school, Durham, N. C.; two daughters: Mrs. Flora EMPLET of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Mrs. Mary STAMPFIELD of Los Angeles, Calif. There are eight grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday in the GLAUTHIER home, conducted by the Rev. Alexandre MAGE, D. D. pastor of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church, McDonald. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mar. 12, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Joseph LEGRAND, 70, died at 2:05 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 1943, in his home in North street, McDonald, following a brief illness of pneumonia. A son of August and Jennie VONBEL LEGRAND, he was born June 18, 1872, in Charleroi, Belgium, and came to the United States 40 years ago. He had been a resident of McDonald for 30 years and was employed at the Miller Col Co. mine at Sturgeon. Mr. LEGRAND was a member of La Solidarite association, McDonald. He is survived by a son, Joseph LEGRAND of Valley street, McDonald, and a daughter, Mrs. Archie PALAMARAS of East Lincoln avenue, McDonald. There are five grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. this Friday in the Hamel Funeral home conducted by the Rev. A. MAGE, pastor of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church, McDonald. Burial will be in Hilldale cemetery, Valley street, McDonald.

Mar. 26, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Word has been received in McDonald of the death of Mrs. **Julia SUPLIT**, who died Tuesday, March 23, 1943, in her home in Springfield, Ill. She is a sister-in-law of Mrs. V. F. MARLIER of Summit street and Peter J. SUPLIT of Short street.

Mar. 26, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Ronald ALFRED, six-month-old son of Walter and Blanche RANDOUR ALFRED, died Friday, March 19, 1943 in the family home, 369 Barr street McDonald, following a three-day illness of pneumonia. Ronald was born October 20, 1942. Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Lloyd, 6, and Floyd, 2. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Frank T. JAMES, pastor of the McDonald Methodist church. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mar. 26, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. Helen ROSSOMME, aged 37 years, died at her home in Wilkinsburg, following a short illness of pneumonia. Surviving is her husband, Raymond Rossomme, and two children, Jeanne Alice and Raymond Richard. Her mother, Mrs. Israel Anderson of this city also survives along with two sisters Mrs. Ebba Layman, Monessen and Miss Alice Anderson, Cleveland, and a brother Leroy

Anderson, Monessen. Friends are being received at the Woodward Home for Funerals where services will be held Saturday April 17 at 2pm with Dr R F Steinger of St Paul's Lutheran church officiating. Interment, Grandview cemetery. Dave H Woodward, funeral director in charge. - The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, PA – 15 Apr 1943

David S. BORZEE, 60, died suddenly at 12:30 noon Wednesday, April 22, 1943, in his home 131 Third street, McDonald, of a heart attack. His health had been impaired for several years but he had continued about his duties as usual. Born September 24, 1882, in Rue³⁷, Belgium, his parents Louis and Matilda BORZEE came to the United States when he was three years of age. He was united in marriage with Marie M. WILSON, June 30, 1914. Mrs. BORZEE survives him. He had been employed with the Manufacturers Light & Heat Co. at McDonald for 24 years and had been foreman the last 14 years. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday in the late home. Burial will be in the Robinson's Run cemetery. - April 30, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Louis GERMAIN, 78, of Sturgeon died at noon, Thursday, April 28, 1943, in the Woodville hospital following a lingering illness. He was born April 23, 1865, in Belgium. He was united in marriage with Aline VERHAEGEN in Belgium and accompanied by his wife and two children came to America. A daughter, Augustine, died on board ship and was buried at sea, and the son, Jules, died several years later in Sturgeon. Mrs. GERMAIN died on February 8, 1938. Mr. GERMAIN is survived by several brothers still living in Belgium, by a niece, Mrs. Jules DELAHURT of Sturgeon, and two nephews: S/Sgt. Victor CAPELLE of For Jackson, S. C., and Herman CAPELLE of Sturgeon. Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Oscar E. GARDNER, D. D., of the first Presbyterian church of McDonald, were held Monday afternoon. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery. A brief French service was conducted at the grave by Mr. J. LA PLANCE of Champion Hill, Sturgeon. - May 7, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Frank LEONARD, 78, died at 12:20 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 1943, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jules E. MASQUELIER, 205 Valley street, McDonald, following a brief illness of pneumonia. A son of Theodore and Philomene BURRY LEONARD, he was born November 21, 1864, in Charleroi, Belgium. He and Maria CENIS were married 53 years ago in Belgium, and came to the United States with their family in 1900, locating in McDonald. He is survived by one daughter, Helen, the wife of Jules E. MASQUELIER, and five grandchildren; Colletta LEONARD, and Aline, Morris, Leonard and Jack MASQUELIER. A daughter, Yvonne, died in infancy and a son, Herman, died October 19, 1942. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 this Friday in the MASQUELIER home, conducted by the Rev. Grant M. MCKNIGHT, D. D., pastor of the Robinson's Run church, McDonald. Burial will be in Hilldale cemetery. May 7, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. Leonie **GILLARD**, 92, widow of Calixte GILLARD, died Sunday, May 9, 1943, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. DUCARME, R. D. 2, Canonsburg, where she had made her home for 12 years, following the death of her husband. She was born in Belgium, and had resided in McDonald for 50 years prior to her husband's death. Mrs. GILLARD had no living relatives. The funeral was May 12 from Rogers' funeral home, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. May 21, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Helen FOUNTAIN RANDOUR**, 61, of Coal street, McDonald, died Friday, June 4, 1943, while en route to the hospital. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Enis FOUNTAIN, she was born in 1882 in Belgium and came to the United States with her parents in 1888. The greater part of her life was spent in McDonald. She is survived by her husband, Abel RANDOUR; two daughters; Mrs. Blanche ALFRED and Mrs. George MOORE, both of McDonald; one son, Arthur RANDOUR of McDonald; six sisters: Mrs. Harry DUBOIS, Mrs. Alex POSKIN, Mrs. William POUNDS, Mrs. Charles AMIC, and Mrs. Mary AMIC, all of McDonald and Mrs. Constantine WILLIAMSON of Carnegie; two brothers: Alex FOUNTAIN and Mark DENNY, both of McDonald. There are 12 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, June 7, in the McDonald Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Frank T. JAMES. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. June 18, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Emile BONTINK, 67, of Sturgeon died suddenly of a heart attack at noon Tuesday, June 22, 1943, while returning to work. He was born November 13, 1875, in Belgium. He and Henriette Maria MATTIE were married in Belgium in 1897 and with their children, Eva and Herman came to the United States in 1907. Besides his wife he is survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. J. LUTYNAKY and Sylvia Ann VANDENBERG, both of New Kensington. A sister, Mrs. Dolphine MINUET of Ensley, Ala., also survives. A daughter, Mrs. Eva VANDENBERG, died August 18, 1942, and a son, Herman BONTINK, died April 3, 1919. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. this Friday in the BONTINK home, conducted by the Rev. O. F. GARDNER, D. D. pastor of the First Presbyterian church, McDonald. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. June 25, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Arthur BOULANGER, 72, of Fallowfield township, near Charleroi, died at 11:15 p.m. Monday, June 28, 1943, in the Charleroi-Monessen hospital, following a two-year illness. A son of Leopold and Louise MARTIN BOULANGER, he was born June 21, 1871, in Hermont, Belgium, and had at one time resided in the DEBRUXELLES home on Belgian hill Cecil. His wife was the former Julia MERSERA. He is survived by four sons, Alphonse, Jules, George, and Arthur, and a sister, Mrs. Camille SAVARNO, all of Charleroi. There are six grandchildren. Funeral services were held July 1 in the BOULANGER home, conducted by the Rev. Frank S. MONT.. of the Charleroi.. Remainder is crumbled away. July 9, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

³⁷ Probably Roux (not Rue)

McCARTNEY - Mrs. **Maria RENVILLARD**, 71, of this place, died in the Philipsburg State Hospital on July 22. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Born in Belgium on May 5, 1872, she had been a resident of this place for a number of years. Surviving are the following children: Mrs. James OSEWALT of Osceola Mills; Mrs. George HAMM of McCartney and Sylva at home. Funeral services were held in the Church of God at Brisbin on Sunday. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

<http://www.pa-roots.org/data/read.php?256,291090,291090#msg-291090> - Thursday July 27, 1943 Clearfield Progress

Mrs. **Philomene GATY**, 72, died at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, August 12, 1943, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herman SUPLIT, Valley street, McDonald. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Prosper Ghislain DEVREUX, she was born November 14, 1870 in Jumet, Belgium, and had been a resident of McDonald the past 47 years. Besides Mrs. SUPLIT, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sylvia JIANNINO of Wilkinsburg, and a granddaughter, Hilda Mae SUPLIT. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Irons Memorial French U.P. Church, McDonald, conducted by the pastor, Dr. Alexandre MAGE. Burial was in Hilldale cemetery.

Aug. 20, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Elmira MOTTE LIENARD**, 68, died suddenly of a heart attack at 12:00 o'clock noon Tuesday, August 31, 1943, in her home 320 Center avenue, McDonald. A daughter of the late Alfred and Flora MOTTE, she was born December 4, 1874, in Belgium and came to the United States about 52 years ago, first locating in Wheeling. She and Nicholas LIENARD were married in wheeling 51 years ago and came to McDonald shortly afterward. Mr. LIENARD died January 3, 1929. Mrs. LIENARD was a member of the Robinson's Run church. She is survived by six daughters: Mrs. Harry MASQUELIER of McDonald, Miss Madeline LIENARD and Mrs. Raymond BROWN, both of Sturgeon, Miss Vivian LIENARD and Mrs. E. G. SILHOL, both of Hays, and Mrs. William LYONS of Mt. Lebanon; two sons: Alphonse and Louis LIENARD, both of McDonald; two brothers: Hilaire MOTTE of McDonald and Alex MOTTE of Terre Haute, Ind. There are eleven grandchildren. A son, Charles LIENARD of Columbus, Ohio, died December 22, 1938; a son Nicholas LIENARD of McDonald, died in 1930; a brother, Alfred MOTTE of McDonald, died in 1930, and a brother, Ernest MOTTE of Birmingham, Ala., died in 1937. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday in Pettit's funeral home, McDonald, conducted by the Rev. O. E. GARDNER. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Sept. 3, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Leon BRANSBERG, 70, of Cecil died at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, November 25, 1943, in the Canonsburg hospital, following a two-week illness. He was born November 11, 1873, in Belgium. He and Julia PREAUX were married in Belgium and came to Cecil in 1902. Mr. BRANSBERG was a coal miner by occupation. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Emil BRANSBERG of Pricedale, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry (Madeline) AUBREY of McKees Rocks. There are seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Coleman funeral home, conducted by the Rev. H. STANBERRY, pastor of the First Christian church, McKees Rocks. Burial was in the Venice cemetery. Dec. 3, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Nestor THILMONT of Cecil died on Saturday, December 18, 1943. Born in Belgium over 60 years ago, he was brought to this country when a child. He is survived by three sisters: Mary, who resides in Canada, Mrs. W. A. CHEESEBROUGH of Bridgeville, and Mrs. J. C. PHILLIPS of McDonald, and a brother Leo of Steubenville. The funeral was held Monday.

Dec. 24, 1943 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Alfred J. DHAYER, aged 82 years, 10 months, died at 2:30 pm. Monday, January 10, 1944, in his home in Midway, following a brief illness. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John B. DHAYER, he was born March 13, 1951, in Belgium and came to the United States about 50 years ago. He had been a resident of Midway the past fifty years. He is survived by four daughters; Virginia, the wife of Alliance RICHMO__ of Carnegie, Mary, the wife of Jack DERBYSHIRE of Los Angeles, Calif.; Dolphine the wife of Joseph BEAUDUIN, Sr., of Avella, and Tillie, the wife of Edward H. MONTGOMERY, Sr. of Midway; three sons: John B. DHAYER of Midway, Oliver DHAYER of Hollidays Cove, W. Va., and James DHAYER of Avella; two sisters: Mrs. Alex GAUTIER and Mrs. Louis VEYDT, both of Cecil. There are 20 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. His wife, the former Clemence THILMONT, preceded him in death. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the DHAYER home in Midway, conducted by the Rev. Alfred HUBBARD, pastor of the Center U. P. church Midway. Burial was in Center cemetery

Jan. 14, 1944 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Oliver CUJAS, 60, died at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 1944, in his home, R.D. 4, McDonald, near Cherry Valley. Mr. CUJAS was a farmer in the McDonald vicinity the past 35 years. He was born March 30, 1883 in Belgium. He is survived by his wife, Julia GEREIN CUJAS: three daughters: Mrs. Hazel MARTINEZ of Langeloth, Mrs. Dorothy BISH of Midway, and Mrs. Julia FOLEY of Burgettstown; three sons: Herman CUJAS of Langeloth, Oliver CUJAS of R. D. 3, Burgettstown, and Julian CUJAS at home; his mother, Mrs. Desire CUJAS and a brother, Joseph CUJAS, both of Warrendale; a sister Mrs. Clementine DESCUTNER of McDonald and eight grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the CUJAS home, conducted by the Rev. Carl E. CHAPMAN, pastor of the Midway Baptist church. Burial was in Mt. Prospect cemetery, Hickory.

March 24, 1944 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Florence THENIS SCHEERS**, 92, died suddenly of a heart attack at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 1944, in her home in Sturgeon. She was born May 1, 1851, in Belgium and came to the United States 37 years ago, locating in Sturgeon. She is survived by one daughter, Irma, the wife of Paul SCHEERS of Sturgeon. There are four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Domenick SCHEERS, died about ten years ago. Funeral services were held the afternoon of April 5 in the SCHEERS home,

conducted by the Rev. G. M. MCKNIGHT, pastor of the Robinson's Run U. P. Church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - [April 14, 1944 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Arthur CHARLIER, 78, died at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 1944, in his home, 106 Miller street, McDonald, following a lingering illness. He was born April 12, 1865, in Belgium and had been a resident of McDonald the past sixty years. He was a member of La Solidarite association, McDonald and the Franco-Belgian club of Sturgeon. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura WAUTHIER CHARLIER; five daughters: Della, the wife of Charles HALEY of Indianola; Mary, the wife of Fernal PIERSON of McDonald; Twenett, the wife of William YATES of Indianola; Anna, the wife of George BELOT of Arnold, and Miss Augusta CHARLIER at home. There are 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the CHARLIER home conducted by the Rev. G. M. MCKNIGHT, D. D., pastor of the Robinson's Run U. P. church. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - [April 14, 1944 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Gustave TOURNAY, 67, of 317 Fairmont avenue, McDonald, died at 7:20 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 1944, in the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, where he had been a patient for over two weeks. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Mr. TOURNAY was a son of the late Gregory and Henrietta TOURNAY and was born January 2, 1877, in Belgium, coming to America in 1882 with his parents. He had been a resident of McDonald ever since. He and Nancy POUDEVIGNE were united in marriage October 29, 1919. Besides his wife he is survived by the following children: Norman of McDonald, Cpl. George TOURNAY, stationed in North Africa; Charles of Weirton, W. Va., Pfc. Howard TOURNAY, stationed in England; Wilma, Naomi, Gustave, Wayne, and Daniel at home. Three brothers also survive: August and Gregory TOURNAY of McDonald, and Charles TOURNAY of Greensburg. There are seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Irons Memorial church of which he was a faithful member, having served the past twelve years as an elder, and many years as a trustee. The services were in charge of his pastor, the Rev. Alexandre MAGE, D. D. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - [May 5, 1944 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Mrs. **Eugenia CHARLIER MASQUELIER**, 70, died at 6:18 p.m. Sunday, May 21, 1944, in her home in Valley street, McDonald, following a lingering illness. A daughter of the late P. J. and Constance CHARLIER, she was born February 20, 1874, in Jumet, Belgium, and came to the United States 57 years ago, locating in McDonald. She was a member of the Robinson's Run United Presbyterian church, McDonald. She is survived by her husband, Jules MASQUELIER, Sr.; two sons: Frank MASQUELIER of McDonald and Raymond MASQUELIER of Avalon; one daughter, Mamie, the wife of R. P. HUSLER of Carnegie; two sisters; Mrs. J. P. GROCHEN of Dunbar, Fayette county, and Mrs. D. J. LAINE of McDonald; one brother, P. J. CHARLIER of McDonald. There are seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Robinson's Run United Presbyterian church, McDonald, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. G. M. MCKNIGHT, D. D. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. [May 26, 1944 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

LECHIEN, Rosine Mary, aged 63y, died at her home in Pt Marion Monday morning, May 29, 1944. She is survived by her husband Oscar, one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Provencal, and one son, Marius, both of Pt Marion. Also surviving are two sisters and one brother in Belgium. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning June 3, 1944 at 9:30 in St Hubert's R C Church. Interment in the Evergreen Memorial cemetery under the direction of E J Conn Funeral Home. - [Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA - 1 June 1944](#)

Mrs. **Palmyre ALBERT**, age 64years, of 101 Tenth street, Charleroi, died in Charleroi-Monessen hospital, January 3, 1945 at 3:15pm. She was born in Belgium, November 16, 1880, the daughter of Joseph Macau and Leoni Remy Albert, both of Belgium. She came to Charleroi in 1918. She is survived by her husband Joseph Albert, one daughter, Mrs. Alice Hans, and one son Joseph Vandernitte of California, PA, two brothers, Frank Macau of Smock, PA and August Macau of California State, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. - [The Charleroi Mail, 4 Jan 1945](#)

Omer FROCHEUR, age 63 years, of 313 Crest Avenue, Charleroi, Died in Charleroi-Monessen hospital, March 22, 1945 at 9:50pm. He was born in Belgium, December 13, 1881, and came to Charleroi fifty years ago from there. He was a member of the Royal Army and was employed as a mill worker for the Pittsburgh Steel Company. He is survived by his wife Josephine DEHANT, two daughters Mrs. William --- Jr. and Mr. Ernest HOWARD, Charleroi, a brother, Campbell FROCHEUR of Speers, three sisters, Mrs. Frank ROSSOMME of Charleroi, Mrs. Louis CROOKHAM, Donora and Mrs. Roy WILLISON of Williamsport and two grandchildren. - [The Charleroi Mail, 23 March 1945](#)

Mr. and Mrs. **Maurice Balza** and daughter **Adelaide**, wish to express their appreciation for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and condolence extended by their friends and neighbors during their recent bereavement, the loss of their son and brother, Pfc **Raymond M Balza**³⁸, who was killed in action February 14, 1945. - [The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA - 24 Mar 1945](#)

³⁸ Pfc Raymond M Balza was killed in action in the Pacific theater.

Posthumous Award of Two Medals To Pfc Maurice Balza

The award and presentation of the Silver Star and Bronze Star Medals, posthumously, to **Maurice Balza**, of 1012 Meadow avenue, Charleroi, for his son, Private First Class **Raymond M Balza**, was announced today by Col. **Lucius McK Crumrine**, commanding officer, Pittsburgh Sub-District Third Service Command. According to the citation with the Silver Star Medal award, Pfc Balza, a member of the Airborne Infantry on February 13, 1945, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved his machine gun to an exposed position from which he poured a deadly fire into the attacking enemy. Although the target of intense enemy fire, he remained forward and continued to fire on the enemy until the attack was repulsed.

Emile MOLLE, age 80 years, of 502 Tenth street, Charleroi, died in Charleroi-Monessen hospital, April 14, 1945 at 6:50am. He was born in Charleroi, Belgium, August 22, 1864 and was a member of the Charleroi F.O.E. He has been living retired. He is survived by his wife Mary ALMIESTER MOLLE, three sons, Paul, Alfred and Joseph MOLLE, all of Charleroi and one daughter Mrs. Alice MIKLOS of Charleroi, then grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. – The Charleroi Mail, 14 April 1945

Mrs. **Josephine DORDAIN**, age 85 years, of 922 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, died at her home, April 23, 1945, at 8:30pm, after an illness of two weeks. She was born in Belgium and came to Charleroi forty-five years ago from Sturgeon, PA. She was a member of St Jerome's church. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Josephine RICHIR, Mrs. Juliette BRUNELLE and Mrs. Madeline GOBERT, all of Charleroi, Mrs. John KULOW of Weirton, West Virginia, two sons, Jules and Louis DORDAIN, both of Charleroi, one sister, Mrs. Alexander QUINET of Belgium, thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
The Charleroi Mail, 24 April 1945

Aime HENROTIN (VI-PA), aged 78 years, died at his home, Water street, Point Marion, early Tuesday morning, April 16, 1946. He was born in Jumet, Belgium August 21, 1867. He is survived by his wife Catherine, and a niece Rita W HALL and a nephew Maurice WERY. Funeral services will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev Joseph FLESHMAN officiating. Interment in Evergreen Memorial cemetery under the direction of E J CONN & Son, Point Marion
The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 18 Apr 1946

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness extended to us during our recent bereavement, the death of our beloved husband, father and brother, **Herman Balza**.³⁹ We especially wish to thank the Rev. Frank Montgomery, the singers, pallbearers, those who sent flowers and offered the use of their cars, and all who in any way tended to lessen our sorrow. Mrs. **Mary Balza** and Family, Brothers and Sister
The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 30 Apr 1946

Julien P. SCHOLLAERT, 65, died at 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 8, 1946, in his home, McVay street, Sturgeon, following a lingering illness. A son of the late Peter and Matilda VerCAMMEN SCHOLLAERT, he was born February 17, 1881, in Belgium. His wife, Paula THOMAS SCHOLLAERT died in 1941. He is survived by the following children; Thomas, Frances, Eleanor, Walter, Julien, Jr., Albert, and Raymond, all of the Sturgeon vicinity. A grandchild and several brothers and sisters also survive. Funeral services were held Thursday morning with Requiem high mass in St. Patrick's church Noblestown. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery.
July 12, 1946 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Seamont WILLIAMS, 62, died at 11:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4, 1946, in his home in Sturgeon. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Melchoir WILLIAMS, he was born February 8, 1884 in Belgium. Surviving are three sisters; Catherine, the wife of William MOTTE of Hollidays Cove, W. Va., Blanche, the wife of Sylvester DUCARME of Canonsburg, and Rose, the wife of George CONLEY of Walkers Mill. A brother, Sylvester WILLIAMS, of McDonald and a sister, Mrs. Helen JIANNINO, of Sturgeon are deceased. There are nine nieces and thirteen nephews. Funeral services were held Monday in the JIANNINO home in Sturgeon in charge of the Rev. Charles F. TAME, pastor of the Methodist church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.
July 12, 1946 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Alice PIERRARD DILLON**, 54, of Valley street, McDonald, died at 6:25p.m. Friday, September 6, 1946 in the Mercy hospital where she had been a patient for six days. A daughter of Philip and the late Alice PIERRARD, she was born July 11, 1892, in Belgium. Surviving besides her father are her husband, Edmond DILLON, two sons, Robert and Edward, and one daughter, Mrs. Howard FELTON, all of McDonald; also one sister, Mrs. Emil RANK of Sturgeon, and one brother, Amile PIERRARD of McDonald. There is one granddaughter. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in her late home in charge of the Rev. C. F. TAME, pastor of the McDonald Methodist church. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.
Sept. 13, 1946 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Arthur FINET, Sr. - For many years a resident of East Carroll township, near Patton, died last night at 9 o'clock at the home of his son, Arthur FINET, Jr. at Patton RD, where he was visitor, having been taken ill three days previously. He was born in Belgium on June 3, 1863 and came to the United States 56 years ago and had resided in East Carroll township for 44 years. He went to Edensburg last year following the death of his wife Mrs. Columbia FINET, to make his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R A

"In the performance of this heroic deed, this intrepid soldier was mortally wounded. The daring courage and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Balza set an inspiring example for his unit and exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army."

The award of the Bronze Star Medal was won earlier for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, December 15, 1944.

When an assistant gunner in a machine gun squad was wounded, according to the citation, Balza, an ammunition bearer, completely disregarding his own safety, crawled over difficult, fire-swept terrain to substitute for his fellow soldier. Despite fierce enemy counter-attacks, he remained with the gun; his accurate fire destroyed two enemy machine guns and contributed materially to the successful defense of the position.

The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 18 July 1945

³⁹ Herman Balza's obituary - found in The Charleroi Mail, 25 April 1946 – is unreadable

Yezequiel. Surviving are the son and daughter and two sisters Mrs. Julia Renox of Hastings RD and Mrs. Virginia Gillen of McCartney.

Altoona Mirror September 23, 1946, Altoona, PA

Mrs. **Flora M. MATHIEU**, wife of the late Nestor J. MATHIEU, of 1113 Maplewood avenue, Ambridge, formerly of Primrose, died Friday, September 20, 1946, after a week's illness. A daughter of the late Eugene and Florentine GILBERT, she was born November 7, 1870, in Wanfercee, Baulet, Belgium. Mrs. MATHIEU came to this country in 1887 and spent most of her life in Primrose. After the death of her husband in 1935 she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph E. VANDENBORD in Ambridge. She was a member of the Center Unite Presbyterian Church, Midway. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ellen VANDENBORD, of Ambridge and a son, Eugene J. MATHIEU of Paoli, Pa.; one grandson, two granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter. Also by two sisters, Mrs. Benjamin WORSTELL and Mrs. James HANNAN, and one brother, Joseph GILBERT, all of Primrose. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at her late home in charge of Dr. Thomas E. GRAHAM, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, Ambridge, assisted by the Rev. Eldin BENNETT of the Midway Center U. P. church. Burial was in the Center cemetery, Midway.

Sept. 27, 1946, McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Emma GOSSIAUX**, 71, wife of Jules GOSSIAUX, suffered a stroke and passed away at 3:12 p.m. Wednesday, October 23, 1946, in her home in the Southside, McDonald. She had been ill for some time. A daughter of Aimable and Florence PUTT, she was born November 12, 1874, in Gilli, Belgium, and as a child of six came to McDonald where she has spent her life time. In 1891 she became the bride of Jules GOSSIAUX. Besides her husband she is survived by two children: Mrs. John Paul DONNELLY of Weirton, W. Va., and Arthur GOSSIAUX at home; a sister, Mrs. Carl WILSON of McDonald, and a brother, Frank PUTT of Detroit. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Pettit Funeral home Lincoln avenue, McDonald, in charge of the Rev. Alexander MAGE, pastor of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Oct. 25, 1946 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

HUMEZ - ...67, of Carlisle... fferson Hospital... he had been... Thursday. His... to Wellsboro where Masonic funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Johnson Funeral Home, Rev. Albert H Head, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church officiated. Born in Belgium on June 29, 1879, Mr. Humez came to Wellsboro with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Alex HUMEZ** when nine years old. He was employed in the old Glass Factory and later assisted his sister Mrs. E G LANG in the grocery store business, 65 East avenue. In 1935 he went to Carlisle NY where he owned and operated a grocery store until the time of his death. He was a member of Ossea Lodge F and AM of Wellsboro. On August 31, 1901 he married Josephine Le Comte in Belgium and brought her here as a bride. Besides his wife **Josephine LECOMTE HUMEZ** of Carlisle, NY; he is survived by one daughter Mrs. Norman ROSS, of Kane; one son, Robert J of Philadelphia; one sister, Mrs. Aimee LANG, of Wellsboro; and one brother, Justin F HUMEZ, of Detroit. Five grandchildren, Robert, Marion and Florence ROSS, of Kane and Margaret and Roberta HUMEZ of Philadelphia; a niece Miss Aimee LANG of Chicago; and two nephews, Victor LANG of Goldboro, NC and ME LANG of Candor, NC.

Wellsboro Gazette, October 31, 1946, Wellsboro, PA

Sharen (sic) Rena WATLET, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert WATLET of Joffre, died Sunday, October 13, 1946, shortly after birth. Surviving besides her parents are two brothers, Albert, Jr. and Sidney Jules, and a sister, Peggy Joyce. Burial was October 14 in the Center cemetery, Midway. - Oct. 25, 1946 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Clarissa MARLIER**, 79, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 27, 1946, in her home in Summit Street, McDonald, following a lingering illness. A daughter of Jean Joseph and Marie Antoinette LEJEUNE SUPLIT, she was born in Roux, Belgium, and came to McDonald in 1887 where she had since resided. She and Victor F. MARLIER were married April 4, 1889, in McDonald by the late Dr. W. D. IRONS. She was a charter member of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church. Surviving besides her husband, Victor F. MARLIER, are two sons, Victor E. MARLIER of Follansbee, W. Va., and Fernal R. MARLIER of Crafton; five daughters, Mrs. George NELMS of Pittsburgh, Mrs. J. Harold TRIMMER and Mrs. H. G. LEONARD, both of McDonald, Mrs. V. M. CHAMBON of Follansbee, W. Va., and Mrs. Henri M. MARC of Garden City, N. Y., and two brothers, Elise SUPLIT of Springfield, Ill., and P. J. SUPLIT of Mayville, N. Y. An infant daughter died in 1893. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Irons Memorial church in charge of the Rev. Alexandre (sic) MAGE. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Jan. 3, 1947 Obits, McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Mary K. PIERSON**, 69, died at 6:10 a.m. Saturday, December 28, 1946, in her home in Queen street, McDonald, following an illness of several weeks. Mrs. PIERSON was born March 3, 1877, in Roux, Belgium, and came to the McDonald vicinity 43 years ago. Surviving besides her husband, Louis PIERSON, are two sons, Louis of Hollidays Cove and Fernal of McDonald; two daughters, Mrs. Walter RATTIGAN, of Paris, Pa., and Mrs. Charles MYERS, Jr., of McDonald, three brothers, Fernand CATRAIN of Roux, Belgium, and John and Archie CATRAIN of Detroit, Mich. There are nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Pettit funeral home in charge of Dr. S. A. MC COLLAM, pastor of the First U. P. Church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Jan. 3, 1947 Obits, McDonald Record-Outlook

John Winand JOHNEN of 311 Queen street died at 12:50 a.m. July 5, 1947, in the Washington hospital following a lingering illness. A son of Joseph and Anna BECKER JOHNEN, he was born January 20, 1865, in Eupen, Germany. Before coming to this country, he worked in Verviers, Belgium for 14 years as a baker, after which he made 21 trips across the Atlantic ocean as a cook. Upon his

arrival in the United States, he located for a short time in Philadelphia, coming to this area in 1895. He and Josephine GORGELS were married August 21, 1895, in the Holy Trinity church, by the Rev. Ambrose F. BRUDER. Mr. JOHNNEN served in the German army for three years and is a member of the La Solidarite Association of McDonald. Surviving besides his wife, are three sons, Joseph J. and Louis J. JOHNNEN, both of McDonald, and Leopold J. JOHNNEN of Flushing, Ohio, and three daughters, Mrs. Paul WAUTHIER and Mrs. Henry KRENN, both of McDonald, and Mrs. Bernard CYPHERS of Neville Island, and a sister, Mrs. Arthur GERMAIN of Liege, Belgium. There are 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A daughter Elida died in 1918. Funeral services were held July 7 in the Pettit Funeral home in charge of the Rev. Joseph H. RODGERS. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - [July 11, 1947 Obits McDonald-Record Outlook](#)

Frank E. PLUMERET, Sr., 63, died at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, August 7, 1947, in his home on the Noblestown road, Sturgeon, following an illness of two weeks. A son of Alexander and Melanie HIEL PLUMERET, he was born June 10, 1884, in Belgium and came to the United States at the age of 18 months. He started work as a miner at the age of 12 years and became a foreman at the Champion mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. in 1917. He was later transferred to the Montour No. 9 mine where he worked until his retirement July 16, 1946. During his employ at the mine he was an active as an instructor of first aid, and took part in a number of mine rescue missions. He was a member of Garfield Lodge No. 604 of McDonald, and the Pittsburgh Consistory. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hortense PLUMERET; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph VANGYSEL of Sturgeon; two sons: Leon of Carnegie, and Frank of Hubbard, Ohio; a brother, Seraphine of McDonald, and two step-children, Mrs. Josephine SLONEZEWSKI of Summit, N. J., and Emile DEPASSE, with the U.S. Navy in San Diego, California. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the home in charge of the Rev. Eldin BENNETT, pastor of the Center U. P. Church, Midway. Burial services with Masonic rites were at Robinson's Run cemetery. [Aug. 15, 1947 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Mrs. **Hubertine ECHTERNACH KLAGAN**, age 38 years, of 804 Second street, Charleroi, died in Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, October 5, 1947 at 1:25pm; after a lingering illness. She was born in Belgium, February 1909, the daughter of John and Don—ine Joliet Echternach of Belgium. She came to Charleroi in 1910 from Belgium and for a number of years was employed at the First National Bank here. She is survived by her husband Paul KLAGAN, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John ECHTERNACH. One brother, John ECHTERNACH, Jr. of Dallas, Texas and one sister, Mrs. J Olive ENOS, Jr of Charleroi. [The Charleroi Mail \(Charleroi, PA\) – 6 Oct 1947](#)

Houston, PA, Nov 13 – **George THIELET**, 40, of House 141, Lawrence, was instantly killed at 5pm yesterday in a roof fall at the Montour No4 mine of Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal Company. Deputy Coroner L P Speakman, Houston, reported Thielet was operating a coal loading machine and that in some manner the roof fell on him, crushing him to death. Thielet had been employed at Montour 4 for the last 11 years. He was born Feb 6, 1907 in Cecil and moved from that community to Lawrence in 1936. He was a member of the French Club of Cecil and of the UMWA Local at Lawrence. Surviving are his wife, Betty Chytll Thielet and four children, Joan, Georgene, Mary Louise and Adrian, all at home; his father Joseph Thielet of Cecil; two brothers Raymond and Felix of Cuddy, and one sister, Mrs. Pauline Roberts of Pittsburgh. - [The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 13 Nov 1947](#)

Mrs. **Marie Theresa Leclercq**, 82, widow of Victor Leclercq, at Summit Hospital, Kane, PA, Born in Dampremy, Belgium, November 6, 1865, she came to the United States 55 years ago. Located at Duquesne, PA and later moved to Kane where she was a resident for 38 years. The past 5 years she had lived with her daughter, Mrs. William Pierotti of Smethport. [Pittsburgh Post Gazette, 26 Nov 1947](#)

Mrs. Quertimont Taken by Death - Prominent Resident of Pt. Marion

Mrs. Laura QUERTINMONT, prominent and well known resident of Point Marion, died in her home near Railroad Street Saturday November 1, at 8pm following an illness of several weeks. The widow of Jules J QUERTINMONT Sr. who died in 1936, Mrs. QUERTINMONT operated a dry goods store in Pt. Marion for a number of years. Surviving are three children, Mrs. Lorenza HARTGAN, Mrs. Blanche THOMAS and Jules J QUERTINMONT Jr. all of Pt. Marion; one brother Marsall DOGNAUX of Jumet, Belgium; two sisters, Mrs. Julia PERRIER of York and Mrs. Augusta WASELLE of Jumet, Belgium, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Friends are being received in the home where prayer service will be held, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and additional rites in St. Hubert's R C Church at 9:30 with Rev. Fr P H TOPPING officiating. Burial will be in the Pt. Marion cemetery under the direction of the F J CONN & son Funeral Home, Pt. Marion. - [The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 3 Nov 1947](#)

Mrs. **Alice RECEVEUR**, wife of the late Joseph RECEVEUR, of 214 Amsterdam Avenue, Essington, died Sunday at her home after a brief illness. She was 79. Born in Belgium, Mrs. Receveur had been a resident of Essington for the past 36 years. Her husband died 19 years ago. Surviving are two sons, Roger and George, of Essington. Funeral services will be held at 2pm Wednesday from the Griffith Funeral Chapel, Amosland Road and Chester Pike, Norwood. Interment will be in Arlington Cemetery. Friends are invited to call Tuesday evening. - [Chester Times April 13, 1948, Chester, PA](#)

BRASSEUR, Amy VANDERMESS, aged 65 of pt Marion, died Sunday April 25, 1948. Death was due to drowning. She was born October 12, 1882 in Jumet, Belgium and had resided in the United States for the past 48 years. Surviving are her husband, Clement Brasseur; three children, Mrs Rose Mankins, Rene and Zelma Brasseur of Pt Marion; three grandchildren; three brothers, Arthur David, Oscar and Rene Vandermess, of Pt Marion. Her mother, Josephine Vandermess, preceded her in death February 5, 1948.

Friends are being received in the late home, Jeanette St, where services will be conducted Wednesday April 28 at 2pm. DSF(?) with Rev Fred B Grimm officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial cemetery, under the direction of the Conn Funeral Home, Pt Marion. - Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 27 April 1948

John B. Borbouse, 66, died Saturday October 23 at the Hammitt General hospital in Erie following a lingering illness. He was a resident of Erie for 32 years Monongahela Valley. He is survived by his mother, Pittsburgh, Mrs. Marie Borbouse. of Dunlevy and three sisters, Mrs. Girard Aigrisse, Maumee. O.; Mrs. George Grandy, Charleroi and Mrs. Mary Souply, Charleroi. Friends will be received at the Michael A. Malinhak Home for Funerals in Charleroi.
Monessen Daily Independent, October 25, 1948 – Monessen, PA

Mrs. **Elise GOISSE GOSSART**, 79, a resident of Hazel Hurst for the past 55 years died Tuesday at 10:25 pm at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James T Connors, 111 W Washington St while on a visit. Mrs. Gossart had been in failing health for some time but her condition was not considered serious. Death was attributed to a heart attack.
She was born in Jumet⁴⁰, Belgium August 12, 1867, came to this country at the age of 24 and settled in Hazel Hurst. Her husband John⁴¹ died in Hazel Hurst 10 years ago. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. John Nogar, Jersey City, NJ; Mrs. B E Sloppy, Limestone; Mrs. Connors, Bradford; and Mrs. E S Bills, Sheffield' four grandchildren, Mrs Milton Kymer, Mt Vernon, Ohio; Milton Nogar, Jersey City, NJ; Mrs. Martin Engel, Bradford; and Everett Bills, Sheffield; and several nieces and nephews. The body was taken to the Healy Funeral Home and will be removed to the home in Hazel Hurst today. Services will be announced later. Arrangements are under the direction of Healy's
Bradford Era, 8 December 1948, Bradford, PA

WAZELLE, Rose, aged 77 of Pt Marion, died Tuesday morning, February 1, 1949 at 6:50 following a lingering illness. Surviving are her husband J B WAZELLE, one daughter Norma, one granddaughter, Rose at home; two sisters and one brother Adele Sent, Victoria Bierneaux, and Joseph Brigode, residing after 5 o'clock this afternoon. February 4, at 2 o'clock with Rev Fred B Grimm officiating. Interment will be in the Pt Marion cemetery under the direction of the Conn Funeral Home.
Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 2 Feb 1949

GOUTTIERE, Josephine, aged 72, of Point Marion, died Monday evening, February 28, 1949 at 10:50 o'clock, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest J LEFEBVRE, following a lengthy illness. She was born September 20, 1859 in Jumet, Belgium. In addition to Mrs. LEFEBVRE she is survived by two other children, Nestor GOUTTIERE of Maumee, O; Mrs. Edgar GOUTTIERE Clarksburg, WV. Friends are being received in the CONN Funeral Home, 15 Main St, Pt. Marion where funeral services will be held Friday morning March 4, at 9 o'clock, with additional rites at 9:30 o'clock in St. Hubert's R C church with Rev. Fr. F H TOPPING officiating. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Memorial cemetery. - The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 2 Mar 1949

TAMENNE, Josephine, aged 79 years, former Point Marion, resident, died Tuesday morning, June 7, 1949. In the home of her son Louis Tamenne, Rd 1 Smithfield. She was born December 5, 1870, in Belgium. Her husband Gustave Tammene and daughter Ida Fife preceded her in death. In addition to her son, Louis, she is survived by five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. Friends are being received in the Conn funeral Home, Point Marion, where services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. Joseph Fleshman officiating. Interment will be in Point Marion cemetery. - Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 8 Jun 1949

Mrs. **Marie Borbouse**, nee Bacq, aged 84 years, died July 6 at 6pm, at her home in Dunlevy. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. George Grandy of Dunlevy, Mrs. Mary Souply of Charleroi, and Mrs. Girard Aigrisse of Maumee, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Melinchak Funeral Home in Charleroi
Monessen Daily Independent, July 7, 1949 – Monessen, PA

Mrs. **Rosa GAINVORS**, who resided with her son Amile J GAINVORS of 1403 Fourth avenue, Juniata, died this morning at 6:30o'clock at the Philipsbug State hospital after a two months' illness. She was born March 3, 1881 at Strey-Bracquegnies, Belgium and emigrated to this country in 1910. She had been a resident of Altoona since 1912. Her husband emile Frank GAINVOIRS died Dec 19, 1941. Surviving are two sons Amile of Juniata and August George of Brisbin; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a

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⁴¹ John Gossard succumbs on Saturday in Community Hospital, Kane – Hazel Hurst, Oct 30 (Special) – John Gossard, 69, retired glass worker and resident of this community many years, died Saturday at 10:30pm in the Kane Community Hospital. He had been a patient one week in the hospital. Death was attributed to a complication of ailments. A native of France, Mr. Gossard came to this country in 1900. He had lived here since, with the exception of 10 years spent in Sistersville, W Va, where he was employed in a glass plant. He had worked also in a glass plant here. Well-known in Hazel Hurst and elsewhere in McKean County, Mr. Gossard had many friends. He held membership in the Moose Lodge of Bradford and the Elks lodge of Sistersville. He was also affiliated with a glass workers' union. Mr. Gossard retired from regular work a year ago. Survivors are his wife and four step-daughters, Mrs Dennis Nogar, Jersey City, NK; Mrs Lydia Connors and Mrs. Germain Sloppy, Bradford, and Mrs Jessie Bills, Hazel Hurst. A funeral service will take place Wednesday at 2pm at the home. The Rev. R A Thompson, Methodist church pastor of Mt Jewett, will officiate. Interment will be at Mt Nebo cemetery, Mt Jewett.

sister in Belgium. Mrs. Gainvors was of the Baptist faith. Friends will be received at the home of August G Gainvors at Brisbin after noon Saturday, - Altoona Mirror, 5 Aug 1949

DULIERE Services Held in Pt. Marion

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for **George DULIERE, 73**, prominently known in Point Marion civic circles and for many years associated with the Houze Glass company. He died Saturday morning in Uniontown Hospital. He is survived by the widow Marguerite, three children, Ruby, George and John; one granddaughter; three sisters, Mrs. Angela LECLERC, Mrs. Blanche WITTEBORT, Pt Marion; Mrs Alphonse LEFBVRE, Dunkirk, Ind.; and Florise, Morgantown, WV. Mr. DULIERE was born in Jumet, Belgium, and came to this country at the age of eight. He resided in the Meadville district before coming to this country in 1899. - The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 7 Sep 1949

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DEVILLE, Sylvain Joseph – aged 94, of Pt. Marion, died in his home Wednesday August 16, 1950 at 12:30 pm, following a lingering illness. He was born October 8, 1855 at Jumet, Belgium. He was predeceased by his wife, Josephine DEVILLE. Surviving are two sons, Frank S DEVILLE, of Morgantown, WV.; Jules C DEVILLE, of Pt. Marion; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Friends are being received in the CONN Funeral Home, Pt. Marion, where services will be conducted Friday, August 18, at 2 o'clock with Rev Joseph FLESHMAN officiating. Burial will be in East Oak Grove cemetery, Morganstown. The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 17 Aug 1950

WAZELLE, Gerrard – aged 69, died Sunday morning, October 22, 1950 at 7:10 O'clock in his home, 12 Jane St., Point Marion, following a lengthy illness. Mr. WAZELLE, a glass cutter was born in Jumet, Belgium, February 26, 1851. Surviving are his widow, Adeline; two brothers, John B WAZELLE of Point Marion; Louie LAMBIOTTE in Belgium, one sister, Norma WAZELLE, one granddaughter Rose WAZELLE, both of Point Marion. A daughter preceded him in death. Friends are being received in the late home where funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon, October 24, at 2 o'clock with Rev Fred B GRIMM officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial cemetery under the direction of the CONN Funeral Home, Point Marion. The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 23 Oct 1950

Three Children Die When Home Burns¹

CANONSBURG, Pa., Dec. 25

A Christmas Day fire destroyed one residence and damaged three others in the nearby community of Cecil. The blaze broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Louis VEYDT**. It spread to the dwellings of James Davis, **Daniel Gossett** and Joseph Aubrey. Sub-freezing temperatures hampered firemen of four volunteer companies in fighting the flames. Canonsburg Fire Chief Thomas Schussler estimated damage at 315,000. – The Monessen Daily Independent, Monessen, PA – 26 Dec 1950

Ishmael PENSIS, in his 76th year, a resident of Washington County for more than 60 years, died at his home 317 North street, McDonald, Tuesday, April 3, 1(9)51, at 1am. He had been in failing health for the past few months. Mr. Pensis was born in Charleroi, Belgium Feb 7, 1878(?). He came to the United States at the age of 12 years and located in McDonald where he had resided since. He was a retired coal miner and for 50 of his active years he was employed by the Pittsburgh Coal Company. He was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, McDonald. His wife, the former Bertha Behling, survives with two daughters: Miss Pauline Pensis, at home and Mrs. Roy H Oats, McDonald; a brother, John Pensis, Charleroi; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. - The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 4 Apr 1951

Joseph CHIFF died at 9:30 a.m. June 23, 1951, in his home, R.D. 4, McDonald, following an illness of a month. A son of the late Henry and Octavia DEBLANDER CHIFF, he was born July 8, 1892, in Primrose, where he spent his entire life. He was a miner until about four years ago when he went to work on the roads. He was a member of the La Solidarite club, Primrose. Surviving are a brother, August CHIFF, and a sister, Mrs. Charles LIEBERT, both of R. D. 4, McDonald, and several nieces and a nephew. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Wilson funeral home, Midway, in charge of the Rev. Joseph H. RODGERS, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, McDonald. Burial was in Center cemetery. - June 28, 1951, Obits McDonald Record-Outlook



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Alex POSKIN, 70, died at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 1951, at his home, Valley street, following a lingering illness. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Emil POSKIN, he was born November 17, 1880 in Charleroi², Belgium. He came to this country as a youth and resided in Sturgeon. He and Rose FOUNTAIN were married August 13, 1901, and resided in McDonald since. He was a member of UMW local 8062 and of the La Solidarite, McDonald. Surviving besides his wife are one son, William POSKIN, Bridgeville; three daughters, Mrs. Oliver OPENBRIER, Sr. and Mrs. Camille BARONIO, both of McDonald, and Eleanor, at home; one brother, Daniel POSKIN, Griffith, Ind. and two Sisters, Mrs. Lawrence KESSLER, Steubenville, Ohio, and Mrs. Ray ROBERTS, Warren, Ohio. A sister, Alice WEBB, preceded him in death in April, 1950. There are seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. A. H. SARRIO, pastor of the First Methodist church. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - July 1951 Obits, McDonald Record-Outlook

Joseph Charles BRIGODE, 58, supervisor of stores and receiving Department Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Division and widely known in South Charleston resident, died at 10:30am yesterday in a South Charleston hospital. He lived at 540 Second Avenue South Charleston. Mr Brigode had a heart ailment for several years but his condition became critical until the past several days. A resident of South Charleston for 50 years Mr Brigode had worked at the Carbide plants 22 years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph BRIGODE of South Charleston. Mr. Brigode was a member of Glendale Lodge No 78, Knights of Pythias; Shiraz Temple No29 and the Unite Commercial Travelers, all of

¹ **Christmas Morning Fire Levels Home** : CECIL, Pa., Dec. 25—(AP)—A Christmas morning fire leveled one home and damaged three others today as high winds blew across this hill top town. No one was injured. The blaze drove Mr. and Mrs. Louis Veydt and their two teen-age children from their home. Canonsburg Fire Chief Thomas Schussler said the fire started in the Veydt basement. He estimated damage at \$15,000. – The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – Dec 26, 1950

² Not in Charleroi

Charleston; outh Charleston Eagles Aerie No2386, Carbide and Carbon Fishing and Hunting Club and the First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillian Sennette Brigode; two daughters, Mrs **Helen Teishmann**, South Charleston, and Mrs. **Irene O'Neil**, St Albans; a son, **Arnold BRIGODE**, Charleston, **Arthur and Amie** of Ohio; a sister Mrs **Bertha Michaux**, Clarksburg, and five grandchildren. The body is at Snodgrass Mortuary Chapel where services will be at 3pm tomorrow. Rev W W White will officiate. Burial will be I Glendale cemetery at South Charleston

Charleston Gazette, Charleston, WV - July 29, 1951

Arthur LORANT, 45, of Cherry Valley, died at 10:00 a.m. January, 30, 1952, in the Mt. Alto sanitarium. He had been in failing health and a patient at the sanitarium for the past three years. Mr. LORANT was born September, 27, 1905, at Bulger, and had spent his entire life in that district. He was engaged in farming in the Cherry Valley district for a number of years. He leaves one brother, Archille LORANT, of Cherry Valley. Funeral services were held Saturday in a Burgettstown funeral home. Burial was in Mt. Prospect cemetery. Feb. 7, 1952, Obits. McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Celina PLETINCKS**, 81, died at 3:30 a.m. February 22, 1952, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Victor BAILY, Liberty Street, McDonald, following an illness of four weeks. She is the widow of Adolph PLETINCKS, Sr. Mrs. PLETINCKS was born September 28, 1870, in Belgium and had been a resident of the McDonald district for 65 years. She was a member of the Irons Memorial United Presbyterian church and the King's Daughters class of the church. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Victor BAILY of McDonald, Mrs. S. A. ROMAIN of Mt. Lebanon, Mrs. Leon FRANKLIN, Sr., of Sturgeon, and Mrs. A. S. DeVOS of Baltimore, Md.; two sons, Adolph PLETINCKS, JR., of Wallingford, Conn., and John R. PLETINCKS of McDonald; two brothers, Arthur SCHAYES of the Woodville State Hospital, and Eli SCHAYES of Steubenville, Ohio, and two sisters, Mrs. Adeline HALEY of Heidelberg and Mrs. Mary LAURENT of New Kensington; there are 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Pettit funeral home, in charge of the Rev. Ralph Y. SCOTT. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Feb. 28, 1952 Obits. McDonald, PA Record-Outlook

Xavier CASTIAUX, 80, of 213 Luella Avenue, Charleroi, died Saturday, March 22, 1952, at 9:30pm. He was born in Belgium, May 5, 1871 and was in the plumbing business in Charleroi for a number of years. He is survived by one son, Robert of Charleroi, two daughters, Mrs. John Dowler, Charleroi and Mrs. Lorraine Wells, North Charleroi, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA - 24 March 1952

Archille P. LORANT, 56, a resident of Cherry Valley, died Monday, Jun 23, 1952, at the Veterans' Administration hospital at Aspinwall. Mr. LORANT was born in Belgium on January 31, 1896, a son of Desire and Josephine BARR LORANT. He had resided for the past 40 years at Cherry Valley. His wife, Felecie PAULIAN LORANT, survives with four daughters; Mrs. Mary STANISH, Simone and Josephine, R. D. 3, Burgettstown, and Sgt. Ermeline LORANT, of Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Lee & Wilson funeral home, Burgettstown. - June 26, 1952, Obits. McDonald Record-Outlook

Victor L. CENIS³, 80, husband of **Mary PLETINCKS CENIS**, died Thursday, July 3, 1952, at his home in Liberty Street McDonald, after a long illness. Mr. CENIS was born July 13, 1871, in Belgium and had been a resident of McDonald for the past 60 years. He operated a hardware store in Burgettstown and McDonald, since 1926 and until his retirement in 1947. Mr. CENIS and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 20, 1952. Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. **Erma CENIS WORK** of Conway, and Miss **Thelma CENIS** at home, and a stepson, **John VANDECASTY** of Pittsburgh. There are eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Pettit funeral home. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - McDonald Record-Outlook - July 10, 1952, McDonald, PA

Mrs. **Bertha A. McCARR**, 66, wife of **James McCarr**, 527 Walnut Street, Royersford, died in Phoenixville hospital so.on after 8 o'clock Thursday night. In ill health several months, Mrs. McCarr was afflicted with a stroke at her home about 6 o'clock, and was admitted to the hospital. She was born in Brussels, Belgium, but lived in this country the past 60 years, most of which was in Royersford. Twice married, her first husband, the late **Guss Nick**, meat dealer, died in 1920. She was a member of Sacred Heart church, the Ladies' auxiliary of Friendship Fire company and the Lady Moose. She formerly employed a number of years at the Colledgeville Flag factory. Surviving besides her husband are a son, **Ulysses Nick**, at home; two daughters, Clara, wife of **Ralph Shaner**, 820 Church street, Royersford, and **Eva**, wife of **Wilbur Deibert**, Emmaus Rd; three grandchildren; a sister, **Martha**, wife of **Gordon Walsh**, Fairmont, W. Va., and three brothers, **Fernon and George Gregoire**, Clarksburg, W Va., and **Leon Gregoire**, 233 Walnut street, Royersford. The funeral service will be conducted in a funeral home at 600 Washington street, Royersford, Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with interment in Fernwood cemetery - Pottstown Mercury - November 15, 1952, Pottstown, PA

FRERE, Alida A - aged 84 of Point Marion, died Wednesday morning January 14, 1953 at 11:45 at the home of her son Raoul FRERE, following a lengthy illness. She was born September 5, 1853 at Jumet, Belgium. Surviving are two sons, Raoul FRERE and Rene FRERE both of Point Marion; 4 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband Joseph FRERE preceded her in death. She was a member of the Altar Society of St. Hubert R C church. Friends will be received in the CONN Funeral Home after 2 o'clock

³ Birth record: Victor Leon CENIS born 13 July 1871, Marchienne-au-Pont - Father: Napoleon CENIS/Mother: Felicie CESAR
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his afternoon. Rosary Service will be held Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Brief services will be held Saturday at 8:30am followed by additional rites at 9am in St. Hubert's RC Church with Rev Fr. Andrew Schneider officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen memorial cemetery, Point Marion, PA. The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 15 Jan 1953

Services for **Stephen Wayne GREGOIRE**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **George R. Gregoire**, 908 Mais Street, Royersford, were conducted in the Nelson funeral home, incorporated, 367 Walnut Street, yesterday at 3pm. The Rev. Paul J Henry, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, officiated. Interment was made in Fernwood cemetery. Pottstown Mercury – September 17, 1953, Pottstown, PA

Mrs. **Prudente Adele QUINET DEPREZ**, a former resident of Charleroi, died suddenly at her home in the Hamilton Apartment, 118 East Walnut street, Lancaster, PA., December 25, 1953 at 3:30pm. She was born in Charleroi, Belgium, 18 November 1874. Mrs. Deprez, who was 79 years of age, lived in Charleroi for 29 years before moving to Lancaster thirty-three years ago. Just recently she and her husband, **Peter J DEPREZ**, celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Lancaster. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Casimir F of Lorain, Ohio, a daughter, Dr. Marcella E. wife of Alexander A CZAPF of Lancaster, one sister, Mary F., wife of John B LEQUE of Lancaster, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services are planned for tomorrow afternoon from the George N Young Funeral home in Lancaster. The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 28 Dec 1953

Joseph PIRET, 83, of Fairchance, died in Uniontown Hospital Friday night.
Connellsville Daily Courier January 19, 1954

Mrs Marie GHENNE, 85, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald, 819 Meadow Avenue, Charleroi, March 18, 1954, at 8:30am. She is survived by two sons, Rene and Joseph, both of Charleroi, her daughter Mrs⁴. Richard Fitzgerald, Charleroi and three grandchildren. The Charleroi Mail – 18 March 1954

Augustin SOUFFRANT, 80, husband of Damasine CARLY SOUFFRANT, died Thursday, April 15, 1954, at his home in Sturgeon. He was born July 11, 1873, in Belgium, a son of Alexander and Mary WAUTHIER SOUFFRANT. He came to the United States at the age of 16 years and settled with his family in McDonald. He had been a resident of Sturgeon for 60 years. He was a 50-year employee of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. and retired in 1937. He was a member of the Franco-Belgian club of Sturgeon. Surviving are his wife and the following children: Alexander of Indianola, Henry of Carnegie, William of Noblestown, and Mrs. Joseph DU FOUR and Augustin, Jr., both of Sturgeon. There are 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. A blessing service was held Monday afternoon in the Rogers funeral home, McDonald, in charge of the Rev. Fr. Michael CONROY, pastor of the St. Alphonsus church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - April 22, 1954 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. Marie HENNAUT REGINIER, 79, died at 2:00 a.m. Monday, April 18, 1954, in her home in Cecil following a brief illness. A daughter of Jule and Frances PREAUX, she was born, in Belgium. Mrs. REGINIER has been a resident of Cecil for the past 53 years. She is survived by her husband Firmin REGINIER; three daughters and a son, Mrs. Julia NUGENT, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Emilia BEHLING and Emanuel HENNAUT, both of Cecil, and Mrs. Catherine ROUSSEL, of Ruthfred Acres; and a sister Mrs. Ora HENRY. Three children, Mrs. Frances CHANTRENNE, Mrs. Ora VANDEGATE and Emil HENNAUT, preceded her in death. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock this Thursday afternoon in the Coleman funeral home, Cecil in charge of the Rev. W. N. THORNBURG, pastor of the Venice U. P. church. Burial was in the Venice cemetery.
April 22, 1954 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Catherine (Little Catherine) Van VARENBERG**, 87, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Elias, Fifth street extension, Charleroi, March 5, 1955 at 8:35pm. Friends will be received at the Michael A Melinchak Funeral Home during hours of 1 to 5 and 7 to 10pm. Services will be held there Wednesday, March 9, 1955 at 1:30pm in charge of Rev. Robert Laing, and interment will follow in Monongahela cemetery. Chas L Melenyzer and Shelby D Ferguson are the funeral directors.
The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 7 March 1955

Mrs. **Anne M. Vieslet** of Crest avenue, died in the Charleroi-Monessen hospital, November 18, 1955, at 4:20 p. m. She was born in Tarentum, the daughter of **Ferdinand** and **Anne Sammoek Estenfeldor**. She came to Charleroi as an infant, from Tarentum, and was a member of the St. Jerome church. She is survived by her husband. Dr. **V. P. Vieslet**, and four sisters, Mrs. J. J. Kilroy of Charleroi, Mrs. A. A. McDonald of Country Club Road, Mrs. Homer Dunn of Latrobe and Mrs. L. F. Engle of Waynesburg. Charleroi Mail November 19, 1955, Charleroi, PA

LEROY, Amelia, aged 75 of Pt. Marion died Sunday evening April 29, 1955 in the Vincent Palotti(?) Hospital, Morgantown, WV, following a brief illness. She was born May 1, 1880 in Jumet, Belgium. She was a member of the First Methodist Church. She was predeceased by her husband, Edmund Joseph LEROY. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Martha JONES, New Albany, Ind.; Mrs. Georgina (Peggy) MOHL, Mrs. Deena CORNET and Mrs. Lillian HENRY, all of Morgantown, WV; five grandchildren; four

⁴ Mrs Richard Fitzgerald aka Lottie, 36, b PA (1930 US Census); son Robert, 16, b PA; Lottie's brother Joseph, 24, b PA also in the household, as is Mary GHENNE, 63, b Belgium

great-grandchildren. Friends are being received in the CONN Funeral Home, Pt Marion, where services will be held Thursday at 2:30 pm DST, with Rev. Joseph DEBARDI, officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Park.

The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 1 May 1956

Emma (SMITH) GAINVORS Of 1403 Fourth avenue, Juniata, died at 11.30 o'clock Saturday night at her home after an extended illness. She was born March 23, 1902, at Pinecroft, a daughter of James H. and Alice (Moyer) Smith and was married May 3g, 1924, to Amile J. Gainvors, sr. Surviving are her husband, the following children: Mrs. Harvey W. Samuels of Bristol, Paul P. and Amile J., jr., of Altoona, and Miss Joan A., at home; two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Partner of Turtle Creek and Miss Mae of Pinecroft and five grandchildren. She was n member of the B. U. B. church of Pinecroft. Friends are being received at the Fuoss mortuary, Bellwood.

Altoona Mirror, Altoona, Pennsylvania – 8 Oct 1956

Mrs. **Jennie Lydia HAGENS**, widow of Josiah Hagens, of Vintondale, Pa., passed away Tuesday, December 18, at 7:45 a.m. in the Johnstown Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for two weeks. Born July 12, 1896 in Barnesboro, Pa., she was the daughter of the late **Joseph and Mary Huwart**, had spent her early life in Barenboro some years in Strongstown and the past 10 years in Vintondale. She was a member of the Vintondale V.F.W. Auxiliary. Surviving are three sons, Joseph Stiles, Akron, Ohio; Edmond and James Hagens, Nanty Glo; four daughters, Mrs. Walter (Mary Cressley, Mrs. Leslie (Rebecca) Bradford, and Mrs. James (Venetta) Samitore, all of Nanty Glo; and Mrs. Alex (Alma) Boychuck, Vintondale, Pa.; 13 grandchildren; two brothers, Victor Huwart, Belle Vernon and Joseph Huwart, of Brownsville, Pa.; one sister, Mrs. Clemence Ugljesa, Vintondale. Friends will be received at her late home after 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, and on Friday one hour prior to services at the First Baptist Church, Vintondale, where services will be conducted that afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The Rev. Edward Houser will officiate. Interment in Pineland Cemetery, Strongstown. Robinson-Lytle's, Indiana, is in charge of services.

Indiana Evening Gazette December 19, 1956

Maurice BALZA of 1012 Meadow avenue, Charleroi, died in the Charleroi-Monessen hospital, December 25, 1956 at 9:30am. He was born in McDonald, PA, January 27, 1900, the son of **Leon and Adelaide Francois Balza**. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal church, the Italia Unita Club, the Lithuanian Library Association, and the Eighth Street Belgium Club. He was a life-long resident of Charleroi and for the past twenty-five years, operated a barber shop on Crest Avenue. He is survived by his wife, **Tresa Grilli Balza**, one daughter, Mrs. **Michael J Torban** of Charleroi, one brother, **Arnold Balza** of Charleroi, one sister, Mrs. **Joseph Schroeder** of Rochester and one grandchild. A son, **Raymond Balza** was killed while in service in the South Pacific

The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 26 Dec 1956

Emile FAUVIE, 87, of Coal Center, Rd 1, died Sunday morning, September 8, 1957 in Washington County Hospital at Arden. A son of **John B and Louise HANCHARD FAUVIE**, he was born September 11, 1870 at Chatelineau, Belgium. Mr. Fauvie, a retired miner, lived in the California area since 1911. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Esther Dinche, Mrs. Bertha Bosley, Mrs. Blanche Clausen and Mrs. Martha Rogers, all of Detroit, Mich; four sons, Adrian, Alfred and Emile all of Warren, O and Albert Fauvie, Coal Center; 26 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 9 Sep 1957

Esther Margaret BLONDEAUX, 28, South McGrann, died unexpectedly at 6:50am Friday (Oct 11, 1957) in Armstrong County Memorial Hospital. She was born October 19, 1928 in Ford City, a daughter of **George and Eleanor (DOMS) BLONDEAUX**. Miss Blondeaux was a member of the Lutheran Willing Workers, the Lutheran Missionary Society, and secretary of the Sunday School at St. John's Lutheran Church, Ford City. Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Blondeaux; two brothers, **James** with the US Navy in Japan and **Charles** at home; three sisters, **Shirley**, at home; Mrs. **Janet Roudebush** of Kittaning and Mrs. **Robert Claypoole** of Sharon; the paternal grandfather **Julian Blondeaux** of Ford City and the maternal grandmother Mrs. **Lottie Doms** of Ford City. Friends are being received at Welch Funeral home in Ford City. Funeral services will be held at 2pm Monday at the funeral home. The Rev. Fred Daubenspeck pastor of Ford City St John's Church will officiate. Burial will be in Manor cemetery.

Kittaning Simpson Leader Times, October 12, 1957, Kittaning, PA

Mrs. **Julia HENROTIN, 87**, of 41 10th St., Charleroi, died yesterday at 6:45pm after a year's illness. Mrs. HENROTIN was born in Charleroi, Belgium, Jan 4, 1870. She came to Charleroi from Courtney, PA in 1916. She was a member of the Mother of Sorrows R C Church, Charleroi. Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Nellie H GILES, Charleroi, a grandchild, Mrs. Earl (Dolores) MOYER, Monongahela and two great-grandchildren, Gary Stephen and Christy Ann MOYER. Friends are being received at the Michael A Melinchak Funeral Home, Charleroi, from 1 to 5 pm and from 7 to 10pm.

18 Oct 1957 – Daily Independent, Monessen, PA

Henry GEERS of Coyle-Curtin Roas, Monongahela, Rd 2 died at his home, February 3, 1958, at 5:10 am after a lingering illness. He was born March 8, 1882 in Belgium and had been a resident of this vicinity for a number of years. He was a retired employee of the Allentport plant of the Pittsburgh Steel Company. He is survived by his wife, **Amelia REUCKENS GEERS**, two stepsons, Fred COLLINET, California, PA and James ROSS of Charleroi, one sister in Belgium and one grandchild.

The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 3 Feb 1958

Mrs. **Anna M BAWIN** of 841 Lincoln Ave., Charleroi, died today at 3:10 am after a lengthy illness. She was born in Montegnee, Belgium on Dec 23, 1882, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pierre ECHTERNACH, and came to Charleroi June 11, 1911. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph BAWIN on Sept 25, 1955. She was a member of the St Jerome R C Church and the Good Will Club, Charleroi. She is survived by one son, Alvin BAWIN, RD 2, Monongahela; two daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Mary) MINGER; Jane BAWIN, at home: one grandchild and four great grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Michael A Melinchak Funeral Home in Charleroi where visiting hours are from 1 to 5 and 7 to 10pm.
Daily Independent, Monessen, PA – 2 May 1958

PITMAN - Julius, 73, of 607 Woodvale Avenue, died at 7:45 p.m. May 4, 1958, at Memorial Hospital. Born Apr. 24, 1885, in Belgium. Survived by widow, former Philomena KAUSSE, and these children: Mrs. Florence UPDYKE of 324 Bedford Street; Mrs. Bertha LUCAS of 605 Woodvale Avenue; Mrs. Leona NEMETZ of 318 Cresswood Street; Miss Margaret, at home; Ralph, Johnstown R.D.1; Mrs. Eleanor HARPCHAK of 132 Fourth Street, Conemaugh, and Mrs. Betty LANGHAM of 728 Railroad Street; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren. Friends will be received in John A. Conway & Son Funeral Home after 11 a.. Tuesday where service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Capt. Theron R. OBITZ. Interment, Blue Knob Cemetery, Portage. (Cambria Co, PA) - Johnstown Tribune-Democrat, May 5, 1958

Mrs. **Philomena Charles BEAUMARIAGE**, 77, of Cecil, died in Washington hospital last evening following a brief illness. She was born in Belgium and came to this country as a small girl. She was married to Sylvan F BEAUMARIAGE, who died in 1953 and lived in Cecil all her married life. She was a member of the Venice United Presbyterian church. Surviving are three sons, Sylvan Jr, Cecil; Alexander, Washington Rd and Jules, hickory; one daughter, Sylvia HESS, Bridgeville, one sister Sylvia BEAUMARIAGE, Monessen, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One son is deceased.
The Daily Independent, Monessen, PA – 27 Jun 1958

Jules GOVERNOR of 704 Lookout avenue, Charleroi, died November 16, 1958 at 2:30pm. He was born in Belgium, January 28, 1892 and was a retired employee of the Monessen Plant, Pittsburgh Steel Company. He was a member of Charleroi Post 22, American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Anna KOLESSAR GOVERNOR, two step-sons, Rudy Kolessar of Columbus, Ohio and George Kolessar of Charleroi, two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Dolores) Pore, Charleroi, Mrs. James (Genevieve) Gartland of Columbus, one step-daughter, Mrs. Pete (Florence) Martorella, Pittsburgh, one brother, Emil Governor of North Charleroi, two sisters, Mrs George Landrin and Mrs. Renee Vanduzen of Charleroi, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 18 Nov 1958

George MANANDISE of 1110 Lincoln avenue, Charleroi, died at his home March 17, 1959, at 11:30am. He was born in Charleroi, July 15, 1908, the son of Frank and Maria Manandise. He was a member of the First Christian church of Charleroi and the Third Street French Club. He was employed as a millwright at the Allenport plant of the Pittsburgh Steel Company. He is survived by his wife Mary McCann Manandise at home, one daughter, Mr. Alfred (Martha) Troth of Muncy, Pa, his mother, Mrs. Frank Manandise of North Charleroi, and one brother Harry Manandise of North Charleroi. - The Charleroi Mail, March 18, 1959, Charleroi, PA

Mrs. **Mary PIQUE VERMEULEN**, 86, of R. D. 4 McDonald, wife of the late Prosper VERMEULEN, died Monday, June 15, 1959 in Washington Home for the Aged after an illness of 6 months. Mrs. VERMEULEN was born October 20, 1872, in Belgium. She had been a resident of the McDonald area for the past 61 years. Surviving are 13 grandchildren, and 37 great-grandchildren. Two sons, Camille and Herman are deceased. Friends are being received in the Rogers Funeral home McDonald. Funeral services will be held at 10 am Thursday in St. Alphonsus church, McDonald, in charge of the Rev. Fr. Joseph P. Lonergan. Burial will be in Robinson's Run Cemetery. - June 18, 1959 Obituaries McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Marie LAMI**, 78, of 207 Shady Ave., Charleroi, died Sunday July 26, 1959 at 8am. She was born in Belgium on Oct 19, 1880 and came to Charleroi in 1904. She was a member of the Goodwill Club and the Ladies Auxiliary to the French Club. She is survived by a son Jules Lami of Charleroi; two grandchildren, Clifford Lami and Mrs. Lois Vanderveen, of Charleroi and three great-grandchildren. - The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 27 July 1959

Paul LAMBERT⁵, 64, of 424 Locust Ave., Stockdale, died suddenly on Sunday, July 26, 1959, at 6:30pm. He was born in Belle Vernon on June 2, 1895. He had been employed at the Allenport plant of Pittsburgh Steel Co., and was a member of the Garibaldi Club of Dunlevy and the Belle Vernon Musical Society. He is survived by his wife Margaret Prescott LAMBERT; two sons, Paul Jr. of California, PA and Lawrence, of Rialto, Calif; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Porosky, of Monessen and a sister, Mrs. Lillian Larioux, Point Marion; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. - The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 27 Jul 1959

Desire STOREZ, 62, of McDonald, Rd 3, died Sunday July 26, 1959, in Washington Hospital. He was born in Belgium, February 27, 1898, a son of Desire and Marie RICHARDS STOREZ. He was a member of Les Soldaieres Club, Cecil. Surviving are his wife,

⁵ The 1900 US census, Belle Vernon, Fayette Co, PA shows

Paul LAMBERT, b Mar 1854, in Belgium, glass gatherer, emigrated in 1881, naturalized with his wife, Lena, b in Belgium May 1868, emigrated in 1893, and children Paul b in PA in Jun 1895 and Lillian, b in PA in March 1899

Joseph B DUROCIGNAN STOREZ, at home; one son Raymond, Cecil, two daughters, Virginia Zamaillo, Canonsburg; Marie Pirillo, hickoey; Augusta Denys, both of Charleroi and ten grandchildren. - The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA – 27 Jul 1959

Desire STOREZ, 61, of R. D. 3, McDonald, died Sunday, July 26, 1959, in the Washington hospital. A son of Desire and Marie RICH-S STOREZ, he was born February -, 1898, in Belgium. He was a member of Les Solidaires Club, Cecil. Surviving are his wife, Josephine STOREZ, at home; a son, Raymond STOREZ of Cecil; two daughters, Virginia ZAMATLIO of Canonsburg and Marie PIRILLO of Hickory; a brother George, and a sister, Augusta DENYS, both of Charleroi. There are ten grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Coleman funeral home, Cecil, in charge of the Rev. C. A. GIFFORD. Burial was in the Venice cemetery. - July 30, 1959, Obit. McDonald Record-Outlook

Jules HAINAUT, 83, formerly of McDonald, died suddenly of a heart attack Friday, July 31, 1959, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Irma SOLLBERGER, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. SOLLBERGER, in whose home he died, Mrs. Valora GILLESPIE, Mrs. Evelyn COLLIER, and Mrs. Dora DAVIS, all of Cuyahoga Falls; a son, Alfred HAINAUT of Portland, Ore.; a brother, Fred HAINAUT of Youngstown, Ohio; and a number of grandchildren. His wife, now deceased, was Zifferine DESCUTNER. John B. MASQUELIER of North McDonald street, McDonald, is a brother-in-law, and Mrs. Harry DESCUTNER, Sr. of Midway is a sister-in-law. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Cuyahoga Falls. Burial was in Chestnut Hill cemetery, Cuyahoga Falls. - August 6, 1959 Obituaries McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Bertha CHARLIER**, 74, of Wellsburg, WV, died at 12:20 a.m. Monday, August 17, 1959 in the North Wheeling hospital following a lingering illness. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emile DEHOUX, she was born August 25, 1884 in Belgium. She came to McDonald as a child, and had resided in the Weirton-Wellsburg area the past 40 years. Her husband, Emile CHARLIER died in 1921. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Wilma BROWN of Weirton, WV, and Mrs. Clyde ROBERTS and Mrs. Lennore BARNDT of Wellsburg, WV, two sisters, Mrs. William JOHNSON of Paris, and Mrs. Charles SMITH of MCDONALD, and four brothers Emile, Jules, Fred and Victor DEHOUX all of McDonald. There are 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held August 20, in Wellsburg, WV, in charge of the Rev. Robert Johnson, of Wellsburg, WV. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. September 3, 1959 Obituaries McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Mary Louise CENIS DeBRAKELEER**, 52, of Poland, OH, formerly of Raccoon, died at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, 1959 in the Southside hospital, Youngstown, OH. She had been ill for two years and was a patient in the hospital for 30 days. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph CENIS she was born July 5, 1907 in McDonald and had resided in North Lima, OH for the past 22 years. She was a member of the Calvary Evangelical United Brethren church and of the Friendship Circle of the church. Surviving are her husband, Arthur DeBRAKELEER, a daughter Mrs. Paul GRANGER of Petersburg, OH, a son, Henry Joseph DeBRAKELEER of Lawrence, MA; four sisters Mrs. Michael HAGERTY and Mrs. Walter HALLATEK, both of Youngstown, OH, Mrs. Katherine DHANS of Detroit, MI, and Mrs. Victor VAN NUFFELSEN of Washington, and a brother, Paul CENIS of Edinboro. There are two grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. this Friday in the Sedderley-Beilhart Funeral Home, North Lima, OH. - September 3, 1959 Obituaries McDonald Record-Outlook

Julian BLONDEAUX, 80 who resided at the Anderson Hotel, Ford City, died at 9:25 am today (Oct. 1, 1959) in Armstrong County Memorial Hospital. Death followed a short illness. He was born Jan. 17, 1879 in Jumete⁶, Belgium, a son of Mr. and Mrs. **August BLONDEAUX**. Having been retired for the past 15 years, he was a former Pittsburgh Plate glassworker. He was a member of St. Mary's R C Church, Ford City. His wife **Antoinette**⁷ died in 1942⁸. Survivors include four sons, George of South McGrann, Albert of Orrville, Ohio; Robert and Edward, both of Ford City; three daughters: Mrs. Lamberson H. (Rose) Ollinger and Mrs. Angela Walker, both of Ford City, and Mrs. Blanche Doms of Pittsburgh; 21 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Welch funeral home, Ford City, where his pastor, the Rev. Paul Wiesmann, will conduct a rosary service at 7pm Sunday. Funeral services will be held at 9am, Monday in St. Mary's church with Fr. Wiesmann officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery. Kittaning Simpson Leader Times, October 1, 1959, Kittaning, PA

Paul SCHEERS, 89, died Wednesday, December 9, 1959 in his home in Sturgeon. He was born January 1, 1870, in Belgium. He came to the United States in 1905 and was employed in the coal mine until his retirement. He was married to the late Irma MARIN SCHEERS. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Helen RANK, Miss Madeline SCHEERS, and Mrs. Carmen HAJDUK; and a son, Marcel SCHEERS, all of Sturgeon. There are ten grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held December 12 in his home in charge of the Rev. John SHEPARD, pastor of the Robinson's Run U. P. church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Obituaries McDonald Record-Outlook December 24, 1959

⁶ His WWI Draft Card shows his birthdate as January 17, 1881 which corresponds with a birth record in Jumet for Julien BLONDIAU, son of Augustin Blondiau, 32 and his wife Elisa MAHIEUX, 29 - <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-997C-DSP7?mode=g&i=14&wc=QZL7-X36%3A1055595901%2C1055851501&cc=2138500>

⁷ Marie Antoinette GUILLAUME was born in Jumet, Hainaut, Belgium on 24 March 1883, daughter of Philibert Joseph GUILLAUME (31) and Marie Antoinette MAHIEUX, 29 - <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-WJQL-KG?mode=g&i=231&wc=QZL7-ZM2%3A1055595901%2C1055961701&cc=2138500>

⁸ <http://person.ancestry.com/tree/89658819/person/83000086703/facts> gives death date as 6 December 1942, Ford City, PA

Efren F. DESCUTNER, 78, formerly of McDonald, died Thursday, December 3, 1959 in his home in Akron, Ohio. He was born in Belgium, and came to the United States as a child. While in McDonald, he was in the tea business with his brothers the late Peter E. DESCUTNER and John Z. DESCUTNER. He moved to Akron I 1925. He formerly owned a cement block manufacturing plant in Akron and for 20 years was a general contractor. He worked for the Vaughn Machinery Co., as a plant guard for seven years. He was a member of the North Hills U. P. church, Akron, and Garfield Lodge No. 604, F. & A. M., McDonald. He is survived by his wife, Valerie P. DESCUTNER; four daughters, Mrs. Adena C. QUERRY, Mrs. Elva P. PEARCE, Mrs. Norma A. HAYNES, and Mrs. Nova M. VICTOR, all of Akron; three sons, Victor J. and Albert W. DESCUTNER of Northampton, Ohio, and Clyde Z. DESCUTNER of Akron; and a brother, Lawrence DESCUTNER of Denver, Colo. There are 19 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. A number of nieces and nephews reside in McDonald. Two sons, Ernest and John DESCUTNER, died about two years ago. Funeral services were held December 7 in Akron, in charge of the Rev. Robert J. St. Clair. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery, Akron. - December 31, 1959, Obituaries, McDonald Record-Outlook

August PIRET, 76, died Thursday, December 24, 1959, in his home in Cecil. A native of Belgium, Mr. PIRET was a retired coal miner. He leaves his wife, Julia BERGER PIRET; three daughters, Mrs. Margaret BETHEM and Mrs. Julia SMITH, both of Cecil; and Mrs. Louise McELHANEY of Sygan. There are five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in charge of the Rev. Robert VEYDT. Burial was in Venice cemetery.
December 31, 1959, Obituaries, McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Leonie RANDOUR**, 81, died Friday, January 15, 1960, in her home in Station street, McDonald. The wife of the late Leon RANDOUR, Sr., she was born May 6, 1878, in Belgium. She came to McDonald at the age of nine and had resided here since. She was a member of St. Alphonsus R. C. church, McDonald, and it's Altar Society. She leaves six sons, Arthur of Washington, D. C., Leon, William, George and Charles of McDonald, and Hubert of Pittsburgh; and a daughter, Mrs. Jeannette WILSON, of McDonald. There are 17 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday morning in St. Alphonsus R. C. church, McDonald, in charge of the Rev. Fr. Joseph P. LONERGAN. Burial was in Resurrection cemetery.
January 21, 1960 Obituaries McDonald Record-Outlook

Octave H. DeVROYE, 69, of Valley street, McDonald, died suddenly Tuesday, January 26, 1960. Mr. DeVROYE was born May 19, 1890, in Belgium, and came to the United States at an early age. He was a former resident of Monongahela and had resided in McDonald for the past 30 years. He was employed by the Bold Baking Company, Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh. He served in World War I as a sergeant in the American Expeditionary Force in France from July 1917, to November, 1919. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 567, McDonald. Surviving are his wife, Nellie POUNDS DAYE DeVROYE; a sister in Belgium; three nieces and one nephew. Friends are being received in the Pettit funeral home, McDonald, where services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday in charge of the Rev. L. Jack PAXTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, McDonald. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. - January 28, 1960 Obituaries McDonald Record-Outlook

Alphonse DeWULF, 73, of Sturgeon, died Tuesday, January 26, 1960, in the Presbyterian hospital. He was born November 15, 1886 in Belgium and had resided in Sturgeon for the past 45 years. He was a retired coal miner. Surviving are his wife, Frances PILARSYK DeWULF, and a daughter, Blanche DeWULF, at home. Friends are being received at the Thomas funeral home, Oakdale. Funeral services will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday in St. Patrick's R.C. church, Noblestown, in charge of the Rev. Fr. Joseph Drumm. Burial will be in the church cemetery. - January 28, 1960 Obituaries McDonald Record-Outlook

DUBOIS, Celina, aged 79, Railroad St. Pt Marion, died Monday evening February 8, 1960 at 8:45 in the Uniontown Hospital. She was born November 23, 1880 in Jumet, Belgium. She was a member of ST. Hubert's R C church and the Rosary Altar Society. She is survived by four grandchildren, Roger BROGNEAUX, Jr. and Joanne JORDAN, Pt. Marion; Marguerite FERGUSON, Olen Falls, NY; Alfred DUBOIS, Arnold (PA); fifteen greatgrandchildren; two sisters Hermanie HAVENNE, Jumet, Belgium; Leontine WELTENA, Vancouver, Canada. Friends are being received in the CONN Funeral Home, Pt. Marion, where prayer service will be held Thursday at 8:30. Requiem High Mass will be sung at 9 o'clock in ST. Hubert's R C church. The Rev Francis BOYLE will celebrate the Mass. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Park. The Rosary Altar Society will meet in the funeral home this evening at 7:30 to recite the Rosary. - The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA - 10 Feb 1960

Charles DAOUT, 85, of Cecil died Saturday, May 14, 1960. Born in Belgium, he was a retired coal miner and a member of the Les Solidarites of Cecil. He is survived by two sons, John B. DAOUT of Barr street, McDonald, and Maximillian DAOUT of Virginia. There are seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Coleman funeral home, Cecil, in charge of the Rev. C. A. GIFFORD. Burial was in the Venice cemetery. - May 19, 1960 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Marie VOYE VALENTOUR**, 90, a long-time resident of McDonald, died Wednesday, May 18, 1960, in her home in Station street. A daughter of Joseph and Clementine REBOUL VOYE, she was born January 4, 1870 in Elizabeth. She had been a resident of McDonald for 80 years and was a member of St. Alphonsus R. C. Church and its Alter Society. Mrs. VALENTOUR is survived by a son, August F. VALENTOUR of McDonald; a daughter Mrs. Marie O'Brien of Atlanta, Ga.; a step-son, L. F. VALENTOUR of McDonald; a step-daughter, Mrs. Ella CAMPBELL of Denver Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Emma ROWE of Mt. Lebanon; and three brothers, Marcelan VOYE of Miami, Fla., Charles J. VOYE of Mt. Lebanon, and Remmy P. VOYE of Warren, Ohio. There are four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Rogers funeral home, McDonald. Requiem mass,

conducted by the Rev. Fr. Joseph P. LONERGAN, will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday in St. Alphonsus R. C. Church, McDonald. Burial will be in Holy Souls cemetery, Campbell's Run Road. - [May 19, 1960 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Mrs. Angele FRERE, 85, of Charleroi, died in the Snodgrass Convalescent Home in Butler, last night at 8:15 o'clock. She was born June 17, 1874. Preceded in death by her husband, Emile Frank FRERE, May 7, 1956. She is survived by one son, Emile and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Germaine) DUCOEUR of Charleroi. - [The Daily Independent, Monessen, PA - 20 May 1960](#)

Fernand C DUCOEUR of 823 McKean avenue, Charleroi, died yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Fran Mar Nursing Home, Washington, PA. He was born in Charleroi, Belgium, March 6, 1886 and came here from his birthplace in 1902. He was a retired glass cutter. He is survived by one son, F C Ducoeur, Charleroi, and four grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Francis O Slezak Funeral Home. - [The Charleroi Mail, Charleroi, PA, 21 May 1960](#)

Fernand C DUCOEUR - In naming survivors of Fernand C DUCOEUR of 823 McKean Ave, Charleroi, on Saturday, two brothers, Arthur and Joseph DUCOEUR, of Charleroi, were inadvertently omitted. - [Daily Independent, Monessen, PA, 23 May 1960](#)

Mrs. **Augustine HANS**, 72, of Washington avenue, McDonald died Wednesday, May 25, 1960 in the Washington hospital. A daughter of Ferdinand and Clemence TAZAT SERVAIS, she was born December 10, 1887, in McDonald where she has resided her entire life. She was a member of Robinson's Run U.P. Church, McDonald. Surviving are her husband Edmond HANS Sr.; three sons. Louis HANS of St.Mary's, Ohio, Edmond HANS, Jr., of Noblestown, and Delbert HANS of McDonald; five daughters, Mrs. John TYLER f Moundsville, W.Va., Mrs. Richard MULVEE of San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Clarence NUTBROWN of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Raymond SEFZIK of Sturgeon, and Mrs. Walter BITNER of Burgettstown, a brother, Louis LWEVAIS of Houston; and two sisters Mrs. C. V. DUNKELBERGER of McDonald, Mrs. Louise Musolino of Midway. There are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held last Saturday in the Pettit funeral home, in charge of the Rev. John SHEPARD, pastor of the Robinson's Run cemetery. - [June 2, 1960 McDonald Record-Outlook](#)

Mrs. **Julie PORIGNAUX BIERNAUX**, 83, of Fourth St Ext. North Charleroi, died yesterday at 4:48pm at home. Born in Belgium, Nov 13, 1876, she came to Charleroi in 1888. She was a member of St Jerome R C Church, Charleroi. She was preceded in death by her husband Dieudonne BIERNAUX, Jan 26, 1955. They had owned and operated Biernaux Greenhouse in North Charleroi. Surviving are three daughters: Erma BIERNAUX and Alice BIERNAUX, both at home and Mrs. Mary SEDLAR, Monessen; a granddaughter, Mrs. George ROSE, of North Charleroi and a great-grand-child. Friends are being received at the late home. - [The daily Independent, Monessen, PA - 25 Jun 1960](#)

Mrs. **Josephine H DuJARDIN**, 74, Knox Ave, Monessen, died yesterday at 12:05pm in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital after a long illness. Born in Belgium Mrs DuJardin had lived in Monessen for the past 43 years. She was a member of the Evangelical United Brethren church, Monessen. Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Elmer (Alice) Cooper of canton, Ohio, Mrs. William (Bertha) Dean of Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Alfred (Emily) Russell of Belle Vernon and Mrs. Val (Dolphine) Powlowsky of Monessen; a son, Ernest of Monessen; 11 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emile, in November 1932. Friends are being received at the H Denver Rhome Funeral Home, McKee Ave, Monessen. - [The Daily Independent, Monessen, PA, 11 Jul 1960](#)

Martha REQUILEZ, 60, of Long Branch died Saturday at 7:30am at her home in Long Branch. She was born Oct 23, 1899 in Belgium. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter, who died July 29, 1959. She is survived by three nephews and one niece. Friends are being received at the Eckert Funeral home, Roscoe, during the hours of 1 to 5 and 7 to 10 pm. Services will be held tomorrow. - [The Daily Independent, Monessen, PA - 25 Jul 1960](#)

Celestine MELISSE, 78, a former resident of Conrad Ave., North Charleroi, died suddenly Saturday evening at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Howard of Dunkirk, Ind. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. George (Marian) Cook of Monessen, Mrs. John (Lillie) Vezetti of Irwin and Mrs. John (Nellie) Howard with whom she had been residing; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Michael A Melinchak funeral home, Charleroi, where services will be tomorrow at 2pm, with the Rev. W. S Van Arsdale of the First Christian Church officiating. Interment will be in Monongahela. - [The Daily Independent, Monessen, PA - 22 Aug 1960](#)

MAYER, Louis Rene - Aged 76, Pt. Marion, died Thursday, January 12, 1961 at 6 pm in his home, Highland Ave., following an extended illness. He was born May 23, 1886 in Jumet, Belgium. He was a retired glass gatherer. He is survived by one son, Louis A. Mayer, Pt. Marion; two brothers, Marcel (?), Calif., Roger. Pt. Marion; one sister, Mrs. Florabonne Pickenpugh, Morgantown, WV. Friends will be received after 6 pm today in the Conn Funeral Home, Pt. Marion, where services will be held Monday at 3 pm. The Rev. George S. Stephens will officiate. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 1932 and the Pt. Marion Volunteer Fire Dept. will meet in the funeral home Sunday evening at 8 o'clock for services. [Uniontown Evening Standard January 14, 1961, Uniontown, PA](#)

Albert J GHENNE, 84, of Fallowfield Twp., Monongahela, R D 2, died yesterday at 3:45am at his home, after a lingering illness. Mr. Ghenne was born in Charleroi, Belgium, April 21, 1876. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of St. Jerome's R C Church,

Charleroi. Preceded in death by his wife, Mathilde PORIGNAUX GHENNE in Feb. 1960 and a son Ernest H Ghenne, in 1940, he is survived by one daughter, Alice E Ghenne at home, one sister, Mrs. John Matz, Monongahela, and two grandsons, Donald Osborne and Ernest Osborne. Friends will be received at the Schrock Funeral Home, Charleroi.

The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA - 30 January 1961

Edmond R. HANS, 75, died Wednesday, February 1, 1961, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clarence NUTBROWN, in Mt. Washington, following a lengthy illness. He was born January 22, 1961⁹, in Belgium, and had been a resident of McDonald for the past 70 years, and had been employed in the coal mines, until his retirement in 1948. Mr. HANS was a member of Robinson's Run U. P. Church, McDonald. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. John TYLER of Moundsville, W. Va., Mrs. Richard MULVEE of San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Clarence NUTBROWN of Mt. Washington, Mrs. Raymond SEFZIK of Sturgeon, and Mrs. Walter BITNER of Burgettstown; three sons, Louis HANS of St. Mary's, Ohio, Edmond HANS, Jr., and Delbert HANS, of McDonald; three brothers, Frank HANS and Joseph HANS of Weirton, W. Va., and Paul HANS of McDonald; a half-brother Leander ELOI of Weirton, W. Va., and a half-sister, Mrs. Clarence JOHN of Duquesne. There are nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. His wife, Augustine SERVAIS HANS, died in May, 1960. Friends are being received at the Pettit funeral home, McDonald, where funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday in charge of the Rev. John SHEPARD, pastor of Robinson's Run U. P. Church, McDonald. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Feb. 2, 1961 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

LEFEVRE, Henry Louis, aged 79, Pt. Marion, died suddenly Tuesday June 6, 1961 at noon in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred (Marguerite) STALNAKER, Pt. Marion. He was born September 4, 1851 in Jumet, Belgium and had resided in Pt. Marion for forty-five years. He was predeceased by his wife Camille EFEVRE, June 2, 1952. He is survived by three children, Mrs. Raymonde (Rose) COSTOLO, Ferndale, Mich., Mrs. Fred STALNAKER, Pt. Marion; Mrs. Olga WELSH, Orange, Texas; six grandchildren. Friends will be received after 2pm today in the CONN Funeral Home, Pt. Marion, where services will be held Friday at 2pm. The Rev C Frank MAPLE will officiate. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Park. - The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA - 7 Feb 1961

Mrs. **Janet MURDOCK HAINAUT**, 72, died Tuesday March 14, 1961 at her home 10 Beech Street, Homer City. She was born August 14, 1888 in Sturgeon, Allegheny County, daughter of William and Isabel DONALD MURDOCK and had lived in Homer City since 1921. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Homer City. Her husband, **Louis J HAINAUT** preceded her in death in 1942. Surviving are these children: **Joseph** of Homer City, RD 2; **William J** of Blairsville R D 1; Mrs. **William (Janet) SKULTETY** of Homer City; these sisters: Mrs. Samuel T (Mary) McMILLEN of Homer City; Mrs. James (Margaret) McDOWELL of McDonald; Mrs. George (Lillian) SPELLMAN of Homer City RD2. There are five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Askew Funeral Home, Homer City, where services will be held Friday March 17 at 2pm. Officiating will be the Rev. William Sutherland and interment will be Greenwood Cemetery, Indiana. - Indiana Evening Gazette, 16 March 1961, Indiana, PA

LEFEVRE, Henry Louis, aged 79, Pt. Marion, died suddenly Tuesday, June 6, 1961 at noon in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred (Marguerite) Stalnaker, Pt. Marion. He was born September 4, 1881 in Jumet, Belgium and had resided in Pt. Marion for forty-five years. He was predeceased by his wife, Camilla LeFevre, June 2, 1952. He is survived by these children, Mrs. Raymond (Rose) Costolo, Ferndale, Mich.; Mrs. Fred Stalnaker Pt. Marion; Mrs. Olga Welsh, Orange, Texas; six grandchildren; six great grandchildren. Friends will be received after 2pm today in the Conn Funeral Home, Pt. Marion, where services will be held Friday at 2 pm the Rev. C. Frank Maple will officiate. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Park. Uniontown Morning Herald June 7, 1961, Uniontown, PA

Arthur C DUCOEUR, 69, of 723 Lincoln Avenue, Charleroi, died in the Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh, Tuesday June 13, 1961 at 12:55am. Survivors are his widow Blanche DEHOSSE DUCOEUR, one son Don DUCOEUR, Charleroi postmaster, one daughter, Mrs. T Joseph (Maxine) WELSH, Charleroi, one brother, Joseph DUCOEUR, Charleroi and one granddaughter. Friends will be received at the Harold L Schrock Funeral Home, Charleroi, during hours of 1 to 5 and 7 to 10pm. Services will be held there Friday at 2pm, in charge of the Rev Martin S Longenecker and the Rev Robert Laing. Interment, Charleroi Cemetery, Harold L Schrock is the funeral director - Valley Independent, Monessen, PA - June 14-15, 1961

Mrs. **Nellie M. Moncrief**, 73, 1509 Wilmington Rd., died unexpectedly at her home Monday at 1pm. Born in Jumet, Belgium, Jan. 22, 1888, daughter of Alexander and Stephanie Mansy Wulffing, she was married to Howard W. Moncrief. Mrs. Moncrief was a member of the Lutheran Church. Surviving in addition to her husband are three children: Dryden H Moncrief, Fombell; Elmo W. Moncrief, Ellwood City, Howard H. Moncrief, New Castle; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Thompson, New Castle; Mrs. Georgette Hollwell, Warden, O.; one brother, Amedee Wulffing, Belgium, and four grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Leyde-Tanner Mortuary, Highland at Winter, today 7-9 p.m and tomorrow, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Services will be conducted from the Mortuary Thursday at 2 pm with Rev. Howard Landes officiating. Interment will be in Oak Park Cemetery. New Castle News August 1, 1961, New Castle, PA

DUCHATEAU, Henry Lewis, aged 77, Dundisk, Md., formerly of Pt. Marion, died Sunday morning September 17, 1961 at 2:43am. He was born July 3, 1884 in Jumet, Belgium. He is survived by his wife, Clara Collet DUCHATEAU; three children, Armand and Mrs. Hale (Dolores) ANDREWS, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs C Howard (Georgette) SPARROW Sr., Smock; three grandchildren; one great-

⁹ Probably a typo made by the transcriber but can not, at present, verify the correct birthdate

grandchild. Friends will be received in the CONN Funeral Home, Pt Marion after 2pm today until Wednesday at 2pm the hour of service. The Rev Frank MAPEL will officiate. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Park.

The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 18 Sep 1961

Emile DELESTIENNE, 81, of Kitanning, R D 6, formerly of Charleroi, died at his home, Sunday at 7:38am. He was born in Belgium May 24, 1880. He moved to Charleroi twenty-three years ago. Survivors are his widow, Celine BERRIOT DELESTIENNE, one daughter, Mrs. Rose CIRRINCIONE, Kittanning, three grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Francis C SLEZAK Funeral Home, Charleroi, after 10am, Wednesday.

The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 17 Oct 1961

Gaston LECHIEN, 68, of 505 Meadow Ave. Charleroi, died in the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, Saturday at 6am. He was born in Belgium, Aug 10, 1893, the son of Marcelle and Philomena NOEL LECHIEN. He came to Charleroi 50 years ago and was retired from the West Penn Power Co. He was a member of the St Jerome R C Church, Charleroi, the Charleroi Eagles Aerie, the Belgian Club and the French Club. Survivors are his widow, Adeline LECHIEN, one son, Maurice LECHIEN, Pittsburgh, one daughter, Mrs. Willard (Mercedes) GARRATT, Charleroi, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Friends will be received at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home, Charleroi during hours of 1 to 5 and 7 to 10pm – The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 13 Nov 1961

Frank FRANTZ, 74, of 738 McKean Ave., Charleroi, died yesterday at 10:20am in Charleroi Monessen Hospital. He was born in Belgium, Oct 5, 1887 and was a retired steel mill worker. Survivin are a son, Joseph of RD1, Fayette City; a brother, Joseph of Dunlevy; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the howar W McCrory Funerl Home in Fayette City. – The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 27 Feb 1962

Mrs. **Leonard DESMET**, 85, died Sunday, March 4, 1962, in her home in Cecil. A Native of Belgium, Mrs. Desmet had resided in Cecil since 1902. She was president of the Desmet Lumber and Supply Co. of Cecil and Midway, a position she had held since the death of her husband Leonard, in 1955. Surviving are three sons, Alfred, Oscar and Leonard Jr., and three daughters, Mrs Rose KELLY, Mrs. Mellenna SACKETT, and Mrs. Berth CHECCA, all of the Cecil area. There are five grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2PM Thursday in the Coleman Funeral Home Cecil, in charge of the Rev. James Nash, Jr. pastor of the Gladden U.P. Church Burial will be in Robinson's Run Cemetery.

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George J PLASMAN, 66, of 328 Conrad Ave., North Charleroi, died unexpectedly yesterday at 7:30pm. He was born in Charleroi, Belgium on Sep 14, 1893. He is survived by his wife, Emma MANANDISE PLASMAN; two sons, George A PLASMAN of Venetia, PA and Raymond P PLASMAN of cartaret, NJ; one daughter, Mrs. John (Martha) POLINSKI of North Charleroi; one brother Arnold J PLASMAN of Springdale, PA and seven grandchildren. He was a member of the Christian Community Church of Ghenne Heights and a retired employee of the Irvin Works of the United States Steel Corporation. Friends are being received at the Harold L Schrock Funeral Home in Charleroi. – The Valley Independent, Monessen, 18 July 1962.

HENROTIN, Catherine, aged 93, Pt Marion, died early Saturday morning, July 21, 1962 in the Uniontown Hospital. Born January 31, 1869 in Jumet, Belgium, she has resided in Pt. Marion since 1905. She was a member of St. Hubert's R C church. She was predeceased by her husband Aime HENROTIN in 1946. She is survived by one niece Mrs. Rita W RIGGS and one nephew Maurice WERY, Pt Marion. Friends are being received in the Cecil B CONN Funeral Home, Pt Marion, where prayer services will be held Tuesday at 8:30am. A requiem Mass will be intoned Tuesday at 8:30am in St. Hubert's R C church. The Rev. Fr Francis BOYLE will officiate. Internet will be in Evergreen Memorial Park. The Rosary Altar Society will recite the Rosary this evening at 7:30 in the funeral home. The Morning Herald – 23 Jul 1962

Mrs. **Flora HENRY TRICOT** – aged 73, 706 Morgantown St., Pt Marion, died suddenly late Thursday afternoon, December 13, 1963. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband **Raoul Emile TRICOT** and these children: Mrs. **Lloyd (Edna) EDDY**, Pittsburgh; Mrs. **Elmer (Alida) BLANEY**, Lake Lynn, Rd 2; **George HENRY**, Morgantown, WVa; **Raoul (Jack) TRICOT Jr.**, Pittsburgh; ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. **D M STONE**, Riverside, California; Mrs. **Niles CLARK**, Charleston, WVa; one brother **Edgar TAMENNE**, Clarksburg, WVa. Arrangements under the direction of the Cecil R Conn Funeral Home are incomplete.

Uniontown Evening Standard, December 14, 1962, Uniontown, PA

Arcel DELMONTAGUE, 81, of Sturgeon, died Saturday, December 21, 1962, in the John J. Kane hospital. He was born March 19, 1881, in Belgium and had been a resident of Sturgeon for 50 years. Surviving are four sons, Raymond of Sturgeon, Joseph and Louis of McDonald, and Albert of Hazelwood; and two daughters Mrs. Marie REDMAN of Sturgeon and Mrs. Rosetta DEWEY of McDonald. There are seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held December 24 in the Thomas funeral home, Oakdale, in charge of the Rev. Robert LARIMER, pastor of the Noblestown U. P. Church. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. - Jan. 3, 1963 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Alfred J. HAINAUT, 79, a former resident of McDonald, died Monday, January 7, 1963, in his home in Youngstown, Ohio. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis HAINAUT, he was born in Belgium and came to the United States at the age of three. He left McDonald about 45 years ago and went to Youngstown, where he was employed by the U. S. Steel co. He retired about 14 years ago. Mr. HAINAUT was twice married. His first wife, Irma BRICELAND HAINAUT died about 1911 and his second wife died in 1937. He leaves a son, Dr. Charles A. HAINAUT of Houston; and a daughter, Evelyn, the wife of Charles HERRE of Youngstown, Ohio. There are five grandchildren. Funeral services were held January 10 in Youngstown. Burial was in Belmont Park cemetery, Youngstown. - Jan. 17, 1963 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Former Portage Man Succumbs: **Fred J. VANDERMERGLE**, 79, of St. Clair Shores, MI, formerly of Portage, died Wednesday, August 14, 1963 in Detroit. He was born September 4, 1883, in Belgium. His widow the former Anna BATES, died in 1932. These children are surviving - Raymond, Henry, Kenneth, Carl and Mrs. Rose Dalton, all of MI. He was the brother of Mrs. Fernote Rines, Roulette. Sevice was conducted 2 p.m. Portage Dispatch, Thursday August 22, 1963¹⁰. (Cambria Co, PA)

Margaret Kallar Johnston, of 1Donner Avenue, Monessen, died of a heart attack at her late home today at 6:30 a. m. Mrs. Johnston was born in California, Pa. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Monessen. Preceding her in death was her husband, Frank, on Aug. 18, 1960. Surviving are two sons, Conrad of Monongahela, and Lloyd of Belle Vernon, who is principal of Belhnar High School; two daughters, Mary at home, and Mrs. Rene (Jean) Driessen of North Lewis (Pud) Roy; three daughters, Charleroi; two sisters, Mrs. Robters. Mrs. Harvey (Elizabeth) ert (Sara) Lowe of Donora, and Fry of Phoenix, Ariz., airs. Harry Elizabeth Kallar of Monongahela: nine grandchildren. Friends are being received at in Monessen after 7 p. m. today. Visiting ours will then be 1 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m. - Monessen Valley Independent August 30, 1963

Mrs. **Mary WILSON**, 84, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1963, in her home in Main St. McDonald. She was born April 6, 1879 in Belgium, came to the United States at an early age and had been a resident of McDonald for 75 years. Surviving besides her husband, are four nieces, Mrs. Julia ALLINDER of McDonald, Mrs. Florence DONNELLY of Weirton, WV, Mrs. Rosena DEYELE, of Detroit, Mich. and Mrs. Glena BROWN of Miami, FL, and two nephews, Floyd PUTT of RD 1 McDonald, and Paul PUTT of McDonald. Friends are being received in the Pettit-Nation Funeral Home McDonald, where services will be held at 2PM Saturday, in charge of the Rev. Edward DeLair, pastor of the Trinity UP Church, McDonald. Burial will be in the Robinson's Run Cemetery. Oct. 31, 1963, McDonald "Record Outlook"

Mrs. **Maria J. Manandise** of 431 Isabella Ave., North Charleroi, died this morning in Charleroi - Monessen Hospital. Mrs. Manandise was- born in Charleroi, Belgium, Jan. 17, 1885. She was a member of Rebekah Lodge of Charleroi. Preceded in death by her husband, Ferdinand (Frank) Manandise, she is survived by a son, Harry E. of North Charleroi; two sisters, Mrs. Nicholas Landrin and Mrs. Josephine Frocbeur of Charleroi; a grandson, Merle Manandise; a granddaughter, Mrs. Alfred Troth and a great-grandson. Friends win be received at the Harold L. Schrock Funeral Home, 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, tomorrow from 12 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m. and Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m. Monessen Valley Independent November 23, 1963

Mrs. **Blanche DUCOEUR** of 723 Lincoln Ave., Charleroi, prominent in area Republican political circles, died yesterday morning in Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh. Mrs. DUCOEUR was past president of the Republican Council of Women and had been a member of the executive committee of the Republican party of Washington County for the past 25 years. Born in Monongahela, she was a member of First Methodist Churh, Charleroi and of the Thornburg Sunday School Class of the Church. Preceded in death by her husband Arthur C DUCOEUR, who is Charleroi postmaster; a daughter, Mrs. T Joseph (Maxine) WELSH, Charleroi; a sister, Mrs. George BYERS, Courtney; a granddaughter, Cathy DUCOEUR. Friends are being received at the Harol L Schrock Funera Home, 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm. The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 13 March 1964

Mrs. **Mary (BEAUPERE) BELLEFLEUR**, age 84, of 1138 Sixth Avenue, Ford City died at 2pm yesterday (April 1, 1964) in Armsdale Home. She was born Feb 29, 1880 in Belgium, a daughter of **Alfred and Adolphine (QUINAUX) BEAUPERE**. Mrs Bellefleur was a member of St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Ford City. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs Eda KISSICK, and one niece, Mrs Eda REITLER, both of Ford City. Her husband Philipp H Bellefleur preceded her in death in 1911. BELLEFLEUR – Friends of Mrs. Mary (Beaupere) Bellefleur of 1138 Sixth Ave, Ford City, who died at 2pm Apr 1, 1964 in Armsdale home, will be received at the Welch Funeral Home, Ford City from 10am to 9pm. The rosary will be recited by Rev. Paul Wiesemann at 8pm Friday. Mass will be said at 9am Saturday with Father Wiesmann as the celebrant. Burial will be made in St Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements by Welch. – Simpson's Leader-Times, Kittaning, PA, 22 April 1964

Mrs. **Ida MANOWN**, 72, of 133 Homewood Ave., Lynnwood, Belle Vernon, died this morning at 1:30 o'clock in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. Born March 13, 1892, Mrs. MANOWN was a member of Lynnwood Lutheran Church ad of Ladies Auxiliary to Belle Vernon American Legion Post 659. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Adolph (Rebecca) JANNOTTA and Mrs. James (Adele) CRAMER, both of Belle Vernon; Naomi MANOWN, Erie and Mrs. Michael (Louise) BENDER, Monessen seven sons, George, Erie; Martin, Fayette City; William, Clinton Jr., Jack, Frank and Kirby, all of Belle Vernon; a brother John LERMINIAUX, Erie; 25

¹⁰ Can't retrieve the source to confirm

grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Harold R Toner Funeral Home, Broad Ave, Belle Vernon, beginning at 7pm today. Funeral home visiting hours are 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm.

Monessen Valley Independent, May 7, 1964, Monessen, PA

Sylvia BEAUMARIAGE, 77, of 14 Monessen Boulevard, Monessen, died yesterday at 10am. A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Monessen, Mrs. Beaumariage was born in Belgium on Jan 4, 1887. Surviving are two sons, Alexander of Mt. Lebanon, and Charles of Monessen; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Edwin Melenzyer Funeral Home, Monessen, during hours of 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm. - The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA, 28 May 1964

Jules WATERLOO, Sr

Madera – Jules Waterloo, Sr., 86, of Madera died in the Phillipsburg State General Hospital shortly after being admitted yesterday morning. Born in Belgium, July 8, 1878, Mr. Waterloo lived in the United States for approximately 81 years and was a resident of Madera for 37 years. A retired mine superintendent, he was employed by Mid-Penn Coal Company here from 1927 to 1950. Mr. Waterloo married the former Gertrude C Smith on June 1, 1904 who survives with the following children, Arthur, New Kensington, R D; Joseph, Saltsburg, Jules Jr., Madera; John, Chester; Mrs. William (Dorothy) Kelley, Arlington, Va; Lt Cmdr. Francis C, US Navy, New Foundland; Robert Lakewood, Ohio; Richard, Weisport, Pa; Mrs. Edward (Trudy) Wargo, Albuquerque, NM; 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A son, Paul, preceded him in death in 1931. Mr. Waterloo was the last surviving member of his immediate family. - Clearfield Progress, August 14, 1964, Clearfield, Pennsylvania

Josephine MORGAN, a resident of the Charleroi area for 76 years, died Saturday at her home at 579 Center Ave., North Charleroi, following an illness of several months. She was 91. Born Oct 16, 1872 in Charleroi, Belgium, Mrs. Morgan came here when she was 15 years old. She was the daughter of the late Eugenia DELPIERE and Casimir DePREZ. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas MORGAN, in 1928. They were married 75y ago last May, the day after the Johnstown Flood of 1889. Mrs. Morgan was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Charleroi. Surviving are a son, Thomas V Morgan, Fresno, California; two daughters, Mrs. Albert (Josephine) WATTS and Mrs. J E (Margaret) CARSON, both of North Charleroi and a brother Victor DePREZ, Charleroi. Eleven grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren also survive. Friends are being received at the Harold L Schrock Funeral Home, 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, during the hours of 2 to 5pm and 7 to 10pm.

The Valley Independent, 31 August 1964

Mrs. Jennie BERKINSHA, 76, of California, PA, died this morning at 1:40 o'clock at her home. Mrs. Berkinsha was born in Belgium, Aug 30, 1888, a daughter of the late John and Mary TIEBAT TENTLER. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of California. Preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Raymond Berkinsha June 22, 1956, she is survived by two sons, Paul at home and Glenn, Cleveland, Ohio; two daughters, Adelia at home, a teacher in the California ublic Schoola , and Mrs. R W (Pauline) WIXSON, Madison, Wis.; two brothers Arthur TENTLER of Blainesburg and Nestor TENTLER of Belle Vernon; 10 grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Caleffie and Greenlee Funeral Home, Fourth and Woods Sts. California.

The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 10 Oct 1964

Mrs. Adline LECHIEN, 64 of 505 Meadow Ave. Charleroi, died yesterday in Charleroi Monessen Hospital. Mrs. Lechien was born in Charleroi, Belgium March 21, 1898, a daughter of Ralph and Rosalie FRERE GODLORENDT. She was a member of St Jerome R C Church and the Ladies of the Catholic Benevolent Association of Charleroi. Surviving are a son, Maurice of Pittsburgh; a daughter, Mrs. Willard (Mercedes) GARRATT of Charleroi; four great grand children and two great-grandchildren. Surviving are a son, Maurice of Pittsburgh; a daughter Mrs. Willard. She was preceded in death by her husband Gaston in 1941.

The Valley Independent, Monessen. 13 Nov 1964

Nestor HENRY, 87, of 203 Luella Ave., Charleroi, died yesterday at 11:29am in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. Born in Belgium, Nov 14, 1877, he came to Charleroi from Arnold in 1926. He was a member of Mother of Sorrows R C Church, Charleroi and was retired from the Allenport plant of Pittsburgh Steel Co. His wife Mary, died in 1934. He is survived by a son, Emile of Charleroi; a daughter, Mrs. Gabrielle Ramusivich of Charleroi; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home, Third St and Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, after 7pm today. Funeral home visiting hours are from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm. – The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 20 Nov 1964

LAMBIOTTE, Emile Joseph, age 86 years, died in the Clarksburg, W Va. Hospital Saturday, January 30, 1965 at 4pm, following a brief illness. He was a retired glass worker with the Scohy Glass Co of Slatersville, WV. He was born in Jumet, Belgium, July 21, 1878, a son of the late Emile and Hortense MAYER LAMBIOTTE and was preceded in death by his wife Pauline GOLIND LAMBIOTTE December 1, 1963. He is survived by two sons, Edgar of Clarksburg, WV and Albert of Gardena, California; one grandson Thomas LAMBIOTTE of Clarskburg, WV. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church, the BFO(?) Elks of Sistersville, WV. Friends may call at the Davis Funeral Home, 443 W Pike St, Clarksburg, WV, until Tuesday at 12 noon, at which time the body will be removed to the Louis E RUDOLPH Funeral Home, Pt Marion, PA where friends will be received after 7pm Tuesday and until Wednesday at 9am when services will be held with Rev Fr Andrew HORVETH officiating. Interment will follow in the Pt Marion Cemetery. Rosary will be recited in the Davis Funeral Home today at 9pm

The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA – 31 Jan 1965

William G FONTAINE, 79, of 414 Washington Ave., Charleroi, was dead on arrival at Charleroi-Monessen Hospital on Sunday at 11pm after suffering a heart attack. Born in Charleroi, Belgium, Feb 7, 1885, he was retired and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Charleroi and Charleroi Turnverein. Surviving are his widow, Julie LeClair Fontaine; a son Dr. Lewis E Fontaine, Balboa, Panama Canal Zone; two grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Harold L Schrock Funeral Home, 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm. - The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 2 February 1965

FORD CITY — Mrs. **Laura Styers**, 67 of 66 Butler St. here, died at 1 p.m. yesterday (Feb. 24, 1963) in her home. She was born March 6, 1897, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of **Camille and Josephine Mohimont**, and spent much of her life in this community. Mrs. Styers leaves one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Denise) Robinson of Ford City and three grandchildren.

STYERS—Friends of Mrs. **Laura Styers** of Ford City, who died yesterday (Feb. 24, 1963) will be received after 7 this evening in Frank Faykosh Funeral Home, Ford City, where rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday. A blessing service will be held at 1:30pm Saturday at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Ford City, and burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. Arrangements by Faykosh Kittanning Simpson Leader Times February 25, 1965, Kittanning, PA

Hector DuJORDAN, 81, of 310 Crest Ave., Charleroi, died yesterday at 11:05am in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. Born in Charleroi, Belgium, Dec 5, 1883, he came to Charleroi 60 years ago. He was retired from the Allenport Plant of Pittsburgh Steel Co and was a member of St Jerome R C Church, Charleroi. He was a charter member of the French Club in Charleroi. Surviving are his widow, Louise MALVAL DUJORDAN; two sons, Harry and Albert, Charleroi; a daughter, Mrs. Fred (Lorraine) Deambroggi, Charleroi, R D; a brother, Arthur, Canton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home, Third St and Fallowfield Ave. Charleroi, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm.

The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 7 April 1965

Friends of Mrs. Louise **GILLET BERTHOLDY**, 70, of 318 Shady Ave. Charleroi, who died yesterday at 6:30am at her home are being received at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home, Charleroi from 2 to 5pm and 7 to 10pm. Mrs. Bertholdy was born in Belgium Dec 4, 1894, the daughter of Leon and Leona GILLET and came to Charleroi as a child where she has since resided. Surviving are her husband Fred; a son, John of Pontiac, Michigan; two daughters, Elaine Bertholdy, at home and Mrs. Ferdinand (Louise) BOBRICK of Corning, NY; a brother Emile GILLET of Binghamton, NY; a Melvindale, Mich; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 16 Apr 1965

Mrs. Lois (ORANGE) DUCOEUR, 54, who for many years along with her husband, Ferdinand C DUCOEUR have owned and operated Orange's on Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, died today at 6:30am in Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh. Mrs. DUCOEUR lived at 405 Lincoln Ave., in Charleroi. She was a member of the First Methodist Church, Charleroi. Surviving besides her husband are one daughter, Carolyn Sue at home; three sons, Thomas of Charleroi, William of Pittsburgh and Fred in the state of California; two sisters, Mrs. Earl (Leila) DANIEL in Massachusetts and Mrs. Thomas (Margaret) MALPASS of Belle Vernon. Friends will be received at the Harold L Schrock Funeral Home in Charleroi after 7pm today. Visiting hours will then be 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm.

The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 22 Apr 1965

Ruffin "Ralph" GODURIEND, 91, of 721 Lewis Ave, Speers, died yesterday at 3:10pm in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. Mr. GODURIEND was born April 6, 1874 in Marcinelle, Belgium, the son of Jean B GODURIEND and Marie NILE. He had lived in this vicinity for the past 55 years and had made his home with his grand-daughter Mrs. Willard GARRATT of Speers. He was a retired employee of the Corning Glass Co in Charleroi. He was a member of the St Jerome's R C Church, Belgium Club and French Club. Surviving, besides Mrs. GARRATT, are a grandson, M J LECHIEN of Forest Hills, Pittsburgh, one sister, Mrs Eva ELIENE of Belgium, four great-grandchildren. His daughter Adeline LECHIEN, died in November 1964. Friends will be received at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home, Third St. and Fallowfield Ave. Charleroi. The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA 20 Sep 1965

Mrs. Appoline DEDEUR, 75, of 404 South Center Ave., Somerset, formerly of California, PA, died at her home, yesterday. Mrs. DEDEUR was born in Charleroi, Belgium of the late Pauline and Pauline RENEAU THIBAUT. She was a member of the Goodwill Club of Charleroi. Surviving are two sons, Emil DUBOIS and Oscar DUBOIS, both of California; two daughters, Mrs. Emily ROSENBERG of Poland, Ohio and Mrs. Mathelda BROWN of Somerset, with whom she made her home; two brothers Paul THIBAUT and Oscar THIBAUT, both in Belgium; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Caleffie and Greenlief Funeral Home, Fourth and Wood St., California, where a service will be held Friday Jan 21, at 2pm. Dr Edgar Lawrence, of California Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment, Highland Cemetery, Caleffie and Greenlief Funeral Home in charge. - The Valley Independent, 19 Jan 1966, Monessen, PA

George A STOREZ, 70, of Charleroi RD1, died today at 6:30am at his home. Mr. STOREZ had worked in the No 3 hot mill of the Allenport plant of Pittsburgh Steel Co., retiring in 1959. He was a member of Grace Methodist Church, Charleroi RD2, was a charter member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 167, Charleroi and belonged to Eighth St Belgium Club, Charleroi, and American Society Club of North Charleroi. He was a veteran of World War I. Mr. STOREZ was born in Charleroi, Belgium Jan 12, 1896. Surviving are his widow, Alice M; two sons, Leon H of Canonsburg and Arthur G of Charleroi RD1; a sister, Erma in France; two grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Michael A Melinchak Funeral Home, Charleroi, from 1 to 5 and 7 to 10, beginning tomorrow. - The Valley Independent, 26 Jan 1966, Monessen, PA

Augustine VAN GOETHEN, 68, of 211 Crest Ave., Charleroi, died at 10am yesterday. Mr. Van Goethen, who came to Charleroi 42 years ago from Canada, was a retired employee of West Penn Power Co. and a member of St Jerome's Roman Catholic church, Second St. French Club and Eighth St Belgium Club, all of Charleroi. He was born in Belgium, April 16, 1898, the son of the late Alfonso and Alice (LE BONE) VAN GOETHEN. Surviving are his widow, Margaret E; a daughter, Mrs. Alice E SINKIEWICH of Charleroi; one brother, Alfonso of Charleroi; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Friends are being received at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home, Charleroi, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm. The Valley Independent, 21 Jun 1966, Monessen, PA

LeFEBRVE, ERNEST J.—Age 71 years of 403 Main St., Point Marion, died in St. Vincent Pallotti Hospital, Morgantown. W. Va. Wednesday morning June 1, 1966. Born in Jumet, Belgium, he was a retired glass worker. He was a member of St. Hubert's R. C. Church. Point Marion, a charter member of George O'Neal Post 747, VFW member of Samuel Hager Post 489 American Legion, the F O. Eagles, 1932. Surviving are his wife Elmire: two brothers, Marcel of Okmulgee, Okla., Hector of Cheltenham, Pa.; one sister, Emma of Chicago, Ill.; several nieces and nephews also survived. Friends are being received after 2 p.m. today in the Louis E. Rudolph Funeral Home, Point Marion, until Saturday at 9:30a.m. where a prayer service will be held followed by a requiem High Mass in St. Hubert's R C Church at 10 a.m. with Rev. Fr. John H. Burke as celebrant. Interment in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion. Military Rites at the graveside by the V.F.W. #747 and the American Legion No. 498. The Holy Name Society of St. Hubert's R.c. Church will meet Friday evening to recite the Rosary at 7:30 and the FOR #1932 at 8. Uniontown Morning Herald June 2, 1966, Uniontown, PA

VANDERMESS. Oscar J - Age 80 years, of 133 Jeannette St. Pt. Marion, Pa., died Sunday, October 16, at the St. Vincent Pallotti Hospital, Morgantown, WV, following a lingering illness. He was born December 21, 1853, in Jumet, Belgium. He was a retired glass worker, and a member of the IOOF, Pt. Marion. He was predeceased by his wife Augusta Legros Vandermess, March 16, 1952. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jane Wagner and Mrs. Robert (?) Reid, both of Pt Marion; three grandchildren, one brother Rene Vandermess, Amhurst, Ohio. Friends are being received in the Louis E. Rudolph Funeral Home, Pt, Marion, after 1 pm today, and until Thursday at 2 pm, the hour of service. Rev. Gerald Brown will officiate. Interment will follow in the Pt. Marion cemetery. Uniontown Evening Standard October 18, 1966

John Joseph BEERENS, 88, of Charleroi, RD1, died yesterday at 7:45pm in Haven Crest Nursing and Convalescent Home, Monongahela RD. Mr. BEERENS, a retired farmer, was a charter member of Fallowfield Grange and belonged to BPO Elks at Charleroi. He was born in Belgium on Nov 18, 1877. Preceding him in death were his wife, Mary (MELENYZER) BEERENS, and a son, Joseph A BEERENS. He is survived by one son, Charles A of Charleroi RD1, with whom he made his home, and four grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Edwin Melenzyer Funeral Home, Monessen, after 7pm today and thereafter from 1 to 5 and 7 to 10pm - The Valley Independent, 18 Oct 1966, Monessen, PA

Mrs. **Irene REYNARD**, 75, of 789 East Main St., Monongahela, died at 1:11pm yesterday in Monongahela Memorial Hospital after an illness of one year. Born in Belgium on Dec 4, 1890, she was the daughter of the late Martin and Adele MICHAUX. Mrs. REYNARD had lived in the Monongahela area 50 years. Surviving are her husband Robert E; a son, Oliver H., of Cleveland, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Ann GREDAN of Monongahela; six grandchildren. Friends will be received after 7pm today at the L M Frye Funeral Home, Monongahela. - The Valley Independent, 17 Nov 1966, Monessen, PA

Ernest REUKENS, 79, of Main St., New Eagle, died today at 6am in his home after a lingering illness of two years. He was born Dec 22, 1887 in Belgium. Mr. REUKENS had resided in New Eagle for 35 years. A retired mine worker, he belonged to St Paul's Episcopal Church, Monongahela and United Mine Workers Local 2244. Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Alice REUKENS; one brother Earl, of Coyle-Curtin Road; four sisters, Mrs. Mary DELESTINE of Charleroi, Mrs. Amelia GEERS of Coyle-Curtin Road. Florida Blangger of Coyle-Curtin Road and Victoria Cratty of Florida; and a niece, Mrs. Grant (Mae) COOPER of Monongahela. Friends are being received at the LM Frye Funeral Home, Monongahela. - The Valley Independent, 16 Feb 1967, Monessen, PA

TAMENNE, Louise, aged 85, of Rd, Uniontown (Oliver No 3), PA and formerly of New Geneva, PA, died Monday evening March 20, 1967, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert THOMAS. She was born in Jumet, Belgium, September 11, 1881. She was predeceased by her husband Charles TAMENNE, in 1945. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Herbert (Martha) THOMAS, Oliver No.3; two grandsons and three great-grandchildren; one sister, Marthriends are being received in the Louis E RUDOLPH Funeral Home, Pt. Marion, after 7pm today and until Saturday at 9am at which time Absolution Service will be held in St. Hubert's R C church, Pt. Marion, with Rev. Fr John H Burke officiating. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Parl Cemetery, Pt Marion, St. Hubert's Rosary and Altar Society will recite the Rosary at the funeral home, Friday evening at 7:30. The Morning Herald, Uniontown, PA - 22 March 1967

Mrs. **Marie Q ANDREOLA**, 71, of 704 Washington Ave., Charleroi, died Saturday at 11:30pm in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. Mrs. Andreola was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Charleroi. Born in Charleroi, Belgium, on Dec 20, 1895, she came to Charleroi, Pa. 58 years ago, from Belgium. She is survived by her husband, Romeo; two sons, Edmund Cline of Trafford and William Cline of Canton, Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. Edward (Judy) Ack of Eldora, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home in Charleroi. The Valley Independent, 6 March 1967, Monessen, PA

Mrs. **Albertine (Alexander) DEBOE**, 82, of 217 Oakland Ave., Charleroi, died this morning at 2:35am in Brownsville General Hospital, after a brief illness. Mrs. DeBoe was born in Luxemburg, Belgium, Feb 20, 1885. She came to Charleroi in 1892 from

Somar, Belgium. Surviving are her husband, Frank, a sister, Mrs. Anson D Crabb, Charleroi, tomorrow from noon until 5pm and from 7 to 10pm and on Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm. The Valley Independent, 22 Apr 1967, Monessen, PA

Louis L. DELEAU, 74, of 313 Shady Ave., Charleroi, died at his home yesterday at 6 a.m. Born in Luxembourg, Belgium, on June 22, 1893, he was a son of the late **Leon** and **Fannie Dufore Deleau**. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Deleau was a member of American Legion Post 22, Charleroi, and was a retired engineer of Southwestern Railroad. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. **Jean Kimmin** of Charleroi, Mrs. **Augusta Coven** of Charleroi R. D., Mrs. **Adele Laurent** of Butler. Friends are being received at the Harold L. Schrock Funeral Home, Charleroi, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m.
The Monessen Valley Independent - August 14, 1967, Monessen, PA

August LECLAIR, 79, of 301 Third St., Charleroi, died suddenly at his home about 1am today. A World War I veteran, he was a member of St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church, American Legion Post 22, BPO Elks, all of Charleroi and Fraternal Order of Eagles, Charleroi Aerie. Mr. LeClair was a retired employee of the Allenport plant of Pittsburgh Steel CO. Born in Belgium on July 7, 1888, he spent most of his life in Charleroi. Surviving are his widow, Julia; three brothers, Arthur of Donora, Joseph of Speers and Paul of Charleroi RD; four sisters, Mrs. Sam Allen of Donora, Mrs. Victoria Henry of Charleroi, Mrs. Catherine George of Donora and Mrs. Gustine Crow in Florida. Friends will be received at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home, Charleroi, after 7pm tomorrow.
The Valley Independent, 29 Aug 1967, Monessen, PA

Mrs. **Odile S PLANTS** of 807 Oakland Ave., Charleroi, was dead on arrival yesterday, her 65th birthday anniversary, at 4:25pm in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. Born in Belgium on Aug 30, 1902, she was a daughter of the late Edward and Gertrude ZWAKHOVEN PAUWELS. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Charleroi, the LCW of the church and the Good Neighbors Club, Charleroi. Surviving are her husband, Allie H; two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Marjorie) Brandenburg of Charleroi and Shirley PLANTS HENRY of Pittsburgh; three sisters, Mrs. Joei Berton of Monongahela, Mrs. Tony Costello and Mrs. Walter Behrendt of Charleroi; one grandson. Friends are being received at the Harold L Schrock Funeral Home, Charleroi from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm. - The Valley Independent, 31 Aug 1967, Monessen, PA

Fernand (Frank) L DUPONT, 81, of 568 Isabella Ave., North Charleroi, died Sunday in Wichita, Kan., where he had been about two months staying with his son, Charles. Mr. DUPONT, a retired motorman from Pittsburgh Railways, was a member of Loyal Order of Moose, Charleroi and Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 85. He came to the Valley area at the age of 12. Mr. Dupont was born May 22, 1886 in Roux, Belgium. Surviving are another son, Frank of Warren, Michigan; a brother, Camil of Canton, Ohio; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Friends will be received after 7pm today at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home, Charleroi, and thereafter from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm. - The Valley Independent, 12 Sep 1967, Monessen, PA

Raymond A FAY, 65, of Fairhope died Monday at 1:20am. He was born in Belgium on September 4, 1902, and has resided in Fairhope since 1941. Mr. Fay retired from the Allenport Works of the Pittsburgh Steel Co in 1963 due to illness. He was a member of the Belgium Club of Charleroi, Eagles of Charleroi and the Washington Twp Fire Department. Survivors include: his widow Coral COUCHENOUR FAY and two brothers, Harry of New York City and Albert of Clinton, PA. Friends are being received at the Shelby D Ferguson Funeral Home, Belle Vernon. - The Valley Independent, 20 Sep 1967, Monessen, PA

Mrs. **Emilie ROMAINVILLE DONKERS**, 86, of 424 Cross St., Brownsville, died last night in Brownsville General Hospital. Born in Belgium on March 9, 1881, she was a daughter of the late Desire and Céline Denise ROMAINVILLE. Mrs. DONKERS was a member of St Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church of California, PA. She is survived by a son, Joseph DONKERS Jr. of Brownsville; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her husband, Joseph Sr., a son Charles and a daughter, Mrs. Madeline SECHEZ. Friends will be received at the Caleffie and Greenlief Funeral Home, California, after 7pm today. - The Valley Independent, 6 Oct 1967, Monessen, PA

LORIAUX, Yvonne (CARLIER), age 80 years, of Fayette St., Pt. Marion, Pa., died at her home, Wednesday, January 31, 1968. She was born at Jumet, Belgium April 24, 1887. She was predeceased by her husband, Mardie Loriaux, October 1961. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Jennie Ball, Uniontown; one brother, Alex L. Carlier, Pt. Marion; three nephews. Friends are being received at the Louis E. Rudolph Funeral Home, Pt. Marion, until 2 p.m. Saturday, the hour of service. Rev. Edward Conner, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pt. Marion, will officiate. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Park, Pt. Marion.
Uniontown Morning Herald February 2, 1968, Uniontown, PA

Mrs **Mary DEJAIFFE** of 122 23rd Ave, died at 9am today, after an extended illness. She was born Dec 25, 1832 in Belgium, the daughter of Andrew and Virginia TREFOIS, and married Camille DEJAIFFE on Feb 12, 1907 in Jeannette. Surviving are her husband, six children, Raymond, of Toledo, Ohio; Ernest, Mrs Virginia DEGYANSKY and Leonard of Altoona, Lambert of Coatsville nd Walter of Greensburg; seven grandchilren, five great-grandchildren and a brother Andrew TREFOIS of Hendersonville, NC. Mr. DEJAIFFE was a member of the Fairview Methodist Church and Golden Rule Bible Class. Friends will be received in the Hickey Funeral Hom from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm tomorrow. Altoona Mirror, Altoona, PA February 3, 1968

Jean MELARD, 63, of 838 Crest Ave., Charleroi, died of a heart attack at his home yesterday at 3:30pm. Born in Liege, Belgium on June 4, 1904, he was a son of the late Lambert and Marie JUGGHEN MELARD. Mr. Melard, a retired laborer, was a member of the

Congregational United Church of Christ, Italia Unita Lodge and Teamsters Local 872, all of Charleroi. A World War II veteran, he had served with the US Army. Mr. Melard came to Charleroi in 1919 from Liege. Surviving is his widow, Mary SEMENTUH MELARD. Friends will be received at the Michael A Melinchak Funeral Home, Charleroi, after 7pm today and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm tomorrow. - The Valley Independent, 21 March 1968, Monessen, PA

Eudore L ZABEAU, 88, of 362 Elm St. Indiana, died on Wednesday, May 1, 1968 in the Indiana hospital. Born June 10, 1879 in Jumet, Belgium, he was a son of Louis A and Emma Hordis Zabeau. Coming to the United States in 1905, he lived in Clarksburg, WV, for many years before coming to Indiana three years ago. He was a member of St. Bernard's Church of Indiana; was a lifetime member of the BPOE of Sistersville, WV; Mrs, M J (Berthe) SULLIVAN, Indiana; six grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Friends are being received today from 2-4 and 7-9pm at Robinson-Lytle's Indiana, where the Rosary will be recited Friday evening at 7. Requiem Mass will be offered Saturday at 10am in St Bernard's Church, Indiana. Interment in St Bernard's Cemetery. Indiana Evening Gazette, Indiana, PA – 3 May 1968

Mrs. **Damasine CARLY SOUFFRANT**, 89, of Sturgeon, died Tuesday, May 7, 1968, in John J. Kane hospital. A daughter of John B. and Josephine MOREAU CARLY, she was born May 15, 1878 in Belgium. She had resided in Sturgeon for 79 years. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Josephine DUFOUR of R. D. 1, McDonald; and four sons, Alex of Indianola, Henry of Heidelberg, William of Noblestown, and August of R. D. 1 McDonald. There are 15 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Augustin SOUFFRANT is deceased. Friends are being received in the Rogers funeral home, McDonald, where funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, in charge of the Rev. Harold HIMES, pastor of the McDonald United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. - May 8, 1968 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Aime A DELESTIENNE, 75, of 531 Center Ave., North Charleroi, died today at 1am in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital after an illness of one month. Born in Belgium on March 1, 1893, he was a son of the late Francois and Josephine ROOSLEERS DELESTIENNE. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Delestienne was a retired employee of the Charleroi plant of Corning Glass Works. He had lived in North Charleroi 60 years. Surviving are his widow, Mary Louise REUCKENS DELESTIENNE; three sons, Ernest VERCAMEN and Paul VERCAMEN and Lawrence DELESTIENNE, all of Charleroi; two daughter, Mrs. John (Irene) Salaskie, both of Monongahela; a brother, Herman and a sister Mrs. Eva VANDROME, both in Michigan; fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Francis C SLEZAK Funeral Home, Charleroi, from 7 to 10pm today and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm tomorrow. The Valley Independent, 7 Aug 1968, Monessen, PA

Rudolph SECHEZ, 73, of 603 Third St., Charleroi, died Saturday at 4:25pm in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. Born in Charleroi, Belgium, March 6, 1895 he was a son of the late Remy and Clara FRERE SECHEZ Sr. Mr. SECHEZ was a member of American Legion Post 22, La Mutuelle Society and Belgium Club, all of Charleroi. A veteran of World War I, having served with the US forces overseas, Mr. SECHEZ was a retired employee of the Allenport plant of Pittsburgh Steel Co. Surviving are his widow, Angel BLONDIAUX SECHEZ; two sons, Albert G at home and Herman G of Erie; two brothers, Remy of Charleroi and Edmund of Stockdale; a sister, Mrs. Earl HILDEBRAND of Charleroi; six grandchildren and one great-grandson. Friends are being received at the Harold L Schrock Funeral Home, Charleroi, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10pm - The Valley Independent, 2 Dec 1968, Monessen, PA

Eugene A PILETTE, of 1528 Prospect Rd, Baldwin Borough, formerly of the Mon Valley, died yesterday. Mr. Pilette was born in Belgium Oct 21, 1878. He was a retired employee of the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp., Monessen plant. Survivors include: his widow, Irene (Albert) Pilette; two sons, John and Prosper; five daughters, Mrs. Adela LaBrosse, Mrs. Lillian Wuerthele, Mrs. Martha Slattery, Mrs. Fern Treese, and Mrs Norma Ririe; a brother, Roy; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the John Slater and Son Funeral Home, 4201 Brownsville Rd., Brentwood. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Baldwin United Presbyterian Church Building Fund. The Valley Independent, 17 Jan 1969, Monessen, PA

Arthur J MOUYARD, 87, of 45 Moyer Ave., Charleroi, died this morning at 6:45am in the Waddington Nursing Home, Fayette City. Mr. Mouyard was born in Charleroi, Belgium, Nov 16, 1881. He was a Charleroi area resident for the past 77 years. He was a retired turn foreman for the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp., Allenport plant. Preceding him in death was a son, Arthur in 1951. Preceding him in death was a son, Arthur in 1951. Survivors include: three sons, Joseph of Donora, James of Charleroi and Daniel of Dunlevy; four daughters, Mrs. Arch (Madonna) MacDonald of Charleroi, R D 1, Mrs. Helen Norelli of Belle Vernon, R D 2, Mrs. Gaylord (Sara) DeiCas of Charleroi and Patricia Mouyard of Castro Valley, Calif; 36 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Francis C Slezak Funeral Home, Charleroi. The Valley Independent, 17 Jan 1969, Monessen, PA

Mrs. **Katie GEORGE**, 87, of 56 Highland Terrace, Donora, formerly of Grandview, died in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital yesterday at 8am after a lingering illness. Born Aug 27, 1891, in Charleroi, Belgium, she lived most of her life in the Valley area. Her parents were the late Jesse and Desiree LeClair. Mrs. George was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Donora. Her husband was the late John B George. Surviving are three sons, Ernest of Trafford, PA, S C of Donora and Edward of Grandview; two daughters, Mrs. Clarice Steadman of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Arthur (Julia) Cline of Rock Hill, SC; three brothers, Joseph LeClair and Paul LeClair of Charleroi, Arthur LeClair of Donora; four sisters, Mrs. Julia Fontaine of Panama Canal Zone; Mrs.

Samuel Allen of Donora, Mrs. Thomas Crowe and Mrs. Charles Henry of Charleroi; six grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Lawson-Rabe Funeral Home, Donora, from 7 to 10pm today and from 1 to 4 and 7 to 10pm tomorrow.
The Valley Independent, 25 Mar 1969, Monessen, PA

John J LEONARD, 85, of 640 North Howard Ave., Salem, Ohio, formerly of 302 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, died in Clinic Hospital, Salem, yesterday at 11:45am. He had resided in Salem for five years and was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Nell Ferguson Leonard on July 16, 1955. He was born in Belgium, and was a member of the old United Presbyterian Church of Monessen. He was a past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Monessen and a lifetime member of the Franco-Belgian Club of Third St. Monessen. He was employed by Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp., in the open hearth laboratory, and retired in 1957. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Anthony (Lorene) Schmitt, Norfolk, VA, Mrs. Robert (Vernette) Craft of Salem, with whom he made his home, three sons, R Willis, Tacoma, Wash., Edgar D of Belle Vernon, and Jack N of Monessen, two sisters, Henrietta Leonard of Chula Vista, Calif., Mrs. Harry Thomas of Columbus, Ohio, and ten grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Denver Rhome Funeral Home, Monessen, after 7pm today. - The Valley Independent, 12 Apr 1969, Monessen, PA

Mrs. **Mary ALEXANDER CRABB**, 80, of 825 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, died at her home yesterday at 9:15am. She was born in Belgium June 29, 1888 and had resided in Charleroi for the past 77 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Charleroi. Preceded in death by her husband, Anson D CRABB, Sept 30, 1967, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Michael A (Dolores) MELINCHAK with whom she made her home, and one granddaughter Maryann Melinchak. Friends will be received at the Michael A Melinchak Funeral Home, Chaleroi, after 7pm today and tomorrow, noon to 4pm and 7 to 10pm.
Monessen Valley Independent April 19, 1969, Monessen, PA

Dennis LeComte, 82, of 421Effa St., died at 3:15 a.m. today in Weirton, General Hospital. He had been hospitalized 10 days. He was born Jail. 28, 1887, in Belgium, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. **Edward LeComte**. Mr. LeComte was a retired employe of the Central Stores Department of the Weirton Steel Division. He was a member of the Weirton Steel 25-Year Club, Weirton Masonic Lodge AF and AM and the Wheeling Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonary 32nd Degree. Mr. LeComte had resided in Weirton since 1926, coming from Monessen, Pa. He was married in 1907 in Youngstown to Rose Balderoni. Surviving are his wife; one son, **Edward LeComte** with whom he made his home; four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, **Anthony** in 1909, and **George LeComte** in 1947. Friends may call after 7 p.m. today at the Schwerha Mortuary Wednesday. Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Schwerlia Chapel with the Rev. Dr. A. R. Mansberger officiating. Masonic graveside services will be held at Cheslnut Ridge Cemetery in Florence, Pa.
Weirton Daily Times May 6, 1969

Mrs Jules (Celina) GOSSEAU, 78, of 509 Jefferson Ave, West Brownsville, died on Wednesday in Brownsville Hospital. Survivors include: her husband, Jules A; four sons, Emile F, Ypsilanti, Mich, Frank of Weirton, W Va, Joseph of Warren, Mich, Eugene A of Belle Vernon; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers.
The Valley Independent October 17 1969

DRIESEN, Rene F., 65, of 576 Conrad Ave., North Charleroi, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 1969 at 6pm at Charleroi – Monessen Hospital. Survivors include: his widow, Hannah Jean Johnston Driesen; two sons, Conrad F., of Canonsburg and Lloyd J., of Monessen; one daughter, Mary, of Monessen; one sister, Mrs. Christine Dobas, of Belle Vernon; one brother, George P., of Belle Vernon; one granddaughter. He was preceded in death by a sister Edmee Louise Weight. Friends will be received at the Edwin F. Melenzyer Funeral Home, Monessen after 7 pm on Monday and 2-5, 7-10pm on Tuesday where funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2 pm with the Rev. Charles Colas, of the First Baptist Church of Belle Vernon officiating, interment will be in the Belle Vernon Cemetery. Edwin F. Melenzyer funeral director in charge
Monessen Valley Independent November 25, 1969

DRIESEN - It is our sincere wish to thank the many relatives, friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and at the death of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, **Rene F. Driesen**. We especially wish to thank the Rev. Charles Colas, pallbearers, those who gave spiritual and floral bouquets, loaned cars, all who assisted in any manner as well as the nurses and nurses-aides of the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. Mrs. Hannah J. Driesen and Family
Monessen Valley Independent December 10, 1969

Amos A. BEAUMARIAGE, 59, was found dead at his home at the Lewis Traitor Court on January 5, 1970. Harry Williams, Tioga County Coroner, said death was due to natural causes. He was born August 10, 1910 in Charleroi, Pa. the son of Alphonse and Pauline Emplit Beaumariage. Mr. Beaumariage was an engineer at the Corning Glass Works - where he was employed for 33 years. Surviving are his wife, Helen of Falls Church, Va.; one daughter Mrs. Gale Wilson and one granddaughter Julie Wilson of Falls Church, Va.; a brother Al Beaumariage of Emporium, Pa. and a sister, Mrs. Velma Roscove of Pittsburgh, Pa. Services were held today (Thursday) at 11:00 a.m. at the Harold Toner Funeral Home in Belvernon, Pa. Burial in the Venice Cemetery. The Tussey Funeral Home in Wellsboro was in charge of arrangements. Friends are asked to omit flowers.
Wellsboro Gazette, Jan 8, 1970, Wellsboro, PA

Mrs. **Julia A ZABEAU**, 89, of Clarksburg, W Va., and a former resident of Indiana, died Tuesday, May 12, 1970, in Clarksburg, following a brief illness. A daughter of Jules E. and Mary Louise Andrea Temmamen, she was born Feb. 15, 1880, in Jumet,

Belgium. Mrs. Zabeau was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church of Clarksburg. Surviving are: one daughter Berthe M. Sullivan of 362 Elm St., Indiana, with whom she made her home for five years; two sons: Eudore A. Zabeau and Rene V. Zabeau, both of Clarksburg, W. Va.; six grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eudore L. Zabeau on May 1, 1968; one brother and two sisters. Friends will be received from 5-5 and 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Davis Funeral Home, 443 West: Pike St., Clarksburg, WV. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Immaculate Conception Church, Clarksburg. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. in St. Bernards Cemetery, Indiana.
Indiana Evening Gazette May 13, 1970, Indiana, PA

Mrs. **Aimee HUMEZ LANG**, formerly of Wellsboro, widow of Eugene G. Lang died Friday, January 29 1971 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Pyott, at Sacramento, California. She was born April 5, 1882, at Jumet, Belgium, the daughter of **Alex Humez** and **Palmyre Durant Humez**. She was married July 23, 1904 St. Paul's Episcopal Rectory in Wellsboro and she operated the Lang's Grocery Store on East Avenue from 1921 to 1946. After her retirement, she lived with her son Victor at Key West, Florida for several years and the last two years has resided with her daughter, Aimee of Sacramento California. She is survived by two sons, Victor of Ft Lauderdale Florida, Marcel of Berlin, Maryland and daughter Aimee of Sacramento, California; three grandchildren Miss Linda Lang, of Towson, Maryland; Larry Lang, of Berlin, Maryland, Dr. Gene J. Lang of Denver Colorado; two great grandchildren, Lori and Victor Lang of Denver, Colorado. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of Wellsboro, and of the Mary Wells Chapter of the Eastern Star, Eastern Star Memorial Service will be held in Wellsboro late in April or early May and her ashes will be interred in the Wellsboro Cemetery. Notice of the date will be given later.
Wellsboro Gazette, Wellsboro, PA - Feb 4, 1971

Fernand LeJEUNE, 73, of 1045 School St., Indiana, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1971, in the Indiana Hospital, after a long illness. Born Jan. 17, 1898, in Charleroi, Belgium, he was a son of Leon and Juliet A. Descente LeJeune. Mr. LeJeune had played with the Paul Whiteman orchestra and later directed the SS Leviathan orchestra. He had lived in Indiana since 1942 and was employed with the R & P Coal Co. until his retirement several years ago. He was associated with the Christ Episcopal Church, BPOE No. 931 of Indiana, UCT Council No. 598, and UMWA Local No. 599 of Ernest. Surviving are his widow, Helen Alker LeJeune; a foster daughter, Mrs. George (Jean) Brush, Dallas, Tex., and several cousins. Friends will be received from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at Robinson-Lytle's, Indiana, where services will be conducted Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Fr. Arthur C. Dilg will officiate and interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Indiana. The Elks Lodge will conduct services Friday at 7:15 p.m. at the funeral home.
Indiana Evening Gazette August 27, 1971, Indiana, PA

Mrs. **Lucy EMLIT BEAUMARIAGE**, 86, of Charleroi, R. D. 1, died today at 12:34 a.m. in Charleroi – Monessen Hospital. Mrs. Beaumariage was born in Charleroi, Belgium, in 1885. She is survived by five sons, Fred Beaumariage of Fayette City, Archie Jr. of Charleroi R D. 1, Emil J. of Pittsburgh, Norman of Charleroi R. D. 2 and Hubert of Charleroi R. D. 1; two daughters, Mrs. George (Clemence) Sutherland of Charleroi R. D. 1 and Mrs. Peter (Priscilla) Capella of Pittsburgh; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great - greatgrandchild. Friends will be received after 7 p.m. today at the Michael A Melinchak Funeral Home, 825 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. - Monessen Valley Independent, January 11, 1972, Monessen, PA

James Albert QUINET, 68, of 808 N Main St, Bentleyville, died at 1am today in Washington Hospital. Born Nov 24, 1903 in Robertsdale, Pa., he was the son of the late Theodore and Hortense DUQUESNE QUINET. He was a stone cutter for over 50 years and operated the Quinet Monument Co. in Bentleyville. He was a member of Bellsville F & AM, No 237, Uniontown Lodge of Perfection, Consistory, Scottish Rites and Syria Temple, all of Pittsburgh, Sportsmen Association of Charleroi, Pittsburgh Athletic Association, McKean Commandery N0 80 of Charleroi, Monongahela Royal Arch, chapter 24 of Monongahela, Comas Club, Connellsville chapter and George Washington Beagle Club of Washington. He also was a member of Charleroi Elks, Bentleyville Volunteer Fire Dept., and the following Caravans: Washington and Greene counties No2, Uniontown No 9, Monongahela Valley N0 17, Penn Hills No 20, Steel Valley N0 24, McKeesport No 4. He is survived by his widow Grayce Hinebaugh Quinet of Bentleyville, two daughters, Mrs. John (Lillian) Recner of McHenry, Md., Mrs. William (Norma) Heslen of Oakland, Md./ one nephew, Theodore Quinet of Mt Clements, Mich. Friends will be received at the Barrett G Greenlee Funeral Home, Bentleyville, after 7pm today. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Bentleyville United Methodist Church of Bentleyville Library.
Monessen Valley Independent, May 1, 1972, Monessen, PA

Mary E. Manandise, 58, of 416 Conrad Ave., North Charleroi, died Monday afternoon in Charleroi - Monessen Hospital. Born Feb. 21, 1914 in North Charleroi, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Alice Shanks McCann. She was preceded in death by her husband George in 1959 and a son Merle G., last March. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Charleroi. Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Alfred (Martha) Troth of Muncy, Pa.; and one grandson. Friends will be received at 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Harold L. Schrock Funeral Home, Charleroi. Monessen Valley Independent, May 30, 1972 – Monessen, PA

LECHIEN, Mrs. Cecilia Vieslet – Requiem Mass will be celebrated Saturday at 10 am in Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in South Charleston, by the Rev. Fr Hilarion V Cann,. Burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St Albans. Mrs Lechien, 93, of 218 Fifth Aven, South Charlestown died Wednesday in Thomas Memorial Hospital. A scripture reading will be today at 8:30 pm in Good Sheperd Mortuary in South Charleston. Charleston Daily Mail April 27, 1973, South Charleston, WV

ERIE - Rene Gustave Vandeuren, 72, of 1434 W. 33rd St., a retired employee of the Lovell Manufacturing Co. in Erie and husband of a former Clarion County resident, died Tuesday in his home. Born November 14, 1900, in Jumet, Belgium, he came to the United States December 23, 1910, and had been an Erie resident since 1942. He worked as a toolmaker for Lovell Manufacturing until his retirement in 1965. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Senior Day Center of the Salvation Army in Erie. He was married to the former Margaret Weiser of Strattanville, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Jeannine Vandeuren of Hackensack, N.J., and Mrs. Ralph E. (Yvonne) Hiskey of Ridgewood, N.J.; three grandchildren, Susan, David and Karen Hiskey. Friends may call at the Dusckas Funeral Home, 2607 Buffalo Road, Erie, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 pm today and Thursday. Funeral services will be held at 11 am Friday in the funeral home with Rev. H. Pat Albright, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 pm Friday in the Strattanville Cemetery, Clarion County.

Derrick October 31, 1973, Oil City, PA

TRICOT, Raoul Emile – age 83 years, a resident of 217 E William ST., Maumer, Ohio, formerly of Pt Marion, died Thursday June 6 1974 in Memorial Hospital, Cumberland, Maryland. He was born July 2, 1890 in Jumet, Belgium, the son of the late **Raoul E and Pauline (JACQUET) TRICOT**. He was a retired glass worker formerly working at the L J HOUZE Glass Corporation, Pt. Marion, PA. He was a veteran of WWI. He was a member of Samuel Hager Post 449 American Legion, Pt. Marion, PA, AFL-CIO, Flint and Glassworkers Union, Senior Citizens of Maumer, Ohio, St. Hubert's R C Church, Pt. Marion and St Joseph R C Church of Maumer, Ohio. He was predeceased by his first wife, Flora, in 1962. Surviving are his wife, Julia of Maumer, Ohio: two sons, Jack of Elks Gardne, West Virginia; George Henry, Morgantown, West Virginia; two daughters, Mrs. **Lloyd (Edna) EDDY**, Pittsburgh; Mrs. **Elmer (Alida) BLANCY**, Lake Lynn; one sister **Amelia CRINER**, Jeannette; eleven grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren. Friends will be received in the Louis E Rudolph Funeral Home, Point Marion today from 7 to 9pm, Sunday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm and Monday till 9:30am when brief prayers will be recited in the funeral home, followed at 10am by Mass of Resurrection at the St. Hubert R C Church, Point Marion with the Rev. Father Robert BRYNES as celebrant. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion. Military rites will be accorded at the graveside by the Samuel Hager Post 449. Wake services will be held Sunday evening at 8 in the funeral home.

The Morning Herald – The Evening Standard, Uniontown, PA June 8, 1974

ROGERS, Henry - Age 92, a resident of 1819 Leishman Ave., Arnold, formerly of Point Marion, passed away in Citizens' General Hospital, New Kensington, on Sunday, January 26, 1975. He was born March 20, 1882 in Jumet, Belgium, and was a retired glass cutter for the American St. Gobain Glass Manufacturer, Arnold. He was a member of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, and a lifetime member of B.P.O. Elks No. 512, New Kensington. Preceding him in death was his wife, Martha Tamenne Rogers, on December 7, 1967. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Doris Rogers Shimek, with whom he resided; one grandchild; one brother, Adrian E. Rogers of Jeannette. Friends will be received in the Louis E. Rudolph Funeral Home, 15 Main St., Point Marion, Wednesday after 7 p.m., and until Thursday at 9:30 a.m., when Funeral Mass of Resurrection will be intoned in St. Hubert's R.C. Church, Point Marion, with Rev. Fr. Robert Byrnes as celebrant. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion. Parish Rosary will be recited in the funeral home Wednesday at 9 p.m. - Uniontown Morning Herald January 28, 1975, Uniontown, PA

Mrs. **Alice MOUFFE**, 91, of McVey street, Sturgeon, died Sunday, March 31, 1975, in the John J. Kane hospital. She was born January 19, 1884, in Belgium, and had resided in Sturgeon since 1918. Her husband Paul MOUFFE died in 1932. Funeral services were held April 2 in the Thomas funeral home, Oakdale. Burial was in the Robinson's Run cemetery.

Apr. 10, 1975 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Joseph A. VERMEULEN, Sr., 42, of Bulger, died Wednesday, April 2, 1975, in the Washington hospital. A son of Mrs. Mary VERMEULEN and the late Camille¹¹ VERMEULEN, he was born June 24, 1932, in Primrose. Besides his mother, he leaves his wife, Janette ANDREWS VERMEULEN; a son, Joseph, Jr. at home; three brothers, Frank, Herman and Camille; and two sisters, Mrs. Emmie SKRZYNSKI and Mrs. Elizabeth LAUFF. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Moody funeral home, Clinton, in charge of the Rev. Douglas HOLBEN, pastor of the Clinton U. P. Church. Burial was in Hebron cemetery, Clinton.

Apr. 10, 1975 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Nettie NONCLERG**, 84, of Cecil, died Wednesday, April 2, 1975, in the Canonsburg hospital. A daughter of Peter and Mary LHEUREAU, she was born June 15, 1890, in Belgium. Surviving are two sons, George of Carnegie and Laurence of Oakdale; two daughters, Elizabeth, the wife of Curtis B. WISE of Mechanicsburg, and Gloria, the wife of Edward PLOP* of Cecil; a brother, Manuel LHEUREAU of Cecil; a sister Agnes WINTER of Logan, W. Va.; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Victor NONCLERG, died in 1964. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Coleman funeral home, Cecil, in charge of the Rev. W. Robert CALDWELL, pastor of the Venice U. P. Church. Burial was in Venice cemetery.

Apr. 10, 1975 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

*Compiler's note: The last letter of this name is either an "a" or an "s".

Mrs. **Josephine DUFOUR**, 72, of Noblestown Road, Sturgeon, died Thursday, April 10, 1975, in her home. A daughter of Augustin and Domasine CARLY SOUFFRANT, she was born June 28, 1902, in Sturgeon. Surviving are her husband, Joseph E. DUFOUR; a

¹¹ WWII Old man's Draft Name: Camille Prosper Vermeulen -Birth Date: 5 Nov 1896 - Residence: Washington, Pennsylvania - Birth: Belgium - Roll: WW2_2281565

son, Emile J. of Noblestown; a daughter, Elva, the wife of Ted SKACAN of R. D. 1, McDonald; four brothers, Alex of Paris, Pa., Henry of Heidelberg, William of Noblestown, and August of Sturgeon; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Blessing services were held Monday afternoon in the Rogers funeral home, McDonald, in charge of the Rev. Fr. Thomas A. LAKOMY, pastor of St. Patrick's R. C. Church, Noblestown. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Apr. 17, 1975 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Funeral services will be held Saturday for **Raymond Dereume**, a glass importer who also served as Belgium's consul for western Pennsylvania. Dereume, a native of Jumet, Belgium, died Wednesday at a hospital in Pittsburgh at age 85.

Derrick, March 21, 1975, Oil City, PA

BRIGODE, Ethel V., 49, of 504 Meadow Ave., Charleroi, died Thursday, July 3, 1975 at 5:30 a.m. in her home. Mrs. Brigode was born in Charleroi on Nov. 25, 1925, the daughter of the late Michael and Susanna Koltash Veres. Survivors include her husband, George A. Brigode; one son, Michael Brigode, at home; one sister, Mrs. Milton (Margit) Stupakis of Monessen; and one brother, Benjamin Veres of Charleroi. Friends will be received in the Schrock Funeral Home, 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 1975 and from 2 until 4 p.m. and 7 until 9 p.m. on Friday, July 4, 1975. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 5, 1975 at 9 a.m. in St. Mary Episcopal Church of Charleroi with Canon Joseph N. Wittkofski, officiating. Interment will be in Monongahela Cemetery. Harold L. Schrock, funeral director in charge.

Monessen Valley Independent, July 3, 1975, Monessen, PA

Harry E. Manandise, 65, of 1034 Fourth Ave., Elizabeth, and formerly of North Charleroi, died yesterday at 8:30 a.m. in McKeesport Hospital. Born Dec. 17, 1909, in Charleroi, he was a son of the late Fernand and Maria Deliant Manandise. Mr. Manandise was a retired teacher in the West Mifflin School District. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Manandise was a member of the First Christian Church and Free & Accepted Order of Masons (F.&A.M.) Lodge 615, both of Charleroi. He also belonged to the Consistory Shrine Syria Temple of Pittsburgh. Surviving is his widow, Marie Hartley Manandise. Friends will be received from noon to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Harold L. Schrock Funeral Home, Charleroi. Monessen Valley Independent, August 30, 1975, Monessen, PA

SCHOENER, Rose A., 67, of Charleroi R D 2, died Sunday, Sept. 21, 1975, at 8:38 p.m. in Charleroi Division of Mon Valley Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Joseph J. Schoener, and one brother, Herman Borbouse of Charleroi. Friends will be received at the Francis C. Slezak Funeral Home, Charleroi, from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 11:30 am in St Jerome Catholic Church, Charleroi, with Msgr. William Maher officiating. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Charleroi. Francis C. Slezak is funeral director in charge.

Monessen Valley Independent September 23, 1975

Augusta M LESSIRE CHABOT POCHET, 84, of Tarentum, RD 4, formerly of Blairsville, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1975, in the John J. Kane Hospital, Pittsburgh. A daughter of Felix and Jedonna Lessire, she was born July 21, 1891, in Jumet, Belgium. Mrs. Pochet was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Blairsville. Surviving are one son, Oscar Chabot, Blairsville; three daughters, Mrs. William (Marceline) McLaughlin, Bolivar; Mrs. William (Hortense) Sarver, Derry RD 1; and Mrs. Harry (Eva Mae) Byers, Tarentum RD 4, with whom she lived; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one brother, John, Ford City; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bastine, New Kensington, and Mrs. Charles (Sadie) Mohor, Kittanning. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lambert Chabot; her second husband, Louis Pochet; one daughter, Lucille Marie; and one son, Marcel. The family is receiving friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Today at the Richard L. Shoemaker Funeral Home, Blairsville, where services will be held in the chapel at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, with the Rev. Roger D. Petersen officiating. Interment will be in Blairsville Cemetery.

Indiana Evening Gazette December 19, 1975, Indiana, PA

Amile J. GAINVORS, Sr., of Box 563E, RD 1, died at 4:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 1976, following an extended illness. He was born March 22, 1902, in Belgium, the son of Emil and Rosa (Calin) Gainvors. He was twice married, first to Emma Smith on May 24, 1924. She died Oct. 6, 1956. He then married Mildred Moyer on June 4, 1960. She survives with four children: Mrs. Rose Marie Samules of Bristol, Pa., Paul at home, Amile Jr. of Juniata and Mrs. John Croyle of Homer City; 11 grandchildren, eight stepchildren: Howard Moyer of Houtzdale, Lawrence E. and Robert Moyer, Mrs. Betty Flanigan, Mrs. Helen Strunk and Mrs. Mary Mancy, all of Clearfield, Mrs. Marjorie Van Scoyoc of Juniata and Mrs. Dorothy Young of Altoona; 10 step-grandchildren and a brother, George of Houtzdale. Mr. Gainvors retired in 1966 as a conductor for the PRR. He was a member of the B of RT, and attended the Baptist Church. Friends will be received in the Mauk & Yates Funeral Home from 3:30 to 9 p.m. tomorrow and after 10 a.m. Monday.

Altoona Mirror, Altoona, Pa. 21 Feb 1976

Joseph F BLONGEAUX, 69, of Ford City, Rd 3, died at 11:45 pm Saturday, February 23, 1980 at Armstrong County Memorial Hospital. Born January 10, 1911, he was the son of **Paul and Ann (BATISTA) BLONGEAUX**. He was a retired employee of PPG Industries. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Ford City, the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Falcons, Ford City, the Ford City Eagles, the Crooked Creek Sportmen's Club and the Rayburn Eagle Club. He is survived by his wife Margaret (KUNST) BLONGEAUX; two sons, Joseph W BLONGEAUX of Vandergrift and Leonard K BLONGEAUX of Ford City, Rd 3; two brothers Roger BLONGEAUX and Henry BLONGEAUX both of Ford City; three sisters, Mrs. Lucian (Helen) POUSSANT of Ford City, Mrs. Charles (Cecilia) HASSA of Ford City, Mrs. Joseph (Mary Jane) MIKLOS of Palm Coast, FL; and three grandchildren.

Friends of Joseph F BLONGEAUX of Ford City, Rd3 who died February 23, 1980 will be received at the Frank M Faykosh Funeral home from 2 to 4pm and 7 to 9pm, Monday. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11am Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, Ford City, with Father Thomas Rogers officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements by Faykosh.
Kittanning Leader Times Monday, Feb. 25, 1980, Kittanning, PA

Mary L DELESTIENNE, formerly of Charleroi, died yesterday at 10:50pm in Hillsview Nursing Home, Claysville. She was 90. Mrs. Delestienne was born Dec 6, 1889, in Charleroi, Belgium. She was preceded in death by her husband, Aime Delestienne, a son Ernest VERCAMEN and two daughters Alice Rockridge and Catherine Vercamen. Survivors include one son, Paul Vercamen of Charleroi, two daughters, Mrs. Irene Salaske and Mrs. Grant W (Mae) Cooper, both of Monongahela; one sister, Mrs. Victoria Cratty of Brooksville, Fla; 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Friends will be received in the Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home, 226 Fallowfield Ave. Charleroi from 7 to 9p, today and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm tomorrow.
The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 24 Nov 1980

Alexander O THEYS of 830 Crest Ave, Charleroi, died yesterday at 3pm. He was 76. Mr. Theys was born Nov 21, 1904 in Jumet, Belgium, a son of the late **Florent and Eliza DOUCY THEYS**. He was a member of St Jerome's R C Church and the Italia Unita Club, both of Charleroi, and was a key member of the Russian Club in Charleroi. Mr Theys was also a member of the Charleroi Belgian club, the Charleroi Golden Agers and the Charleroi Oldtimers Club. He was retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation's Monessen plant. Survivors include his widow, Susan Popvec Theys; two sons, Thomas Dunkers of Carlisle, Mass. And Donald Dunkers of Plum Borough; three daughter, Mrs. Comer (Denise) Bentz of North Charleroi, Mrs Anthony (Diana) Kleiner of Wyoming, PA and Susan Theys of Philadelphia; ten grandchildren and three great-grand children. Friends will be received in the Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home, Inc 226 Fallowfield Ave. Charleroi, tomorrow from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9pm
The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 25 Jun 1981

A 68-year-old resident of Ford City's Fourth Avenue Highrise, Mrs. **Rose (BLONDEAUX) OLINGER** died at 1am today in Armstrong County Memorial Hospital. Born in Ford City on Feb. 8, 1908 she was the daughter of **Julian and Antoinette (GILLUM) BLONDEAUX**. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Lamberson H OLINGER** in 1965. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Weatherman of Pittsburgh and Mrs. Angela WALKER of Kittaning, and two brothers Albert of Orville, Ohio and Robert of Ford City. Friends of Mrs. Rose (BLONDEAUX) OLINGER who died July 8, 1976, will be received after 7pm today at the Frank M FAYKOSH Funeral Home in Ford City. A service will be conducted Saturday at 10am at her church, Ford City, by the Rev. Thomas Rogers. Burial will be in Kittaning Cemetery. Arrangements are by Faykosh –
Kittanning Leader Times July 8, 1976, Kittanning, PA

Olive FAUVIE LEONARD of Coal Center Rd died yesterday in Monongahela Valley Hospital. She was 57. Mrs. Leonard was born Nov 29, 1903, in Charleroi, Belgium, a daughter of the late **Julian and Marie Catherine DUTILLEUL**. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Adolf FAUVIE in 1949. Survivors include 2 sons, Clem FAUVIE of Charleroi and Arthur FAUVIE of Irwin, a daughter, Mrs. Irene Carter of Coal Center Rd, with whom she resided; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Friends will be received today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm in the John E Greenhef Funeral Home, 323 Fourth St., California. - The Valley Independent, Monessen, 20 August 1981

Josephine PICHARD of 506 Green St., California, died yesterday at 11:20am in the Laurel Nursing Home, Uniontown. She was 90. Mrs. Pichard was born Dec 26, 1890 in Charleroi, Belgium, a daughter of the late Joseph and Catherine DANDOIS VAN VARENBERG. She was a member of the North American Benefit Association No 67, California. Mrs. Pichard was preceded in death by her husband Desire, in 1971. Survivors include three sons, Raymond of Stroll Acres, Roscoe, Albert of Columbus, Ohio and Roland of California; three daughters, Mrs. Anthony (Rose) Schoener of Speers, Mrs. Thomas (Thelma) Brozic of Painesville, Ohio and Mrs. John (Doris) FERRO of Richeyville; two brothers, George Van Varenberg of California and Leon Van Varenberg of Charleroi; one sister Mrs. Augusta Elias of Madison, Ohio, ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, Friends will be received in the John E Greenlief Funeral Home, Fourth and Wood Streets, California, today and tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm
The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 29 Oct 1981

Mr. **Joseph BOUDOUX**, 89, of 10 state St., Bedford, formerly of Portage, Rd 2, died today Jan. 6, 1982, in Donahoe Manor, Bedford. Mr. Boudoux had been a coalminer for more than 50 years. He was born Nov 15, 1892, in Roux, Belgium, the son of Joseph and Florine Boudoux, and married Lenora Helzel. Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Polly Foreman of Bedford and Mrs. Dorothy Gingrich of Merritt Island, Fla; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mr. Boudoux was a charter member of the Martindale Chirstian & Missionary Alliance Church. Friends will be received from 7 to 9pm today and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm. Thursday in the Rudolph Seckinger Funeral Home, Portage, and 1 to 2pm, Friday in the Martindale Christian & Missionary Alliance Church. Boudoux – Services for Joseph Boudoux, formerly of Portage Rd2, will be held at 2pm. Friday in the Martindale Chirstian & Missionary Alliance Church, by the Rev. Charles W Kephart, Interment in Prospect Cemetery, Portage. Friends will be received from 7 to 9pm today and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm Thursday in the Rudolph Seckinger Funeral Home Portage, and from 1pm until time of service Friday in the church - Altoona Mirror January 6, 1982, Altoona, PA

Laura Amy Manandise of Charleroi R.D. 2 (Fallowfield Twp.) died suddenly yesterday at 3:55 a.m. in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was 80. Mrs. Manandise was born Dec. 21, 1901, in Belgium. She was a member of the Goodwill Club, Charleroi. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Luke of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Herman (Helen) Raicos of Charleroi R.D. 2 (Fallowfield Twp.); six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Friends are being received today in the Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home, Inc., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monessen Valley Independent, May 19, 1982, Monessen, PA

Arnold J PLASMAN of 453 Conrad Ave., North Charleroi, died Sunday Oct 17, 1982 in the Willis Nursing Home, Homestead. He was 84. Mr. Plasman was born Feb 24, 1898 in Belgium. He was a former employee of the West Penn Power Company in Springdale, where he had lived. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Agnes Miller of Ohio and Mrs. Peggy Scheponik of Charleroi; one stepson, Thomas Lydick of Maple Shade, NJ; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Plasman was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth in 1971. Friends will be received in the Charles B Jarvie Funeral home, 801 Pittsburgh St, Springdale on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm. At the request of the family, funeral services and burial will be private. The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 18 Oct 1982.

Howard M. PETTIT, 84, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of McDonald, died Tuesday, May 10, 1983. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson M. PETTIT, he was born in McDonald, where he spent most of his life. He had owned and operated the PETTIT funeral home in McDonald for a number of years before moving to Florida. Mr. PETTIT had served three six-year terms on the McDonald and Fort Cherry School Boards. He was a life member of Garfield Lodge No. 604, F. & A. M., McDonald; and a life member of the McDonald Volunteer Fire Department. He had twice served as president of the Lions Club of McDonald. He is survived by his wife, Stella; a daughter, Eloise OCHS of Folland Beach, Calif.; two sisters, Leona JORDAN of Nashville, Tenn., and Hazel P. MASQUELIER of Pittsburgh; and three grandchildren. A memorial service was held Tuesday in the Frank J. Nation Funeral Home, Inc., McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. May 19, 1983 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Merle F. CHARLIER, 65, of South McDonald street, McDonald, died unexpectedly Sunday, May 15, 1983. A son of the late Peter J. and Evelyn MASQUELIER CHARLIER, he was born October 22, 1917, in Robinson Township. He was an employee of U.S. Steel, and retired January 31, 1980. He was a member of United Mine Workers Local 1397. Mr. CHARLIER was a life member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 22, Washington, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 567 McDonald. He served with the U. S. Army during World War II. Surviving are a daughter, Roberta E. JOHNSTON of McDonald; three brothers, Clark CHARLIER of South Hadley Falls, Mass., George CHARLIER of Upper St. Clair and Donald CHARLIER of Castle Shannon; three sisters, Evelyn ARLET of Palm Springs, Calif., Dorothy PENBERTHY of McDonald, and Gerry BOAK of Upper St. Clair Township; and two grandchildren. A son, Donald M. CHARLIER, died in 1977. Three brothers, Calvin J. CHARLIER, Harry CHARLIER, and Melvin CHARLIER are deceased. Friends are being received at the Frank J. NATION Funeral Home, Inc., McDonald, where services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday in charge of the Rev. D. K. LARSEN, pastor of the First U. M. Church, McDonald. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery. May 19, 1983 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Services were held at 9am today for **Augusta M. ELIAS**, formerly of Charleroi, of 7062 Lake Road East, Madison, Ohio, who died Sunday May 29, 1983, in Geneva Hospital, Geneva, Ohio. She was 81. Mrs. Elias was born April 2, 1902 in Charleroi, a daughter of the late Joseph and Catherine Van Varenberg. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Madison, Ohio. Surviving are three daughters, Marie Buchanan of Tampa, FL, Lorella Dake, of Madison, Ohio and Illene Kyle of Redondo Beach, CA; two brothers, George and Leon Van Varenberg, both of Charleroi; 21 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. A funeral Mass was held at 9am today at Immaculate Conception Church, Madison, OH. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Charleroi. The Robert Potti Funeral Home, Madison, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA, 1 Jun 1983

John Baptiste LEROY, 87, of Scott Township, a former resident of Primrose, died Sunday, November 20, 1983, in the John Kane hospital. A son of the late John Baptiste LEROY and Zelia LALOUX LEROY, he was born November 3, 1896, in Charleroi, Belgium. Mr. LEROY was a retired trolley operator with 30 years' service. He is survived by his wife, Louise THEISS LEROY, formerly of Primrose; three sons, John LEROY, Jr., of Tucson, Ariz.; Kenneth LEROY of Scott Township, and Melvyn LEROY of Heidelberg; a sister, Marie LEROY MORROW of Niles, Ill.; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in Carnegie in charge of Keith SHUELLES. Burial was in Chartiers cemetery, Carnegie. Nov. 24, 1983 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Arthur RANDOUR, Jr., 43, of Aliquippa, died Monday, December 5, 1983, in Hopewell Township. A son of Frances RICH RANDOUR of McDonald, and the late Arthur RANDOUR, Sr., he was born May 8, 1940, in McDonald. He had served in the U. S. Navy and was a computer operator for the O. Hommel Co., Carnegie. He was a member of the U. S. W. A. Local No. 3246, and a social member of Robert W. YOUNG V. F. W Post No. 8805, Hopewell Township. On January 26, 1961, he married Bonnie Jean FLINT, who survives, along with three daughters, Bonnie Lou GOLDBACH, at home, Belinda NOLTE of Neville Island, and Denise RANDOUR, at home; a sister, Sandra Lee GRECO; and two grandchildren. Two brothers, Edward and Richard, are deceased. Funeral services were held last Friday morning in the Frank J. Nation Funeral Home, Inc., McDonald, in charge of the Rev. D. K. LARSEN, pastor of the First U. M. Church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Dec. 15, 1983 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Norman G. TOURNAY, 80, of Gladden Heights, McDonald, died Tuesday, December 13, 1983, in the Canonsburg hospital. A son of Gustave and Mamie CHARLIER TOURNAY, he was born December 31, 1902, in McDonald. Mr. TOURNAY was a retired engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was a member of the Independent Bible Presbyterian Church, McDonald, and of the Komoko Club, McDonald. Surviving are five sons, Donald TOURNAY of Midway, Norman TOURNAY of Canonsburg, Howard J. TOURNAY of Weirton, W. Va., Edward S. TOURNAY of ROCHESTER, and Robert C. TOURNAY of Hagerstown, Md.; six daughters, Jeanne MAINWARING of Washington, D. C., Norma BUCK of Sturgeon, Joyce FAY of Denville, N. J., Helen WEAVER of McDonald, Bonnie CORRICK of Claysville, and Denise PFEIFFER of Harbey, La.; a sister, Naomi LONGSTRETH of McDonald; a brother, George of Hawthorne, Nev.; two half-brothers, Wayne of McDonald and Daniel of Weirton, W. Va., a step-sister, Wilma CARNAHAN of Weirton, W. Va.; 25 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. His wife, Louise HARTZELL TOURNAY, died in 1982. A brother, Charles, and two half-brothers, Howard and Gustava, (sic) are deceased. Funeral services were held last Friday morning in the Independent Bible Presbyterian church, McDonald, in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Robert MCGILL. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of the Frank J. NATION Funeral Home, Inc., McDonald.

Dec. 22, 1983 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Miss **Victorine BRUTOUT**, 77, of Charleroi, a native of Cecil, died Monday, February 27, 1984, in Haven Crest Convalescent Home, Charleroi. A daughter of the late August and Julie PIREAUX BRUTOUT, she was born June 2, 1906, in Cecil. A retired employee of Corning Glass Works, Charleroi plant, she was a member of the Corning Glass Retirees, the First Christian Church, and the Good Neighbors Club, all of Charleroi. Surviving are two brothers, Victor BRUTOUT of Fallowfield Township and Raymond BRUTOUT of Charleroi; a sister, Mrs. Michael (Mary) VOLOSIN of Spring Hills, Fla., and several nieces and nephews. A brother, Joseph BRUTOUT, is deceased. Friends are being received at the Schrock-Hogan funeral home, Charleroi, where services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday in charge of the Rev. Jack BROWNEE. Burial will be in Charleroi cemetery.

Mar. 1, 1984 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Edna M. PLUMERET**, 67, of Anna Marie, Fla., formerly of Carnegie, died Saturday, February 25, 1984, in Florida. A daughter of the late Adam and Mary JOHNSTON CUMMINGS, she was born April 24, 1916, in Cherry Valley. She was a member of the Roser Memorial Community Church, Anna Marie, Fla. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Pauline M. SMITH of Coraopolis; two sisters, Marie LACY and Audrey MCLELLAND of Bradenton, Fla.; and one grandchild. Her husband, **Leon PLUMERET**¹², died in 1968. Graveside services were held Wednesday morning in charge of the Rev. Edward R. DELAIR, pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by the Frank J. Nation Funeral Home, Inc., McDonald.

Mar. 1, 1984 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Rachel M. CATRAIN**, 84, of McDonald, died Wednesday, March 14, 1984, in the Allegheny General hospital. A daughter of the late Peter and Charlotte MORTELETTE, she was born April 20, 1899, in McDonald. Surviving are a son, Frank CATRAIN of McDonald; a daughter, Marie C. MAY of McDonald; two brothers, George MORTELETTE of McDonald and Rene MORTELETTE of Newport Beach, Calif.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Four brothers, Sam, Jules, Peter, and Eli, are deceased. Funeral services were held last Saturday morning in the Frank J. Nation Funeral Home, Inc., McDonald, in charge of the Rev. Edward R. DELAIR, pastor of the Trinity U. P. Church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mar. 22, 1984 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Mrs. **Olga E. ADAM**, 87, of 845 Mulberry Alley, Meadville, died unexpectedly Sunday, June 3, 1984, in the St. Vincent Health Care Center, Erie. She was born November 28, 1896, in Waghén, Belgium, a daughter of Nabor and Mary C. (DULVES) BOUCKARET. A former resident of Bulger, she married Julius ADAM in 1920. He died in 1952. She was a member of St. Agatha R. C. Church, Meadville. Surviving are a son, Jules, of Saegertown; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Also preceding her in death were four grandchildren and one great-grandson. Friends were received in the Roofner and Collins Funeral Home, Meadville. A mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Agatha Church, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Aug. 8, 1984 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Eli PORIGNEAUX, 63, of Oakdale, died Tuesday, May 1, 1984, at Leader Country Meadows, in South Fayette Township. A son of Fred and Alfie CHABASOL PORIGNEAUX, he was born July 6, 1921, in South Fayette Township. Surviving are his wife, Ann STEWART PORIGNEAUX; a daughter, Sandy BOZIC; one grandson, Harold Lee BOZIC; a granddaughter, Judy BOZIC; three step-daughters, Lorraine FRIKKER, Alana BANAZAK, and Mary Ann JOHNSTON; and five step-grandchildren. Services were held

¹² The 1930 US census, North Fayette Twp, Allegheny Co, PA, shows Leon PLUMERET, 22, b PA, living with his folks, Frank E PLUMERET, 46, b Belgium and Bertha, 42, b Belgium. Frank came to the US in 1887 and Bertha in 1891. They're both naturalized; she works as book keeper for a Glass company while he's retired. Leon is a coal miner.

Leon PLUMERET's Social Security information gives that he was born on 7 Feb 1908 and he died Feb 1968. Last residence, Carnegie, Allegheny, PA.

The 1920 US census, North Fayette, Allegheny, PA gives 2 more children: Bertha, 14, b PA and Frank, 13 b PA, Frank (father) is a miner. A Family tree for Frank Jr is published on Ancestry.com at <http://trees.ancestry.com/pt/pedigree.aspx?tid=6134766&pg=0>
Frank Elmer Jr was born 7 Mar 1907 – died 13 Aug 1969, married Evalyn Beatrice KAGLE
Frank Elmer Sr. was born 10 Jun 1884 – died 7 Aug 1947 in Sturgeon, Allegheny, PA; he was the son of Alexander Plumeret and Melanie Heil; he married Bertha Ducarm

May 3, 1984, in the Thomas and Little Funeral Home, Oakdale, in charge of the Rev. Donald MCNAIR, pastor of the Oakdale U.P. Church. Burial was in Union Cemetery. - May 9, 1984 McDonald PA Record

Vivian LIENARD¹³, 83, of Baldwin Road, Pittsburgh, died Monday, Nov. 5, 1984, in the Country Meadows Nursing Home, South Fayette Township. Born April 2, 1901, in McDonald, she was a daughter of Nicholas and Elmira MOTTE LIENARD. Miss LIENARD was employed as a product demonstrator for Donahue's of Pittsburgh, retiring in 1964. She was a member of the Senior Citizens of Hazelwood. Surviving are one brother, Louis LINEARD (sic) of McDonald, and three sisters, Virginia LYONS of Mt. Lebanon, Adele BROWN of Sturgeon and Madeline DELANEY of McDonald. Deceased are three brothers, Charles LIENARD, Nicholas Leinard and Alphonse LIENARD, and two sisters, Marie SILHOL and Josephine MASQUELIER. Friends were received in the Frank J. Nation Funeral Home, Inc., McDonald, where services were held Thursday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Robert LARIMER of the Noblestown United Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment was in Robinson Run Cemetery.

Nov. 14, 1984 McDonald PA Record-Outlook

Cecilia V HASSA, 71, of 721 Fifth Ave., Ford City, died Thursday at Armstrong County Memorial Hospital. She was born Oct. 5, 1916 in Ford City to **Paul and Anna (BASSATA) BLONDEAUX**. She was a lifelong resident of this area and a member of Holy Trinity Church, Christian Mothers and the LCBA. Surviving are her husband **Charles HASSA**; two sons, **David HASSA Sr.** of Ford City and **Orlando HASSA** of Leechburg; two daughters, Mrs. Jeffrey (Jolynn) FENNELL of Leechburg and **Donna SPERL** of Ford City, **Helen TOUSSAINT** of Ford City and Mrs. Joseph (Jane) MIKLO of Florida; and seven grandchildren. Friends of Cecilia V HASSA, 71 of 721 Fifth Ave., Ford City, who died Thursday Jan 14, 1988 will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm both Saturday and Sunday at the Mantini Funeral Home in Ford City, where a parish wake service will be held 8pm Saturday. A mass of Christian Burial will be held. Andrew Chupela officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's cemetery. Arrangements by Mantini
Kittanning Leader Times Jan 15, 1988, Kittanning, PA

Mrs. **Paula GROSSMAN**, 86, of Houtzdale, RD, died at Clearfield Hospital Monday Jan. 21. Born in Cuesmes, Belgium June 6, 1898, she was a daughter of **Nicholas** and **Juliet (DESLEY) GONDRIY**. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Frank GROSSMAN Jr. in 1954. Mrs. Grossman is survived by a son and a daughter, Nicholas of Philipsburg, and Mrs. Juliet Leyo of Houtzdale R D and two grandsons Tom F Leyo of Houtzdale RD and Nicholas Grossman of Philipsburg. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Rev. Killiam Shupman today at Christ the King Catholic Church, Houtzdale. Interment followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Brisbin.

Clearfield Progress January 23, 1985, Clearfield, PA

Oscar F. CHABOT, 68, of Morewood Ave., Blairsville, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 1985, in the Latrobe Area Hospital. A son of Lambert Chabot and Augusta Lessire Chabot Pochet, he was born Jan. 12, 1917, at Ford City. Mr. Chabot was a retired furnace operator at Kennemetal in Latrobe; He was a member of the U.A.W.; Penn View Chapter of N.C.H.A. Trader Club; and Three Rivers Good Sam Club. Surviving are his wife, Mabel Snycier Chabot; two sons: Ronald of Derry RD I (Millwood) and Thomas of Latrobe; a daughter Becki at home; three grandsons; three sisters: Mrs. Marcelene McLaughlin of Bolivar, Mrs. Hortence Sarver of Derry RD 1 (Hillside), and Mrs. Eva Mae Byers of Tarentum. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Marcel Pochet; and a sister, Mrs. Lucille Brubaker. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today (Friday) at the Ferguson-Helm Funeral Home, Blairsville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday. Rev. Roger D. Petersen will officiate. Interment will follow in Blairsville Cemetery. - Indiana Gazette February 22, 1985, Indiana, PA

Mary BOERCKX, of 742 Hertzog St, California, PA, died Thursday, march 21, 1985 at 2:10pm in the Mount Macrina Manor Nursing Home, Uniontown. She was 93. Mrs. Boerckx was born May 2, 1891 in Belgium. She was a member of the United Christian Church of California. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Julius C Boeckx, 1944 and by two sisters and seven brothers. Mrs. Boeckx was also a member of the NABA, California Review No 67, the Willing Workers and the Golden Age Club. Survivors include a son, Joseph Boeckx of Yucca, califo, three daughters, Mrs. James (Rose) Fiedler, Mrs. William (Helen) Wright and Mrs. Richard (Catherine) Samaritana, all of California, PA, a brother, Frank Collet of Holly Hill, Fla; a sister Pauline Moore of Frederickstown, seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Friday from 7 to 9pm in the John E Greenlief Funeral home, Fourth and Wood streets, California. - where funeral services will be held Sunday march 24 at 2pm with the Rev Norman C Hunt officiating. Burial will be in Phillips Cemetery, California.

The Valley Independent (Monessen, PA) – 22 Mar 1985

¹³ The 1920 US Census (Fayette Co, PA) indicates that her father Nicholas, 55 emigrated in 1889 (naturalized in 1914) while her mother, Elmira, 45, arrived in 1890. Her siblings are listed: Charles, 27, b PA; Virginia, 16, b PA; Nicholas, 14, b PA; Alphonse, 11, b PA; Louis, 10, b PA; Adell, 5, b PA; Madeline, 2m b PA

The name is misspelled in 1900: LENORD. They are found in North Fayette Twp, Allegheny Co, PA:

Nicholas, b Feb 1873, b in France has been married for 9 years to Elmira, b Dec 1874 who has had 3 children who are all 3 alive: Charles: b Mar 1893, PA; Maria, b Jun 1894, PA and Josephine b Oct 1897, PA. Interestingly enough, next door lives the family of **Alexander MOTT**, b in France Mar 1845 with his wife, **Nora**, b in France in Feb 1853 (she has had 5 children al 5 of whom are alive in 1900, but not with them). They emigrated in 1890.

Margaret CARTER of Genesee, Idaho, formerly of Coal Center, Rd 1 died Sunday May 5, 1985. She was 83. Mrs. Carter was born May 25, 1902 in Charleroi, Belgium, a daughter of the late **Edward and Philomena LeBois LeJohn**. Her husband Edgar Allen Carter died in December of 1973. Mrs. Carter was also preceded in death by a son George carter, who died in 1955. Surviving are a son, Allen L carter of Coa Center RD1, two daughters, Dorothy Stutt of Coal center RD1 and Irene Spangler of Genesee, Idaho, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. There will be no public visitation.
The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA – 9 May 1985

Alexander SOUFFRANT, 87, of Burgettstown, R. D. 4, died Wednesday May 1, 1985, in the Ohio Valley Hospital, Steubenville, Ohio. He was born April 13, 1898, in Illinois, a son of the late Augustine and Domicin CARLEY SOUFRANT. He was a retired foreman for the Republic Steel Corporation. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith MC GINNIS SOUFFRANT, in 1981. Surviving are twp daughters, Faye MC LAIN and Laverne HENDRY of Burgettstown, R. D. 1; one son, Wayne SOUFFRANT of Burgettstown, R. D. 4, three brothers, Henry, William, and August; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Friends were received in the Thomas and Little Funeral Home, McDonald, where services were held Saturday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Robert LARIMER officiating. Internment was in Robinson Run cemetery. - May 8, 1985 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook
**Compiler's note¹⁴: This is one of several SOUFFRANT obits that I looked up for a researcher. There are some discrepancies in spellings between the obits which I will list here as I have them easily available. Deceased's father's name Augustin, mother Damasine CARLY SOUFFRANT, brother Augustin Jr. I don't often have this kind of info, but I just typed Augustin's obit and remembered.*

Betty Lou MacElree Gerstell (24 Feb 1914-Jul 1985), who was active in community and social affairs, died Tuesday at her home in Haverford. She was the widow of Wood D. Gerstell (5 Jun 1906 – May 1983). She was educated at the West Chester Friends Community School and the Agnes Irwin School. She was active in the Episcopal Church and served on the Altar Guild of the Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr. She was an avid bridge and tennis player and a member of the Merion Cricket Club. Survivors: a son, Frederick W.; daughter, Marguerite; a sister, and a brother. Services: memorial, 12:15 p.m. tomorrow, St. David's Episcopal Church, Wayne. In keeping with its policy that all news reporting be timely, The Inquirer intends to publish obituaries within 48 hours of death. Mortuaries and others supplying obituary information should submit their notices promptly to The Inquirer's city desk.

Sonia Wylock Pines, 60, a licensed pharmacist and John Wanamaker retiree, died Tuesday in Claymont, Del. A former Wilmington resident, she lived in Claymont. A native of Charleroi, Belgium, she came to the United States after World War II. Although she was trained in pharmacy, she worked in sales, most recently in the Tribout and coat departments of Wanamakers. Illness forced her retirement three years ago. Survivors: her husband, Zygmunt L.; her son, Zygmunt A.; her daughters, Deana Binder and Simone Pines; two grandchildren, and a sister in Belgium. Services: private. Contributions in her name should go to the Sunshine Foundation, 4010 Levick St., Phila. 19135. – The Philadelphia Inquirer, (PA) - July 12, 1985

Blanche (BLONDEAUX) DOMES MOLINO WEATHERS, 71, of North Huntingdon, died Sunday in the Jeannette District Memorial Hospital. She was born July 27, 1915 in Ford City, to **Julian and Antoinette (GUILLIUM) BLONDEAUX**. She was a member of the St. Elisabeth Ann Seton Church of North Huntingdon. She is survived by four sons, Eugene DOMES of Braddock Charles W DOMES of the state of Indiana; Lou MOLINO of Irwin and Vincent MOLINO or North Huntingdon; four daughters, Toni DOMES and Mrs. William (Linda) BOST both of Duquesne; Mrs. Patrick (Gayanne) MERCER of Sharpsburg and Mrs. Chares (Sandra) MERCER of Edgewood; a brother Robert BLONDEAUX of Ford City; a sister Agela WALKER of Ford City; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Friends of Blanche (BLONDEAUX) DOMES MOLINO WEATHERS, 71, of North Huntingdon, PA who died Sunday Aug 10, 1986, will be received from 7 yo 9pm Monday and from 2 to 4pm and 7 to 9pm Tuesday in the James W SHIRLEY Funeral Home, Clay Pike Circelville, North Huntingdon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10am. Wednesday in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, North Huntingdon. Arrangements are by Shirley. Kittanning Leader Times Aug 11, 1986, Kittanning, PA

CHRISTIANE PRYOR, 63, a longtime resident of Aldan, died July 25 at her home. Born in Chimay, Belgium, Mrs. Pryor moved to the United States in 1949. She had lived in Aldan since 1953. She was a homemaker and a member of the Clifton United Methodist Church in Clifton Heights. She enjoyed gardening and knitting afghans for area nursing homes and hospitals. She is survived by her husband, Joseph E. Pryor; two sons, John and Joseph Jr.; two daughters, JoAnne Pryor and Suzanne Phillips; two grandchildren; and a brother, Pierre Brison. The funeral service was Thursday at the Marvil Funeral Home in Darby. Interment was in Philadelphia Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Clifton United Methodist Church, Springfield and Washington Aves., Clifton Heights, Pa. 19018 or the American Cancer Society, 280 N. Providence Road, Media, Pa. 19063.
The Philadelphia Inquirer, (PA) - August 2, 1987

William R. Brigode Sr. 65, of Zephyrhills, Fla., died Thursday, May 19, 1988, in Zephyrhills. He was born Aug. 11, 1922. In Brownsville. Mr. Brigode was a resident of Charleroi for 22 years. He was a retired accountant. Survivors include his wife, Daisy Brigode; two sons, William R Brigode Jr. of Denver and George Brigode of Washington, D.C.; one daughter, Mrs. Diane Sollenberger of Tampa, Fla.; one stepson Robert Clemmons of Zephyrhills, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Pal Sinkiewicz of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Mrs. Terry Balkwell of Sarasota, Fla.; one brother, George Brigode of Charleroi; and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were

¹⁴ The compiler for most of the McDonald Record-Outlook is Victoria Hospodar Valentine - vvalentine4@attbi.com

held in Zephyrhills, Fla. Memorial donations can be made to the Hernando-Pasco Hospice, 13825 U.S. Highway 19, Suite 4W, Hudson, Fla.. 34667. Monessen Valley Independent, May 21, 1988 – Monessen, PA

Bernice L. BAILEY BEAUMARIAGE, 74, formerly of Blairsville RD 3, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 1988, at Mountain View Nursing Home, Greensburg. The daughter of George K. and Martha Ledford Bailey, she was born May 31 1914, in Blue Ridge, Ga. Mrs. Beaumariage was a member of the Calvary Temple Assembly of God Church, Latrobe. Surviving are one son, Carl W., Tonawanda, N.Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Martha J. Stewart, Blairsville; two grandsons; four brothers, Elmer Bailey, New Alexandria; Bessemer "Bob" Bailey, Blairsville RD 2; Marvin Bailey, Black Lick; Carl Bailey, Nakomis, 111.; and six sisters, Mrs. George (Romae) Fatora, Blairsville RD 2; Mrs. Minnie Murray, Chicago, Ill; Mrs. Tiny Carradine, Greensburg; Mrs. Nellie Campbell, Ligonier; Mrs. Donald (Edna) Stockdale, Chicago; Mrs. Erna Hall, Ligonier. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfonse Beaumariage, on Dec. 25, 1984; and her parents. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Richard L. Shoemaker Funeral Home, Blairsville, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Paul Poole officiating. Interment will follow in the Unity Cemetery, Latrobe. – Indiana Gazette, Dec 27, 1988, Indiana, PA

Gwendolyn HAINAUT, 76, of Rear 34 Ridge Ave., Homer City, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 1988, at St. Andrew's Village, Indiana. A daughter of Luther C. and Bertha Brady McManus, she was born May 30, 1912, in Ernest, Pa. Mrs. Hainaut was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Homer City and the Senior Citizens of Homer City. Surviving are four children: Richard L., Indiana RD; William L., Blairsville; Mrs. Richard (Gwen) Harris, Homer City; Gary T., Indiana; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Paul (Helen) Berlihay, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Joseph (Alice) Simola, North Huntingdon. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joseph L. Hainaut; and a brother, Richard. Friends were received Monday at the Bowser-Askew Funeral Home, Homer City, where services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Paul Becker officiating. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army. Indiana Gazette, Dec 27, 1988, Indiana, PA

Albert BLONDEAUX, 66, of 309 N Vine St., Orrville, Ohio, formerly of Ford City, died Monday morning, March 10, 1980 in the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. Born May 24, 1913 in Ford City, he was the son of the late **Julian and Antoinette (GULLIOUM) BLONDEAUX**. He was retired and was a veteran of World War II, having served in the US Army. He is survived by his wife Midge; two daughters Antoinette and LaVonne, and one brother, Robert of Ford City; and two sisters, Mrs. Blanche WEATHERS of Irwin and Mrs. Angela WALKER of Kittanning. Burial services will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery in Orrville.

Kittanning Leader Times Mar 11, 1989, Kittanning, PA

ALBERT GUERISSE, 78, a hero of the Belgian underground who helped Allied airmen escape from occupied Europe during World War II, has died, his family said yesterday. Mr. Guerisse died Sunday. His family did not give the cause of death. Mr. Guerisse was an army doctor when Nazi Germany invaded Belgium in 1940, and he fled to Gibraltar after the Belgian army's surrender. He joined a British Royal Navy special operations unit and, using the name Patrick O'Leary, participated in secret missions in the Mediterranean. Captured by the Germans, he escaped and returned to Belgium, where he headed an underground network through which hundreds of Allied airmen, shot down over the continent, returned to England. In 1943, he was arrested for a second time by the Gestapo and held in several concentration camps, including Dachau, where he was tortured and sentenced to death. The end of the war prevented his execution. After the war, Mr. Guerisse joined the Belgian army's medical corps. He volunteered for service as a major in a Belgian battalion during the Korean War. Later, he was appointed to head the Belgian army's medical corps with the rank of major general. The Philadelphia Inquirer, (PA) - March 29, 1989

Charles BRIGODE, 73, of 637 Union St., California, Pa., died Sunday, June 4, 1989, at 4:35 p.m. in Haven Crest Convalescent Center. He was born in Charleroi, Nov. 21, 1915, a son of the late **Charles and Virginia Bastin Brigode**. Mr. Brigode was a member of the Full Gospel Church, California and retired from the Allenport Plant of Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, August Brigode and two sisters, Alice Brigode and Virginia Brigode. He is survived by his wife, Nellie Synuria Brigode; one son, Charles J. Brigode of California, Pa.; one daughter, Marlene Amoroso of Belle Vernon; three grandchildren, Doug and Angie Brigode and Lisa Amoroso; and two sisters, Marie Garnic of Allenport and Isma Slagle of Pittsburgh. Services were held at 2 p.m. today in the Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, with Rev. Eugene Bonnell of the Full Gospel Church, California, officiating. Interment will be in the Charleroi Cemetery. The Valley Independent, Monessen, PA, June 5, 1989

Adolph J PLETINCKS Jr., 83, of North Haven, Conn., died Sunday at Meriden-Wallingford Hospital. He was the band director at Beaver Falls High School from 1937 to 1947. During that time he directed the group in several state and national band competitions. The Muskingum College graduate earned a master of education degree at the University of Pittsburgh and did other graduate work at Ohio State and Carnegie Mellon Universities. PLETINCKS was the music master at Choate School from 1947 until he retired in the late 1960s. He was a member of the International Rotary and Masonic Lodges in the Pittsburgh area. Survivors are a brother, **John R.**, McDonald, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four sisters. A service was conducted today by the Rev **David A PLETINCKS**, a nephew, at the chapel of Choate School. Interment was in Memoriam Cemetery. Beaver County Times, 22 November 1989, PA

PHILIPPE PIERRE DELORI, 55, former international sales manager for Sutton Engineering and later commercial officer for SMS Engineering, died Friday of cancer in Shadyside Hospital. He was a native of Ghent, **Belgium**, and resided in Shadyside. Mr. Delori was metallurgical engineering graduate of the University of Ghent, and earned a master's degree in business administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's in science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Surviving are his wife, Claire; two daughters, Hatsy of Brussels, **Belgium**, and Caroline of Washington, D.C.; and his parents, George and Suzanne Delori, of Ghent. Friends are being received one hour before memorial services at 4 p.m. tomorrow in Heinz Memorial Chapel, Oakland. The family suggests memorial contributions to Pittsburgh Cancer Institute. - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (PA) - September 9, 1990

GEORGE B. DeRIDDER, 86, of Southampton Township, died Wednesday at home. Mr. DeRidder worked with his son, Henry J., at DeRidder Plumbing in Vincentown. He was born in **Belgium** and was a resident of the Vincentown area for more than 50 years. Survivors: his wife, Katherine Miller DeRidder; a son, Henry J. of Vincentown; a daughter, Geraldine of Vincentown, and three grandchildren. Services will be private. Mathis Funeral Home, Medford. - The Philadelphia Inquirer, (PA) - October 26, 1990

Henry SOUFFRANT of Heidelberg died Jan. 5, 1991 in St. Clair Memorial Hospital. He was 90. He was retired from St. Joseph Printing Co. in Pittsburgh. He was preceded in death in 1985 by his wife, Freda BARNHART SOUFFRANT; his parents, **Augustin and Damisine CARLY SOUFFRANT**; and sons, Henry and Richard SOUFFRANT. He is survived by two sons, Kenneth of Noblestown and James of Weirton, W.Va.; a step-daughter, Gerty Lou RITSON of Sturgeon; two brothers, Augie of Sturgeon and William of Carnegie; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Jan. 8 at the Thomas and Little Funeral Home in Oakdale, the Rev. Robert LAIRMER officiating. Burial was in the Robinson Run Cemetery. Jan. 23, 1991 Obits McDonald Record-Outlook

Henry F BLONDEAUX, 78, of 716 Fifth Ave., Ford City, died Monday Oct 7, 1991 at the Clarion Care Center. He was born Feb 23, 1913 in Ford City to **Paul and Anna (BASHISTA) BLONDEAUX**. A lifelong resident of the Ford City area, Mr. BLONDEAUX was employed at PPG Industries for 35 years as a glass examiner. He was a member of the St. Francis of Paola Roman Catholic Church of Ford City, the Polish Falcons and the Ford City Beagle Club. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn (Lorence) BLONDEAUX; two daughters, Mrs. Michael (Adrienne) VON GREY of Vienna, Austria and Michaelene BLONDEAUX of Rosston and two sisters Helen TOUSSAINT, of Ford City and Mrs. Joseph (Mary Jane) MIKLO of Florida. He was preceded in death by a son Henry Kenneth "Corky" BLONDEAUX in 1978; a brother, Joseph BLONGEAUX, and a sister, Ciel HASSA. Friends of Henry F BLONDEAUX, 78, of 726 Fifth Ave., Ford City, who died Monday Oct 7, 1991, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm Wednesday at the Mantini Funeral Home in Ford City, where a rosary service will be held Wednesday at 3:30pm and a prayer service Thursday at 10:30am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday at 11am at St. Francis of Paola Roman Catholic Church in Ford City with the Rev. Lawrence Hoppe officiating. Burial will follow in Holy Trinity Cemetery. Arrangements by Mantini. Kittanning Leader Times Oct 8, 1991, Kittanning, PA

Irma Marie Froumy deNapoli of West Chester, who as a young woman in Belgium during World War I helped American and British soldiers escape German forces, died Monday at Brandywine Hospital. She had celebrated her 100th birthday on Jan. 5. Mrs. deNapoli was a student at Ursuline Academy, a private boarding school near Louvain, Belgium, when Germany occupied her country. She joined the Belgium resistance and helped dozens of American and British soldiers escape the clutches of German soldiers, said her daughter, Mafalda Smith. Mrs. De Napoli and other girls at the academy would hide Allied soldiers until arrangements could be made for their safe transport to Holland, which was neutral at the time, Smith said. Sometimes the girls would hide Allied soldiers in large milk containers and smuggle them out of the country by horse and wagon. At one point, Smith said, her mother's activities were discovered by German soldiers and she was held prisoner for nearly a year before escaping to England. Once in England, Mrs. deNapoli resumed her studies, at Ursuline Academy in London, and did not return to Belgium until after the war. In 1923, Mrs. deNapoli married a French businessman, Melchior deNapoli, and traveled extensively with him to the United States and Canada until his death four years later of pneumonia. In 1938, she emigrated to the United States and became an American citizen. She lived in Westchester County, N.Y., before moving to West Goshen in 1978. During World War II, Mrs. deNapoli worked for the U.S. government, reporting the activities of Germans living in this country, Smith said. Mrs. deNapoli was a member of the Alliance Francais and the Belgium American Society, both in New York, and was a volunteer with the American Heart Association of Chester County. In addition to her daughter, she is survived by a sister, three grandchildren and a great-grandson. A Mass of Christian Burial is to be offered at 10 a.m. today at St. Agnes Church, 233 W. Gay St., West Chester. Interment is to follow in St. Agnes Cemetery, 1050 Pottstown Pike. Funeral arrangements were made by the Smith Funeral Home in West Chester. The Philadelphia Inquirer, The (PA) - January 23, 1992

Robert E BLONDEAUX, 65, of 1233 Sixth Ave., Ford City, died Saturday, May 16, 1992 at his residence. He was born, Oct 17, 1926 in Ford City to Julian and Antoinette (GILLIUM) BLONDEAUX. A food handler employed by A&P grocery stores, Mr. BLONDEAUX was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Ford City, former member of the church's Holy Name Society and choir, and member of Ford City VFW. He was a WWII US Navy veteran. Survivors include three daughters, Amy BONNER of Tarentum, Reggy PATTERSON of New Bethlehem and Gerry PAYNE of Vandergrift.; a sister Angela WALKER of Kittanning; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Mary Jane BLONDEAUX; his

second wife Geneva BLONDEAUX; four brothers, George, Albert, Edward and Alphonse BLONDEAUX; three sisters, Rose OLINGER, Margaret BLONDEAUX and Blanche MILINO; and a great-grandson Daniel Todd BONNER.

Kittanning Leader Times May 18, 1992, Kittanning, PA

Margaret "Peg" BLONGEAUX, 78, of 437 Rear Fifth Ave., Ford City, died Sunday March 6, 1994 at West Haven Nursing Home, Apollo. She was born May 10, 1915 in Ford City to **Emile and Jennie (THIRY) KUNST**. She was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Ford City and belonged to the LCBA of St. Mary's. She was a member of the Polish Falcons where she had been a trustee for many years and she had also been a volunteer for many years at the Ford City Public Library. Survivors include two sons, **Joseph W BLONGEAUX** and **Leonard K BLONGEAUX**, both of Vandergrift, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Joseph F BLONGEAUX in 1980; two brothers William KUNST and Alphonse KUNST; two sisters Augusta KUNST and Celine KUNST; and a grandson Joseph G BLONGEAUX.

Friends of Margaret "Peg" BLONGEAUX, 78, of 473 Rear, Fifth Ave., Ford City who died March 6, 1994 will be received from 7 to 9pm Monday and 2 to 4pm and 7 to 9pm Tuesday at the Mantini Funeral Home 701 Sixth Ave., Ford City where a parish wake service will be held Tuesday at 7:30pm. A prayer service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday at 10:30am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11am at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church with Fr. Paul Fitzmaurice officiating. Burial will take place in St. Mary's cemetery. Arrangements by Mantini - Kittanning Leader Times Mar 7, 1994, Kittanning, PA

Isabel R PLETINCKS, 78, of McDonald, died September 30, 1993 in her home. She was born April 3, 1915 in Pittsburgh, a daughter of **Albert** and **Eva MASQUELIER SAPPPIE**. Mrs. PLETINCKS was a member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church, McDonald and she was a homemaker. She was married to **John PLETINCKS**, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Dr. **John PLETINCKS II** of Florida and the Rev. **David A PLETINCKS** of New York; two daughters, **Connie MINDEK** of New Jersey and **Joan MACHEK** of Midway; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased is one brother, **Albert M SAPPPIE**. Observer-Reporter, 2 October 1993, Green County Edition, PA

Leon (Jeff) Van Varenberg, 86, of Charleroi, died Saturday, 9 Oct 1993 in Carcella's Personal Care home, Belle Vernon. Mr. Van Varenberg was born 13 Oct 1906 in Charleroi, a son of the late Joseph and Kathleen Gillen Van Varenberg. He retired from the Allenport Plant of Wheeling-Pittsburg Steel Corporation after 49 years of service. Mr. Van Varenberg was a member of the Mary Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi. His wife Helen E Van Varenberg died 30 Aug 1993. Two brothers and three sisters are also deceased. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Leon and Amber Van Varenberg of Casselberry, FL and Roland and Edith Van Varenberg of North Charleroi; two daughters, Mrs James (Joanne) Oates of Charleroi and Mrs. Raymond (Carolee) Wineski of Tallahassee, FL; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. There will be no public visitation. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. The Carl J Spallino Funeral Home, 819 Fallowfield Avenue, Charleroi, is handling arrangements.

The Valley Independent - 11 Oct 1993

YVONNE B. AGENET CORCORAN, 67 of Cherry Hill, died Saturday at home. Mrs. Corcoran was born in Brussels, Belgium, and was a member of the Womens Club of Cherry Hill. She taught French in the Cherry Hill School system. Survivors: her husband, Daniel J.; a son, Daniel J. 3d; two daughters, Claire Matten and Christine Mathia; seven grandchildren; a great-grandson, and two brothers, Maurice Agenet and Georges Agenet. Services: viewing, 12:30 p.m. today, Murray-Paradee Funeral Home, 601 W. Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill; funeral, 1:30 p.m. today at the funeral home; burial, Westminster Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd, Pa. Memorial donations: Samaritan Hospice, 214 W. 2nd St., Moorestown, N.J., 08057-2372. - The Philadelphia Inquirer, (PA) - April 26, 1994

Marie-Madeleine HANSHAW, 78, of 1063 Monroe St., Oberlin, died Wednesday in Community General Osteopathic Hospital. She was formerly employed in the family restaurant and hotel business in Belgium and was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Enhaut. Surviving is a brother, Albert Petitjean of Belgium. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Buse Funeral Home, Hummelstown. Private burial will be in Hummelstown Cemetery. There will be no viewing or visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society of the Harrisburg Area, 7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg 17111.

The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, PA - April 26, 1995

Archie A. BEAUMARIAGE, Jr., 71, of Charleroi R.D. 1, died Saturday, June 3, 1995, at 6:22pm in the Mon Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. He was born May 16, 1914, in North Charleroi, a son of the late Archie A. and Lucie Emplet Beaumariage Sr. Mr. Beaumariage was a World War II Veteran serving in the Army Air Force. He was a member of the American Legion Post 22 of Charleroi and the Mon Valley Homing Pigeon Club. He was retired from the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Monessen Plant. Mr. Beaumariage was a former Charleroi Area School Board Director. Surviving are his wife, Ruth Learnard Beaumariage; a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Sam Bavuso of Charleroi R.D. 1; two brothers, Imil Beaumariage of Pittsburgh and Hubert Beaumariage of Charleroi R.D. 1; one sister, Clemence Sutherland of Charleroi R.D. 1; and one granddaughter, Mrs. Timothy (Lori) Laskey of Philadelphia. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Fred and Norman Beaumariage; and one sister, Priscilla Capella. Friends will be received Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the Shrock-Hogan Funeral Home Inc., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be announced in Tuesday's edition.

Monessen Valley Independent, June 5, 1995, Monessen, PA

May SARTON's stories and poems shout life as a feminist endeared her to the women's movement. In later years, she attracted readers with frank and painful journals about old age. Sarton, who died Sunday of breast cancer at age 83, believed she was never understood or appreciated by the nation's critical elite. She thought her world was largely dismissed by academics in part because she was a woman and a lesbian. She began her writing career as a poet in 1929. From there she branched out into novels, journals and children's books. Some of her best-known writing came as she reached her mid-70s and beyond - after she had recovered from a first bout of breast cancer, a mild stroke and heart trouble. A journal of her 82nd year is scheduled to be published this fall.

Sarton acknowledged her homosexuality when her novel about a lesbian love affair "Mrs. Steven Hears the Mermaids Singing" was published in 1965. "She never thought the literary establishment was on her side" said Margot PETERS, who worked with SARTON on her biography, "And it caused her a lot of anxiety."

Sarton was born in Belgium in 1912. Her family immigrated to the United States during WWI, settling in Cambridge, Mass, where she grew up and where her father taught at Harvard University. She taught at Radcliffe and Wellesley Colleges.

Doylestown Intelligencer July 19, 1995, Doylestown, PA

Jean H. SCHMIDT POOLE, 61, (1 Feb 1934 - 9 Aug 1995) of Gulph Mills, a customer-service representative, died of cardiac arrest yesterday at Montgomery Hospital in Norristown. Mrs. Poole was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Frankford High School there in 1952. She was a customer service representative at the Gunton Corp., a distributor for Pella Window & Door Co. in Norristown, where she had worked for 19 years. While living in Texas for several years in the 1980s, she was a volunteer at the Victoria Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, J. Michael Poole; her father, John Schmidt; children Charles Schalch, Carol Matznick, Barbara Schalch, Sally Ann Poole and Michael K. Poole; a sister; and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Wayne Presbyterian Church on Lancaster Avenue. Burial will be private. Donations may be made to the Greater Philadelphia Alzheimer's Foundation, Robert Morris Building/4th floor, 100 N. 17th St., Philadelphia 19103.

OSCAR MOUTSCHEN, 93, a retired master mechanic, died Tuesday at his home in Lansdowne. A native of Belgium, Mr. Moutschen came to the United States in 1958 and lived briefly in Yeadon before moving to Lansdowne. He worked for the Penn Tube Co. in Lansdowne, where he designed machinery used to cut tubing manufactured at the plant. He retired in 1972. In Belgium, he had been a plumbing and heating contractor for many years. Mr. Moutschen enjoyed working on projects at home and gardening. He was a fan of professional boxing. He was preceded in death by a son, Pierre Moutschen. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Fina Dester Moutschen; a daughter, Nicole Klein; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great- great-grandchildren. Friends may call after 10 a.m. today in the chapel at Arlington Cemetery, 2900 State Rd., Drexel Hill. A service will be held there at 11 a.m., followed by burial in the cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice Program, Delaware County Memorial Hospital, 5030 State Rd., Suite 3001, Drexel Hill, Pa. 19026. Arrangements were made by the Doyle-Stonelake Funeral Home in Lansdowne. - The Philadelphia Inquirer, (PA) - August 10, 1995

Noelle M. SIMON, 57, of Belgium, formerly of York, died Jan. 6, 1995, in Belgium. A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Rose of Lima Church, 950 W. Market St., York. Burial will be in Susquehanna Memorial Gardens. The John W. Keffer Funeral Home Inc., 902 Mount Rose Ave., York, is in charge of arrangements. Miss Simon was born Dec. 24, 1937, in Roloux, Belgium. She was the daughter of Berthe Van-Den-Peereboom of Belgium, and the late Etienne Van-Den-Peereboom. Miss Simon is survived by two daughters, Nathalie Simon of Churchton, Md., and Jehanne Gillo of Whiterock, N.M.; two brothers; and four sisters. Officiating at the service will be the Rev. Carl Tancredi, chaplain of York College Campus Ministry. 1-6-95.

York Daily Record (PA) - August 31, 1995

Theodoor VERSTRATEN, 97, formerly of Antwerp, Belgium, and 4 Logan Road, died Wednesday in the Church of God Home, Carlisle. He retired as a civil servant from the Belgian government; was a Belgian Liberation Army veteran; and a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Upper Allen Twp. He was the widower of Maria C. Blanquart Verstraten. Surviving are a daughter, Jeanne H. Knisely of Dillsburg; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in his church. Burial will be in Dillsburg Cemetery. There will be no viewing. Cocklin Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Dillsburg Library, 17 S. Baltimore St., Dillsburg 17019.

The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, PA - April 25, 1997

Theodoor H. VERSTRATEN, 97, formerly of Antwerp, Belgium, and 4 Logan Road, Dillsburg, died Wednesday evening at Church of God Home in Carlisle. He was the husband of the late Maria C. (Blanquart) Verstraten. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 310 Hertzler Drive, Mechanicsburg. Burial will be in Dillsburg Cemetery. There will be no viewing or visitation. The Cocklin Funeral Home, 30 N. Chestnut St., Dillsburg, is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Verstraten was born Dec. 2, 1899, in Maaseik, Belgium. He was the son of the late Theodoor and Gertrude Verstraten. He retired as a civil servant for the Belgian government and was a commanding officer of the Belgian Liberation Army, stationed in England. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Mr. Verstraten is survived by a daughter, Jeanne H. Knisely of Dillsburg; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Celebrant for the Mass will be the Rev. Richard P. Waldron. Memorial contributions may be made to Dillsburg Library, 17 S. Baltimore St., Dillsburg 17019.

York Daily Record (PA) - Friday, April 25, 1997

Verna Louise Brigode, 71, of Lover, died Monday Aug. 10, 1998, at home. Mrs. Brigode was born Aug. 17, 1926 in North Charleroi, the daughter of the late Louis and Olive Scott Ghrist. She was a member of the Charleroi Presbyterian Church and the

XYZ Club of Grace United Methodist Church of Coal Center as well as the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Senior Mixed Bowling League at Tan-O-Bell Bowling Lanes in Bentleyville. She was a retired office manager for Bell Telephone with a total of 27 years of service. She is survived by her husband George Brigode; one daughter and son-in-law, Debra S. and Speros Philis of Stamford, Conn., two sons and a daughter-in-law. Richard H. and Cathy Sikora of Charleroi and Michael Brigode of Charleroi; one brother, Merle Ghrist of Lover; two sisters. Mrs. Josephine Anderson of Greensburg and Mrs. James 'Olive' Higinbotham of Lover; and five grandchildren. Christine Philis, Dana Sikora, Kristen Sikora, Rachel Rischitelli and Rikki Sikora.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Harry M. Sikora. Friends were received on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be received today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home Inc., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Monessen Valley Independent, August 12, 1998, Monessen, PA

Rose DRIBELBIS - October 7, 1998 - Rose Dribelbis, 89, of Pikes Creek, Lake Township, died Wednesday at the Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake. Born May 10, 1909, in Antwerp, **Belgium**, she was the daughter of the late John and Bernardina Dykeman Perry. She came to the United States at the age of 3 and lived in Pikes Creek most of her life. She was employed by various sewing factories in the Back Mountain area, including the former Karen Manufacturing, Sweet Valley. She was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Hobbie, and the International Ladies Garment Worker's Union. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cleon E. Dribelbis, in 1964; son, Norman; sister, Bernardina Rogers, and an infant brother. Surviving are her daughter, Bertha Williams, Pikes Creek; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., corner of state Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, with the Rev. David R. Williams, of St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran Church, Noxen, and son-in-law of the deceased, officiating. Interment will be in the Silver Maple Cemetery, Hobbie, with a committal service conducted by the Rev. Roy Day, of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Hobbie. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 57 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701. - The Times Leader, Wilkes Barre, PA - October 9, 1998

Amile J. "JR" GAINVORS, 66, 1331 Sixth Ave., Juniata, died Friday, Jan. 22, 1999, at his daughter's home in Hollidaysburg. He was born July 29, 1932, in Hastings, the son of the late Amile J. and Emma Rose (Smith) Gainvors. He married Florence S. Samuels in Altoona Aug. 17, 1953. Mr. Gainvors was formerly employed as a baker for Marhoefer Bakery. Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Ramona M. Patete, with whom he resided; three sons: David Charles of Wilmington, N.C., James Roy of Altoona and Raymond Edward of Diboll, Texas; a sister, Joan Alice Croyle of Homer City; 12 grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Mauk and Yates Funeral Home Inc., Juniata. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mauk and Yates Funeral Home Inc., Juniata, by the Rev. Edward Eckenrod. Interment at Antis Cemetery. Mr. Gainvors is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Altoona Mirror, Altoona, Pennsylvania, 24 Jan 1999

Private services were held this morning for **Marie H. Manandise**, 91, formerly of North Charleroi, currently of Elizabeth, who died Thursday, July 8, 1999, in the Presbyterian Senior Care Center, Washington, Pa. She was born April 27, 1908, in California, Pa., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Hartley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Manandise. Mrs. Manandise was a member of the First Christian Church of Charleroi and had retired from the West Mifflin school system after 40 years of teaching. Survivors include one nephew, F. Lockhart Bruce of Roscoe; and a niece, Virginia A. Redigan of Boca Raton, Fla. Interment was held in Charleroi Cemetery. The Ed Melenzyer Funeral Homes, Inc., Roscoe, handled the arrangements. Monessen Valley Independent, July 9, 1999, Monessen, PA

LYMAN, S.C. -- **Oscar Richard Pille**, 79, of 1710 Gap Creek Road died Wednesday in Westside Nursing Center, Greenville. He was a Jehovah's Witnesses minister, a founding member of Greer Kingdom Hall, a native of Eckloo, Belgium, and a U.S. Navy veteran. Surviving are his wife, Louise Virginia Webber Pille; a son, Richard of Spartanburg; six grandchildren and a great-grandson. Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Greer Kingdom Hall. Visitation will follow services in Kingdom Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to Greer Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1700 Creek Road, Lyman, SC 29365. Wood Mortuary is handling arrangements. - The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, PA - July 29, 1999

JOHANNA LAZUR - February 9, 2000 - Johanna M. Lazur, 78, of Briar Creek Township, died Wednesday at Bloomsburg Hospital. Born Jan. 9, 1922, in Gingelom, Belgium, she was a daughter of the late Paul and Marie Lindekens. She served in the Belgian Army Nurse Corps during World War II. She came to the United States in 1946 and for 12 years operated the Newportville Inn and Beauty Salon. She retired in 1981. She lived in this area the past 12 years. She was a founding member of the Levittown - Fairless Hills Rescue Squad; and St. Mary's Church, Mocanaqua. Surviving are her husband, Joseph C., whom she married Jan. 13, 1973; sons, David Leonard, Charlotte, N.C.; and Donald, Langhorne; and four grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Church, Mocanaqua. Interment will be in the parish cemetery. There will be no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Wilkes-Barre. The Times Leader, Wilkes Barre, PA - February 11, 2000

Janine (DeBavey) FUNK, formerly of New Coxeville and Quakertown, died Tuesday morning at the Mercy Health Care Center, Nanticoke. Born in Brussels, Belgium on June 8, 1924, she was the daughter of Josef Commerce and Amelia DeBavey, both deceased. She was the widow of Robert W. Funk, who passed away last September, and is survived by Richard W. Funk, of Weatherly; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She also is survived by a brother and sister, both in Brussels. Burial will be in the Union Cemetery, Weatherly, and a private graveside service will be held at the family's convenience. The Rev. Donald Stump,

pastor emeritus of Salem United Church of Christ, Weatherly, will officiate. The Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home, Weatherly, is in charge of the arrangements. Standard-Speaker, Hazleton, PA - April 15, 2000

ARLETTE J. FRY, 48, of 115 Chelsey Drive, East Fallowfield, died Saturday at home of complications from breast cancer. Mrs. Fry was the controller at Crown Hardwood, West Grove. She enjoyed gardening, golfing and cooking. Born in Morlanwez, Belgium, she was the daughter of Rene and Odette Dusepulchre Burion of Belgium. She was married 20 years to K. Michael Fry, formerly of Lancaster County. Surviving besides her husband and parents are a daughter, Chantal Detournay, married to Damian Harris of Horsham; a brother, Michel, married to Marie-France Burion of Belgium; and a sister, Genevieve Burion of Belgium. Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster, PA - July 11, 2000

Jenny B. Calarco, 75, Apartment 306, Hazlewood Apartments, Hazleton, died early Thursday evening at her home. Born in Clermont, Belgium, she was the daughter of the late Marcel and Mathilde (Gillis) Geelen, and lived in the Hazleton area most of her life. Before retiring, Mrs. Calarco was employed by the Hazleton Area School District. Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, were her husband, Anthony F. Calarco; a sister, Mathilde, and a brother, Joseph. Surviving are sons, Marcel, Denis, Anthony and Robert Calarco, all of Hazleton; and Ronald Calarco, New Ringgold; a sister, Simone Lotten, Belgium; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. from the John B. DiPronio Funeral Home Inc., 314 E. Third St., Hazleton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. in Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church, Hazleton, followed by interment in Mount Laurel Memorial Park, Hazleton. Friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m. Copyright, 2001, Standard-Speaker, All Rights Reserved. - Standard-Speaker, Hazleton, PA - January 17, 2001

ALICE VERDONCK, 97, of Conestoga View, 900 E. King St., died Wednesday at Conestoga View. She had been employed as a domestic worker in the Lancaster area. Miss Verdonck was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Born in Antwerp, Belgium, she was the daughter of the late Jack A. and Maria Verhegen Verdonck. She came to the United States in 1954 and moved to Lancaster in 1961. She is the last of her immediate family. - Sunday News, Lancaster, PA - February 18, 2001

Germaine Vanderstraeten, 70, 153 E. Sixth St., died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2001, at MetroHealth Medical/Osteopathic Hospital. She was born March 15, 1931, in Brussels, Belgium, daughter of the late Eva Turner. She attended school in Belgium and nursing school in England. She was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses, Bayview Unit, and served as a foster parent. She enjoyed crocheting. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Vanderstraeten, in 1969. Survivors include two daughters, Dominique Vanderstraeten of Erie and Suzanne Vanderstraeten of Florida; five sons, Thierry Vanderstraeten and his wife, Samantha, of East Springfield, Eric Vanderstraeten and his wife, Norma, of Allentown, Didier Vanderstraeten, Doug Vanderstraeten and Nick Vanderstraeten and his wife, Denise, all of Erie; a sister, Alberte Forton of Belgium; and four grandchildren. Friends may attend a memorial service Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Jehovah's Witnesses, Bayview Unit, 621 W. Second St. Arrangements are being handled by the Burton Funeral Home, 602 W. 10th St. Memorials may be made to Jehovah's Witnesses, Bayview Unit, 621 W. Second St., Erie, PA 16507. Erie Times-News (PA) - October 11, 2001

Pamela S. Peteritis, 45, of California, Pa., died unexpectedly Saturday, April 6, 2002. She was born Aug. 29, 1956, in Charleroi, a daughter of Susan (Synuria) Brigode and the late August Joseph Brigode. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her stepfather, Emil Lepo. Pam spent 15 years working for various food companies at California University of Pennsylvania. Most recently, she was a supervisor at Sheetz in Uniontown. She was a past member of the California Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and past member of the California Area Band Associates. Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Dennis Peteritis; daughter and son-in-law, Ginger and William Briggs of Monongahela, daughter Amber Peteritis at home; her mother, Susan Lepo of Clarksville; brothers and sisters-in-law, August and Jamie Brigode of Arizona, Kelly and Beckv Brigode of Carmichaels, and Jeff and Cindy Lepo of Chambersburg; a sister, Virginia Tomlin of Florida; and sister and brother-in-law, Tait and John Klein of Monongahela; also surviving are several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received in the MARISCOTTI FUNERAL HOME INC., Anthony N. Mariscotti, supervisor, 323 Fourth St., California, today from 7 to 9p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and until 11 a.m. on Wednesday when services will be held with the Rev. Wesley Ward officiating. Interment will follow in LaFayette Memorial Park. Monessen Valley Independent, April 8, 2002, Monessen, PA

Virginia E. Degyansky, 86, 1015 Howard Ave., died Tuesday morning, Sept. 2, 2002, at Altoona Hospital after a brief illness. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Mauk & Yates Funeral Home Inc., Juniata. Altoona Mirror, Altoona, PA - September 4, 2002

Berthe Marguerite SULLIVAN, 99, of Reisterstown, Md., died Saturday Nov 23, 2002 in Carroll Lutheran Village, Westminster, Md. She was born July 10, 1903 in Jumet, Belgium, a daughter of Eudore L and Julia Zabeau. Mrs. Sullivan belonged to Reisterstown Senior Center at Hanna Moore. She taught piano at Reisterstown for 15 years and had played the violin since she was 5 years old. She was an elementary school teacher and taught French. She played the piano for the Reisterstown Senior Center, when the members sang for nursing homes. She was president of the Music Club of America, was a founding member of the Sacred Heart Sodality, Glyndon Women's Club and Glyndon Homemakers Club. She was an avid bridge player and belonged to many bridge clubs. She also enjoyed oil painting. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, William J Sullivan and two brothers, Eudore A Zabeau and Rene V Zabeau. Friends will be received at Eline Funeral Home, resisterstown, today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9pm. A funeral

service will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Glyndon on Wednesday at 10am, Father Charles D Rice will be the celebrant. Interment will be in St Bernard Catholic Cemetery, Indiana, at noon, Friday. - [Indiana Gazette, 26 Nov 2002](#)

Rebecca "Becky" M MANOWN JANNOTTA, 84, of Belle Vernon, died Monday May 5, 2003 at her grandson's home in Fairhope. She was born April 14, 1919 in Monessen, a daughter of **Clinton and Ida LERMINIAUX MANOWN**. A lifelong resident of the Belle Vernon area, she was a 1937 graduate of Rostraver High School and a member of Lynnwood Lutheran Church. She was an employee of Corning Glass for more than 20 years. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, **Clinton and Helen HAMMITT** of Whittier, Calif; one daughter and son-in-law, **Maria and David HORAN** of Webster; two stepsons, John JANNOTTA and wife Mindy of Huntingdon, WV and Joseph JANNOTTA and wife Gay of Charleroi; one stepdaughter, Judy SEVON and husband Edward of Jensen Beach, Fla; one brother and sister-in-law, **Frank and Mary MANOWN** of Lynnwood; eight grandchildren, four step grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren: numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband **Adolph C JANNOTTA** on Sept 19, 2002; six brothers, **William, George, Martin, Clint, Jack and Kirby MANOWN**; and three sisters, **Naomi KUSS, Louise BEDNER and Adele CRAMER**. Friends will be received Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm in the Ferguson Funeral Home Inc., a Golden Rule Member Firm (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon. Services will be held Thursday, at 10am in the funeral home with the Rev. James Dorow officiating, interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery

[Monessen Valley Independent, May 6, 2003, Monessen, PA](#)

Raymond G. SOUPLY, 94, of Speers Hill, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003 in his home. He was born Sept. 13, 1909, in Aylesbury, Saskatchewan Canada, a son of the late Ulysses J. Souply and Martha Deliant Souply Manandise. Mr. Souply was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Army, Company E 385th Infantry Battalion. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a life member, past commander and trustee of the VFW Post No, 167 and a life member of the American Legion Post 22, all of Charleroi. Mr. Souply was retired from the former Kirk & Clark's Store in Charleroi. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Beverly Brown Souply; three sons, Raymond Gary Souply of Enola, Mark D. Souply and his wife, Rose, of Fayette City, and Bruce A. Souply, of Monessen; two grandsons, Adam and Aaron Souply; two nieces, Donna Rae Souply Burns, of McKeesport, and Martha Hope of Sterling Heights, Mich.: and one nephew, Ronald Souply, of Finley, Ohio. In addition to his parents, Mr. Souply was preceded in death by his stepfather, Emile Manandise; one sister, Isabelle Souply Johnson; one brother, Uly Souply; and a sister-in-law, Midge Souply Fisher. Friends will be received Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. & 7 to 9 p.m. in the S C H R O C K - H O G A N FUNERAL HOME, INC., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home Monday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Bruce K. Northey officiating. Interment will be in the Mon Valley Memorial Park. The VFW Post 167 will hold a memorial services Sunday at 7:30 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 8 p.m. by American Legion Post 22. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the First United Methodist Church of Charleroi in memory of Raymond G. Souply. Friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleymdependent.com

[The Valley Independent, Monessen, Pennsylvania, 22 Nov 2003](#)

Paul L. CENIS, age 90, of Chandler, Arizona passed away on - December 9, 2003. He served in the U.S. Army WWII Veteran. Memorial Services will be held Saturday, December 20, 2003 at 2:00 P.M. at Valley of the Sun Mortuary Chapel, 10940 E. Chandler Hgts Rd., Chandler, AZ 85248. Arrangements entrusted to Valley of the Sun Mortuary.

[Published in the Arizona Republic on 12/17/2003.](#)

Marie P. LEGRAND, 95, of McDonald, died Thursday, January 29, 2004, in Tandem Village, Canonsburg. She was born March 6, 1908, in Gilly, **Belgium**, a daughter of Armand and Ida Claus Verelst. Mrs. Legrand was a homemaker and loved cooking and cleaning. She was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church in McDonald and a former member of McDonald Women's Club. On April 20, 1927, she married Joseph Legrand, who died February 26, 2002. Surviving are a daughter, Ida M. Menke of McDonald; a brother, Octave "Oscar" Verelst of Frankfort Springs; a sister, Eva M. Supinski of McDonald; seven grandchildren, William, David, Daniel and Robert McGraw, Kathleen Toothman, Susan Kernan and John Mencke; 16 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Deceased are a daughter, Eva I. McGraw; three brothers, Cornell, John and Armand Verelst Jr.; and a sister, Melanie "Minnie" Budness. - [Observer-Reporter, Washington, PA - January 30, 2004](#)

Nellie M. Brigode, 82, of California, Pa., died Thursday, March 11, 2004, in Thorpe's Personal Care Home, North Charleroi. She was born Sept. 18, 1921, in Navajo Hollow, a daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Sharrer Synuria. She was a member of the Full Gospel Church of California. Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Charles J. and Yvonne Brigode of California, Pa.; one daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and John Amoroso of Belle Vernon; two brothers, Clarence Synuria of Medina, Ohio, and Leroy Synuria of Levittsburg, Ohio; two sisters, Mary Shannon of Allenport and Susan Lepo of Clarksville; three grandchildren, Doug Brigode, Angie Tselepis and Lisa Aten; and four great-grandchildren, Despina Tselepis and Olivia, Madison and Spencer Aten. In addition to her parents, was preceded in death her husband, Charles Brigode, in 1989; three sisters, Josephine Harrell, Mabel Synuria and Rose Wells; and one brother, Paul Synuria. There will be no public visitation and interment will be at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are being handled by the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME in Charleroi.

[Monessen Valley Independent, March 12, 2004, Monessen, PA](#)

NICOLA MARINO, age 71, died on Thursday, March 11, 2004 at his home. Born in Cairano, Italy, he has lived in Croydon since 1977. He had emigrated to the U.S. in 1975 from Belgium. Mr. Marino was a retired employee of Cardone Industries in Philadelphia.

He had been employed at Cardone for over 25 years. Nicola had been a coal miner in Belgium. He was a member of the Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia. Nicola was an avid Flyers fan and enjoyed hunting, fishing and travel. Nicola was the beloved husband of Angela Ditore Marino. He was the devoted father of Donato Marino of Jamison and Maria Jefferys of Croydon. He was the loving grandfather of Daniel and David Marino and James Jefferys. He is also survived by his sister, Angela Lepore of Gulf Port, Fla. Relatives and friends are invited to his service Monday, 11 a.m. at the Lamb Funeral Home (at Forest Hills), 101 Byberry Road, Huntingdon Valley. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday evening from 7 to 9 and on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. The entombment will be in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown, PA - March 14, 2004

Raymond Michael PICHARD, 90, of Washington, formerly of Roscoe, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. He was born Dec. 24, 1913, in Granville, a son of the late **Desire and Josephine Van Varenberg Pichard**. He was a member of Roscoe Presbyterian Church and was the last living charter member of the Roscoe Volunteer Fire Department, having served 64 years, many of them as chaplain. Mr. Pichard retired with 37 1/2 years of service with Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Allenport Plant, most of which was as a furnace helper. He was associated with the former Downs News Stand for over 40 years. Mr. Pichard served on the California School Board, the California Historical Society and the Long Branch Grange, and he was an active member of the Howe Cemetery Board. In 1985, he was chosen as the Long Branch Grange Man of the Year. He was commissioned Nov. 27, 1988, and retired Dec. 31, 2000, as a full-time lay pastor with the Washington Presbytery, after having served as interim minister and supply pastor and spending the last 12 years ministering at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Washington. While serving the Lord, Mr. Pichard served his fellow men by working with the Allenport Food Bank, the 5-Town Area Meals on Wheels, taught Bible study for five years and, after moving to Washington in 2001, participated in the Washington County Health Centers Adult Daycare Program and the Chartiers Crossroads Presbyterian Church's "Young at Heart" program. On July 16, 1936, he married Mary Elizabeth Garrison, who shared his life as God's servant for more than 68 years until April 23, 2003. Mr. Pichard is survived by his loving family, daughter Patricia Rae Mancuso and granddaughter Krisanne Millan Burgess and husband Christopher of Washington, with whom he made his home; granddaughter Marci Jeanne McAdoo and husband William F. Jr. of West Alexander, and grandson Dale William Mancuso and wife Susan of Macedonia, Ohio; many nieces, nephew, grand-nieces and nephews; nine great-grandchildren, LCP Patrick Christopher with the U.S. Marines, Benjamin Webster, Shad Samuel and Brittany Faith Burgess, all of Washington, William Kyle, Andrew Cole, Melinda Sue and William F. McAdoo III of West Alexander, and Morgan Olivia Mancuso of Macedonia, Ohio; one brother, Roland Pichard and wife Bertha of California, Pa.; one sister, Thelma Brozic and husband Tom of Painesville, Ohio; caregivers, Minerva "Honey" Moten and Kathy Garrett, both of Washington; and many devoted friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one brother and sister-in-law, Albert and Betty Pichard; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose and Anthony G. "Tears" Schoener and Doris and John Ferro. Friends will be received from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., Roscoe, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 14, in Roscoe Presbyterian Church, where a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. with the Rev. John Rankin officiating. On Thursday, the following services will be conducted in the funeral home: Long Branch Grange, at 4:15 p.m., and Roscoe Volunteer Fire Department, at 6 p.m. Interment will be in Howe Cemetery, Coal Center. In lieu of flowers, sympathy contributions may be made to Roscoe Presbyterian Church; Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Myers Road, Washington, Pa. 15301, or Odyssey Health Care of Pa., Park West One, Suite 500, Cliff Mine Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15275. - The Valley Independent, 14 May 2004

Sarah N. TRICOT, 74, of Point Marion, died Monday, May 24, 2004.

Observer-Reporter (Washington, PA) - Date: May 27, 2004 - Page: B5

David J. STASICHA, Sr., 87, of Charleroi, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004 in the emergency room at Mon Valley Hospital. He was born Aug. 8, 1917 in Elco, a son of the late **Mathew and Sophia Fiffick Stasicha**. He was Catholic by faith and a member of VFW Post 167, American Legion Post 22 and the Belgian Club, all in Charleroi. Mr. Stasicha was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired from Corning Glass Plant in Charleroi. Surviving are his wife, Virginia Latour Stasicha; two sons and one daughter-in-law, David J. Jr. and Loretta Stasicha, and Michael Stasicha, all of Charleroi; one brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Geraldine Stasicha of Charleroi; one sister, Elizabeth Peters of Florida; and two grandchildren, Suzanne Sawicky and Mark Stasicha. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, James, John, William, Matthew and Robert Stasicha; and two sisters, Sophia Balza and Ann Litz. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by interment in Charleroi Cemetery. American Legion Post 22 will conduct services in the funeral home Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Valley Independent, Tarentum, PA - Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Hazel M. ROUSSEAU, age 96, of North Main Street, Mount Vernon, passed away on Wednesday September 8, 2004 at Country Court Nursing Home. She was born on March 8, 1908 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to the late James and Annabelle (Luce) Bamford. Mrs. Rousseau was a member of Gay Street United Methodist Church. She is survived by two sons, James A. (Mary) Rousseau of Fredericktown, Clair Rousseau of Marion, Ohio, a daughter, Emily (William) Vinck of Coal Center, Pennsylvania, 10 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren and a brother Elmer Bamford of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Rousseau, four brothers, Garland Bamford, Austin Bamford, Vance Bamford and Floyd Bamford. A funeral service will be held on Friday at 8 PM at the Flowers-Snyder Funeral Home where friends may call two hours prior. Rev. Gerald Bell will be officiating. Burial will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery in Belle Vernon,

Pennsylvania at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Mental Health Association of Knox County, 11 W. Gambier Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050. This obituary and guest registry may be viewed online at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com
The Valley Independent, Monessen, Pennsylvania – 9 Sep 2004

Father Philip Gustave Clement GHYS, O.S.B., a son of the late **Edouard Ghys and Maria (Moorkens) Ghys**, a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004. He was 80. Father Philip was born June 7, 1924, in Assebroek, Belgium. He was the brother of the Rev. Edmond Ghys, of Brugge, Belgium, Marie Therese Ghys, of Brussels, Belgium, and the late Philippe Ghys. He attended Dames de Andre and Institute of St. Francis Xavierius grade schools and graduated from Koninklyk Atheneum Brugge High School in 1941. He graduated from Catholic University, Louvain, in 1946, where he studied to be a chemical agricultural engineer and engineer of the agricultural industries. He studied philosophy at St. Andrew Abbey, Bruges, until 1949, and theology at the same abbey until 1953. Father Philip made his simple profession of monastic vows Jan. 6, 1948, at St. Andrew Abbey, Bruges. His solemn profession of monastic vows was made Jan. 15, 1951, at St. Andrew Abbey. Ordained July 25, 1953, at St. Andrew, he served as a teacher and prefect and as a reserve chaplain in the Belgian Army (1955-1978). In 1961, he was assigned to Shaba Province in Congo, Africa, where he advanced to administrative director. He entered St. Vincent Archabbey in 1970 and was assigned to teach in Savannah, Ga., in 1971. At Benedictine Military School, Savannah, Father Philip taught earth science, Bible study, biology, algebra, geometry, religion and physical education and served as assistant headmaster (1975-76, 1976-77). From 1981 until 1995, he served in the administration there, overseeing the bookstore and cafeteria. He returned to St. Vincent Archabbey in March of this year. Distinctions Father Philip earned include being named Ridder (knight) in de Kroonorde, April 7, 1967; Ridder in de Leopoldsorde April 7, 1972; and Officer in de Kroonorde, July 20, 1977. Father Philip became an American citizen on April 28, 1978. Father Philip's body will be received at the Elizabeth Roderick Center, St. Vincent Archabbey, Wednesday at 3 p.m. Viewing will be held in the parlor of the Elizabeth Roderick Center from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday. A vigil service will be held in St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, after which Father Philip's body will lie in state in the Basilica until 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica Friday at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Benedictine Health and Education Fund at St. Vincent Archabbey, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650. - Leader Times (Sep/30/2004), Kittaning, PA

Edward J. SAENEN died on Tuesday, November 9th at the age of 79. He was born in Antwerp, Belgium. He was a retired Steele fabricator from Aggregate Equipment. His hobbies included painting and gardening. He has been a lifelong resident of Lancaster County. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Catharina Saenen (nee Dahmen) of 40 Frogtown Road, Pequea. His loving sons Guido Saenen and Frank Saenen and his grandchildren, Dane, Sarah, and Christian will sadly miss him. Arrangements under the directions of Auer Memorial Home and Cremation Services. Rosa R. DeHart; Edwin G. Stahlman; Robert E. Geib Sr., Emma Ruth
Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster, PA - November 17, 2004

Eugene A. GOSSEAU, 78, of Avon Park, Fla., formerly of Belle Vernon, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at Highland Regional Medical Center in Florida. Born Jan. 6, 1926, in Grindstone, he was the son of the late Jules and Celina Oppenbrier Gosseaux. He was a former member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church in Belle Vernon, and a graduate of Brownsville High School, class of 1943. Mr. Gosseaux was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Navy. He retired Oct. 2, 1982, from Bell Telephone with 38 years of service before retiring to Sebring/Avon Park, Fla., in 1990. He was a member of the Bell of PA Telephone Pioneers and a member and past commander of Belle Vernon American Legion Post 659. He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Pierre and Carol Gosseaux of Bedford County; a daughter and son-in-law, Celine and David Minor of Washington; a brother, Joseph Gosseaux of Warren, Mich.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and his companion of the past several years, Virginia Hill of Sebring, Fla. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Genevieve Yanek Gosseaux, on April 25, 1998; and two brothers, Emile and Frank Gosseaux. Visitation will be held Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, family owned and operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-6183). A prayer service will be held Friday, Dec. 31, at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Sebastian R.C. Church. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. On Thursday, members of St. Sebastian parish will pray the rosary for the departed soul of Eugene Gosseaux at 3 p.m., and the Belle Vernon American Legion Post 659 will conduct services at 7 p.m., both in the funeral home. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be sent to the family at the funeral home's web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com.
<http://www.webcemeteries.com/bellevernon/Obit.asp>
Observer-Reporter (Washington, PA) - Wednesday, December 29, 2004

Alice Louise GURLAND, nee **GRUNBERG** - A dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, was born in Brussels, **Belgium** in 1912. She was married in 1939, shortly before WWII began, to Benjamin Bernard Gurland. Alice, her parents, brother, husband and daughter hid in South of France during WWII. It was during this period that Alice lost her brother, Isaac. Alice came with her family to the United States in July of 1948, and settled in Brooklyn, NY. She resided in Brooklyn Heights until 1992, when she and her husband moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Alice Gurland was a cosmopolitan woman and a wonderful homemaker. She was a voracious reader, who also enjoyed going to the theater as well as museums. Her hobbies included knitting and embroidery and she also enjoyed dancing and walking. Alice Louise Gurland is survived by her daughter, Elisabeth Smoot and son in law Steven, grandson Aaron and great-grandson Noah. LeRoy J. Neideigh; Mary Kathryn Bear; Marguarette Y. "Marge" Benyak; Leah M. Balmer; Miriam Lowell Nolan; Raymond E. Pickel; Amos B. Dommel; Walter E. Brian; Chester J. Haas
Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster, PA - March 14, 2005

Rev. Willy J. DeCRAEMER, 79, of Merion, a retired University of Pennsylvania associate professor who studied social change in the former Belgian Congo, died of complications of Parkinson's disease Thursday at Manressa Hall, a Jesuit nursing facility in Merion. Father DeCraemer joined the Penn faculty in 1974. After retiring in 1991, he traveled to Japan and studied Japanese society and the language. Renee Fox, former head of the sociology department at Penn, said Father DeCraemer enjoyed traveling to learn about other cultures and had friends all over the world and from every walk of life. A native of Kortrijk, Belgium, Father DeCraemer joined the Jesuit order in Belgium in 1944 and was ordained a priest in 1957. In the 1950s, he earned a bachelor's degree from Berchmans College in Belgium and taught children of civil servants in the Belgian Congo, now Zaire. Father DeCraemer earned a master's degree in sociology from Fordham University in 1962. In the early 1970s, he taught at York University in Toronto and earned a doctorate in sociology from Harvard. Father DeCraemer is survived by sisters Maria DePaepe and Godelieve Vantamme; and brothers Anton and Daniel DeCraemer. A Funeral Mass will be said at 7:30 p.m. today at Old St. Joseph's Church, 321 Willings Alley, Philadelphia. Friends may call from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Manressa Hall, 261 City Ave., Merion. Burial will be in SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Marple Township. - [The Philadelphia Inquirer, \(PA\) - April 5, 2005](#)

Blanche E. DAVIS, 75, of Charleroi, died Wednesday, May 4, 2005 in her home. She was born July 19, 1929 in Kannapolis, N.C., the daughter of the late Charles and Virginia Hutto. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Belgian Club and American Legion Club, all in Charleroi. Surviving are her husband, Harry M. Davis Jr.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Denise E. and John Ford of Monongahela and Nadine D. and Dr. Scott L. Baron of Venetia; five grandchildren, John I. Ford II, George H. Watkins Jr., Bridget Trader, Valisa Villers and Selina Ford; six great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Kayla, Jeffrey, Nathaniel, Jordan and Zane; five brothers, Grady and Edward Hutto, both of Portsmouth, Va., Charlie Hutto of Chesapeake, Va., Robert Hutto of Churchland, Va., and Dave Hutto of Chesapeake, Va.; and one sister, Virginia Grizzard of Portsmouth, Va.; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Harry M. Davis III; and two brothers and one sister. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Services will be held in the funeral home on Saturday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Bruce Northey, officiating. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. - [The Valley Independent - 6 May 2005](#)

Arthur A. VINCK was born June 5, 1924 at Jeannette, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Arnold E. VINCK and Helen M. CRAFT VINCK. Arthur passed away Sunday, July 24, 2005, at South Crest Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, following an extended battle with heart disease. He was 81 years of age. Arthur moved to Bixby in 2003 to be near family, after residing in Okmulgee for 49 years. He, his wife and oldest daughter moved to Okmulgee, Oklahoma in 1954, where he worked as a glasscutter for over 20 years. Arthur retired from Braden Carco Gearmatic in January 1900. Arthur was in the Navy from 1941-1945. His last service was as Quartermaster Second Class aboard the U. S. S. Serene. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Raymond and Harold, a sister, Ethel and his wife, Ruth in 1998. Arthur is survived by: Three daughters, Diane SELPH & husband Jim, Sheryl BAILEY, Kathy CHAMBERS & husband Dan, all of Bixby, OK; one brother, Roger A. VINCK of Rancho Murieta, CA; five grandchildren, Angela BAILEY of Charleston, SC, Allison BAILEY, Brent SELPH, Rachel CHAMBERS and Kristin CHAMBERS OWENS & husband Luke, all of Bixby, OK. There are two great-grandchildren, Xavier Glenn and Steve SELPH.

*From the online listings of Bixby Funeral service.

http://www.bixbyfuneralservice.com/UltimateTributes/find_a_tribute.asp

John W. CENIS, 54, of Irwin, died Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005, at his home. He was born Sept. 2, 1950, in Greensburg, a son of the late Allan E. and Margaret G. Cunkelman Cenis. He was a 1968 graduate of Norwin High School, where he was active in band and chorus. Mr. Cenis was a self-employed registered locksmith and a retired head custodian in the maintenance department of Norwin High School. He was a member of the Norwin Alliance Church, North Huntingdon, past grandmaster of Odd Fellows Lodge, Adamsburg, and an avid fisherman who enjoyed the outdoors, boating and camping. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Joyce L. Anderson Cenis, of Irwin; a brother, Allan E. Cenis and his wife, Rose, of Washington, Pa.; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Herbert and Marion Anderson, of North Irwin. Friends will be received from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, the time of services, at the Norwin Alliance Church, North Huntingdon, with the Rev. Robert Daniels officiating. Interment will follow in Irwin Union Cemetery, North Huntingdon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, PA Division Inc., Southwest Region, 320 Bilmar Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4620. WILLIAM SNYDER FUNERAL HOME, 521 Main St., Irwin, in charge of arrangements. - [Valley Independent \(Aug/16/2005\)](#)

Fred BERNOSKI of Middleburg, Belgium, entered into eternal life June 10, 2005, in Oostende, Belgium. Born in Hazleton, he was the son of the late Alexander and Anna (Resuta) Bernoski. He was a graduate of Hazleton High School Class of 1953. He also attended Penn State University, graduating as an electrical engineer. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he served in Korea during the Korean conflict. Prior to retiring, he was a pilot for both commercial and cargo airlines in the United States and Europe. Preceding him in death, in addition to his parents, were a brother, Robert, and his twin brother, Frank. He is survived by sisters, Alice Jemo, of Hazleton, and Barbara (Joseph) Wojcik, of New Castle, Del. Also surviving is his loving companion, Mieke Provoost, of Middleburg, Belgium. A number of nieces and nephews also survive. Burial services were held in Middleburg, Belgium. A memorial service will be held in Hazleton at a time to be announced. [Standard-Speaker, Hazleton, PA - October 4, 2005](#)

Joseph F. HUBINON, 93, of Charleroi, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, in Mon Valley Hospital. He was born Oct. 16, 1911, in Charleroi, a son of the late **Frank Jr.** and **Guillemine Falise Hubinon**. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the First United Methodist Men, a 50-year (life) member and past president of the Charleroi Volunteer Fire Department, a 50-year

(life) member and Past Noble Grand of the I.O.O.F. Lodge 1030, all of Charleroi, and the Clowns of America. Mr. Hubinon retired from the Authority of the Borough of Charleroi (water department). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Caroline Paxton Hubinon, on March 19, 1996. Friends will be received Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME INC., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be held Friday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Bruce Northey officiating. Interment will be in Charleroi Cemetery. The Valley Independent, Oct 6, 2005, Monessen, PA

Daniel G. KROH, 55, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., died Sunday in Ft. Lauderdale. Born Nov. 4, 1950, in Brussels, Belgium, he was the son of Dean F. and Esther Galbraith Kroh. Mr. Kroh is survived by his parents of Cabot; two sons, Daniel O. Kroh of Chatham, Va., and Karl F. Kroh of Port au Prince, Haiti; two brothers, David K. Kroh of Wexford and Dean K. Kroh of Crafton, and a sister, Mrs. Gray (June) Kershner of Grants, N.M. KROH - Private services for Daniel G. Kroh, who died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, were held at the FOX FUNERAL HOME, Saxonburg. Burial was in the Saxonburg Memorial Church Cemetery. Memorial donations maybe made to the Great Commission Fund C/O Freeport Road Alliance Church, 516 Freeport Road, Butler, PA 16002. Please sign the guest book at www.butlereagle.com. Butler Eagle (PA) - December 9, 2005

Roland J. VanVARENBERG, 71, of North Charleroi, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, in Mon Valley Hospital. He was born Aug. 5, 1934, in North Charleroi, the son of the late Leon and Helen Kayser VanVarenberg. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and American Legion Post 801, both in Roscoe, Allenport Rod and Gun Club, and the Belgian and Italia Unita clubs, both in Charleroi. Roland was a U.S. Army veteran and was retired from the Allenport Plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel. Surviving are his wife, Edith Santo VanVarenberg; one brother and sister-in-law, Leon and Amber VanVarenberg, of Florida; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joanne and James Oates, of Roscoe, and Carolee and Raymond Wisneski, of Florida; his father- and mother-in-law, Andrew and Charlotte Santo, of Roscoe; and several nieces and nephews. There will be no public visitation. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are being handled by the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, Charleroi. South Hills Record (Dec/9/2005) – Tarentum, PA

Robert William HAYS, 59, of Butler died Saturday at his home. Born July 10, 1946, in Antwerp, **Belgium**, he was the son of the late George and the late Maria Verbeek Hays. He had been a bartender at the Keffalas' and Elks. He also had been a dishwasher at Natili North. Surviving are a stepdaughter, Lisa Martinkovich of Butler; a brother, Donald Richard Hays of **Belgium**; a half-sister, Mrs. William (Connie) Huffman of Butler; a half-brother, Kenneth P. Hays; and his stepmother, Lottie T. Hays of Butler. HAYS - Private services and burial have been held for Robert William Hays, who died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005. Arrangements were handled by YOUNG FUNERAL HOME, and information is available at www.youngfuneralhomes.com Please sign the guest book at www.butlereagle.com. - Butler Eagle (PA) - December 14, 2005

Juliette M YODER, 89, of Pine Grove, died Thursday, Feb. 24, in Schoolyard Square, Pine Grove, where she had been a resident for the past two years. Born in Belgium, Dec. 18, 1916, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Ernestinne Henrotin Pirlot. She was a long-time member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Pine Grove, and had been a homemaker. Preceding her in death were her husband, Albert F. Yoder Sr., on Dec. 23, 1985; a daughter, Jean Marie Raskin; a granddaughter, Mandy S. Pillar, on July 25, 1999, a great-grandson, Austin Hepler, on July 17, 2002; and two brothers, Fernand Pirlot and Charles Pirlot. She is survived by two daughters, Jeannine Nagle, Pine Grove, and Georgette Pillar, Tower City; two sons, Albert Yoder, Good Springs, and Charles Yoder, Pine Grove; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 27, in H.L. Snyder Funeral Home Inc., Pine Grove, with Dr. Richard W. Schoenleber officiating. Interment was in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Pine Grove. The family would prefer donations be given to either St. Peter's Lutheran Church memorial fund, 312 S. Tulpehocken St., Pine Grove, PA 17963, or to the Mandy S. Pillar Scholarship Fund, c/o Jolene D. Smith, Williams Valley School District, 10330 State Route 209, Tower City, PA 17980. The Citizen-Standard, Valley View, PA - April 5, 2006

Arthur Curten FREUND, of Wallingford, Pa., passed away on March 3 2006. Born in Brussels Belgium, Oct. 20, 1959, son of Richard B. and Julie Juhlin-Dannfelt Freund. After a child-hood in Kenya, Washington, DC and New Hope, he graduated from The George School and Guilford College (Class of 1981). In 1996 he completed paralegal training while pursuing a career in the mortgage and real estate industries. For many years he had been committed to a self-help program battling addiction, always ready to help anyone in need and serving as both chapter and regional district representative. He also loved backpacking, camping, hiking and photography. He leaves his brother Eric Freund of Garland TX; half-brother Nicholas Deane, of Boston MA; half-sister Katherine Robinson Schubart of Hinesburg VT; aunts and an uncle in Stureförs, Sweden; and six nieces and nephews. Friends will be welcome at a Memorial Service this Saturday, April 8th, 11 A.M. at Old St. David's Episcopal Church, 763 South Valley Forge Rd., in Wayne PA. - The Philadelphia Inquirer, (PA) and Philadelphia Daily News (PA) - April 5, 2006

Clovis F. OBERMESSER, a Belgium native who was recruited by Westinghouse Electric Corp. after World War II and eventually rose to become president of the company's Asia Pacific division, died of lung cancer Monday at his home in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County. Mr. Obermesser, 81, spent more than 30 years with Westinghouse before retiring in 1987. His tenure included stints in Europe, New Jersey and Pittsburgh covering a range of positions from working on control systems in nuclear power plants to managing the company's elevator division and serving as vice president of the Middle East and Africa regions. His career was preceded by a tumultuous childhood. Mr. Obermesser lived in China for several years because of his father's work in the coal mining industry. After his father died there, the boy returned to Belgium. He was living with his grandparents when World War II started. At

17, he was sent with other youth from occupied territories to Nazi-controlled Germany where he spent more than two years doing forced labor, according to his wife, Madeleine Obermesser. After the war, he returned to Belgium, married and plunged into a pattern of work and study. He earned his bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the University Paul Pasteur in Charleroi, Belgium, mainly by working during the days and taking classes at night. He juggled school and work again when he came to the United States and earned a master of science in electrical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in 1955 while also working at Westinghouse, said Mrs. Obermesser. The Pitt school of engineering gave him a distinguished alumnus award in 1987. After his retirement, the couple split their time between Pennsylvania and a home in Naples, Fla. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Myriam Kutscher of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.; Chantal Weinhold of Montauk, N.Y., and Christine McCarty M.D., of Elizabethtown; and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be private. The family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society, the University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering, 240 Benedum Hall, Pittsburgh 15261 or the charity of choice.

Clovis F. Obermesser who held a number of management positions during his 32 year career at Westinghouse, including the position of President, Far East, passed away at his home in Elizabethtown, PA on May 8, 2006. Clovis and his wife of 60 years, Madeleine also made their home in Naples, FL. Clovis was born on April 7, 1925 in Forchies La Marche, Belgium. Early in his life he spent eight years in China where his father was a missionary. His father is buried in China. During the Second World War Clovis was detained as a prisoner by the Nazi German regime. After his release from prison of war camp he attended the University Paul Pasteur in Charleroi, Belgium graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. From 1952 to 1955 he worked as a technical representative for Ateliers de Constructions Electrique de Charleroi. In 1955 Clovis was recruited by Westinghouse Electric Corporation during a period called the "brain drain" when many outstanding European Engineers were recruited to come to the United States. In 1955 he began work at the Westinghouse Atomic Power Division working principally on control systems for nuclear power plants. As a result of his outstanding technical work he was promoted to various management positions in the Atomic Power Division and was recognized as a true pioneer in the development of nuclear energy. In 1963 Clovis was named General Manager, Welcosa, an elevator plant and Westinghouse subsidiary in Liege, Belgium a position he was well suited for and for which his native tongue, French, was a huge asset. Clovis spoke three languages fluently, French, English and Spanish and was also able to communicate effectively in German and Italian. In 1966 he was made General Manager of all Westinghouse European Elevator Operations and in 1970 Vice President and General Manager of the Westinghouse Elevator Division in Jersey City, NJ. He continued in this position until 1974 when he was named Vice President and assistant to the Executive Vice President of World Regions. In 1975 he became Vice President, Middle East and Africa Region, in 1977 Vice President of Power Systems International and in 1979 Corporate Vice President and President, Far East for Westinghouse, the position he retired from in 1987. Clovis was highly recognized for his international knowledge. Among other acknowledgments of his capabilities he was appointed to the Board of Builders, Owners and Manufacturing Association which has over 5,000 members. He was also a key sub-committee member of the Federal Government Export Committee. Mr. Obermesser was a past member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He was a member of the Club of Pelican Bay in Naples, FL and on the Board of the Condominium Association where he lived in Florida. He was also an Emeritus Board member of the School of Engineering Board of Visitors at the University of Pittsburgh where he received a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1955. Clovis was very active at the University of Pittsburgh, serving as a Phonathon Worker, an Alumni Association Member, the School of Engineer Alumni Representative in 1985 to 1986, and the Engineering Alumni Association, Senior Vice President 1983 to 1984, Secretary 1982 to 1983 and Treasurer 1983 to 1984. In 1987 he was honored by the University and named the recipient of the School of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award. Clovis is survived by his wife Madeleine; three daughters and their husbands, Myriam Kutscher (Bob), Chantal Weinhold (Paul) and Christine McCarty, M.D. (Don); and four grandchildren, Andrew Kutscher, Ryan Kutscher, Patrick McCarty and Lauren McCarty. Funeral Services will be private. The family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society, the University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering, 240 Benedum Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15261 or the charity of choice.

Naples Daily News (FL) - Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Louise Stickler, 96, died at 2:40 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2006, at York Hospital. She was the widow of Charles E. Stickler who died in 1978. Born January 20, 1910, in Belgium, she was the daughter of the late Edmond and Louisa (Depasse) Deschamps. Mrs. Stickler was a member of Mount Pisgah Trinity United Methodist Church and was active in all of the churches she attended throughout her life. Surviving are sons, Gerald H. 'Jerry' and his wife, Sharon Stickler of Wrightsville, and Charles L. and his wife, Connie Stickler of Punta Gorda, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-greatgrandson. Louise was preceded in death by four children, Clara Mae Zimmerman, Cherie Y. Switzler, Georgann Stopp, and Boyd Stickler. A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Etzweiler Funeral Home, Inc., 700 Hellam St., Wrightsville, with her pastor, the Rev. Richard L. Bowers, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Patton. A visitation will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Pisgah Trinity United Methodist Church, 5615 Mount Pisgah Road, York, PA 17406. www.etzweiler.com - York Sunday News (PA) - May 28, 2006

It is with deep sorrow that the family announces the passing of **Dorothy Elizabeth Krukiel** peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, September 6, 2006. She was a warm and loving person who brightened the lives of all she met. She was born September 20, 1921, in Shinnston, West Virginia, the daughter of Hector and Augusta H. Wery. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Arthur H. Wery; grandparents, Pierre and Pauline Dumont Paquet, natives of Jumet, Belgium; and husband, Edward Krukiel. She was a 1940 graduate of Charleston High School and a graduate of Morris Harvey College. She worked for many years in the West Virginia Tax Department before moving to Houston, Texas, in 1972, where she and her husband, Ed retired. She is survived by her daughters, Beth and Tucker Moseley of Jacksonville, Fla., Paula and Gary Inclan of Longwood, Fla., and Carolyn and Paul Hall of

Scott Depot, W.Va.; stepchildren, Charles "Chic" and Jan Krukiel of Wilmington, Del., Susan and Jack Tourtillotte of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Eric and Tammy Krukiel of Chesterfield, Va., Jeff Krukiel of Beaumont, Texas, and Marjorie and Bob Fitton of St. Cloud, Fla. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. The family would like to extend a special heartfelt thank you to Joyce Harper, Sylvia Woodcock, and Claire Burgess. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 8, at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home, 111 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Fla. Funeral services in celebration of her life will be held at 1p.m. Saturday at Baldauff Family Funeral Home, 1233 Saxon Blvd., Orange City, Fla., with visitation prior from noon until the hour of service. "But oh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is stilled."

Charleston Daily Mail (WV) - Friday, September 8, 2006

Frances Rousseau Filson Lacey, 91, of York, formerly of Elizabeth, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, in the Dallastown (Pa.) Nursing Center. She was born Oct. 3, 1914, in Kittanning, a daughter of the late Joseph and Mona Shelton Rousseau. Mrs. Lacey was a graduate of California State Teachers College and a member of its Alumni Association and the Pennsylvania and National Education associations. She was a favorite teacher of many generations of Elizabeth Elementary students. She retired as a teacher from the Elizabeth Forward School District with 39 years of service. After retirement she became an avid oil painting artist. Mrs. Lacey was a member of the Elizabeth United Methodist Church and the Clairton Senior Citizens and AARP. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Lacey. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Robert Daugherty, of Apollo Beach, Fla., and Marie and James Donnelly, of York; a sister, Mona Spegele, of Cape May Point, N.J.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and her former husband, John Filson. Friends will be received Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the PAUL E. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME, 221 Second St., Elizabeth. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Ronald C. Lindahl officiating. Interment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to: Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 317 Second St., Elizabeth, Pa. 15037. www.bekavacfuneralhome.com - <http://www.webcemeteries.com/bellevernon/Obit.asp>

York Daily Record (PA) - Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Dr. Elaine C. Condon, 81, of Bethlehem, died Thursday, September 28, 2006 in her home. She was born in Belgium on October 14, 1924. Paul, her husband of 25 years, died in 1995. As a young woman Eliane worked in the resistance movement in Belgium against the Nazis. She was the valedictorian of her high school class. Eliane graduated Summa Cum Laude from Harvard and Columbia Universities with her masters and doctorate degrees in education. She was a foremost authority in language education. She was the Director of Ethnic Studies of Language Education at Rutgers University in N.J. Eliane was appointed by several governors to the New Jersey Ethnic Advisory Council. She was a world lecturer and author on bilingual and bicultural education. Eliane was an advocate for preventive health care and wellness. Following her husband's death, she educated herself in the treatment therapies for cancer to aid and help those suffering from the disease. She was generous with her resources toward the needy. Eliane was in the process of completing her doctorate in Naturopathy. In retirement she pursued her mission around the world benefiting mankind. She was a gifted lecturer and speaker. She was a member of Holy Infancy Catholic Church. Survivors: Her dear friends, Drs. Zal and Josefina Velez of West Orange, N.J., Anthony Velez, Mary Jo Velez and many friends. Services: 10 a.m. Saturday, October 7, in the church, 312 East Fourth Street, Bethlehem. You may call 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, October 6, in the Snyder-Hinkle & Lunsford Funeral Home, 527 Center Street, Bethlehem, 18018. Please sign Guest Book on mcall.com/obits

Morning Call, The (Allentown, PA) - October 2, 2006

Janine Louise Marchal Florek, worked for Kaiser Aluminum MCKEAN - Janine Louise Marchal Florek, 77, of McKean, died Friday, October 20, 2006 at St. Vincent Health Center. She was born in Namur, Belgium on March 17, 1929, the daughter of the late Jean and Helene Neuville Marchal. She completed high school in Belgium before coming to the U.S., then attended Erie Business College. For 30 years, she worked for Kaiser Aluminum of Erie as a purchasing Agent. Preceding her in death was her sister, Marie Therese Marchal. Survivors include her loving husband of 49 years, Louis J. Florek; two brothers, Andre` Marchal, his wife, Mary Lou, and Francis Marchal and his wife, Shirley, all of Millcreek; also many nieces and nephews. Friends may call Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Glunt Funeral Home, 210 Erie St., Edinboro, an Independent Care Group Affiliate. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 8880 W. Main St., McKean, with Fr. Thomas Hoderny officiating. Burial will be in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in McKean. Memorials may be made to the McKean Hose Company, 5011 School St., Box 241, McKean, PA 16426. To send condolences please visit www.icgerie.com. Sign the guestbook at www.GoErie.com/obits. Erie Times-News (PA) - October 21, 2006

Elise Gregg, 83, of Cranberry Township, formerly of Millstone Township in Elk County and Warren, Pa., died Sunday, at her home. Born Nov. 9, 1923, in Genk, Belgium, she was the daughter of Petrus and Rosina Steyfkens VandeBosch. She was a member of St. Ferdinand Catholic Church, Cranberry Township. Mrs. Gregg enjoyed knitting, crocheting, doing word search puzzles and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She retired as a packaging clerk at Blair Co. in Warren. She is survived by a son, Pierre C. Gregg and his wife, Jacqueline, of Bradford; a daughter, Rosina E. Pierce of Cranberry Township; three grandchildren, Brian and Bradley Gregg and Bobbie Siegfried; and five great-grandchildren, Amanda, Cody and Logan Siegfried, Nathan Haser and Carson Gregg. She also is survived by an aunt, nieces, nephews and cousins in Belgium. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl E. Gregg, who died March 8, 1964; a brother, Hubert VandeBosch; and a grandson, James Carl Gregg. GREGG - Friends of Elise Gregg, who died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Glenn-Kildoo Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 130 Wisconsin Ave., Cranberry Township. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church, 2535 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township. Burial will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary

Cemetery, Brookville. Memorial donations may be made to the A.L.S. Association of Western Pennsylvania, One Station Square Drive, Suite 550, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; or the American Heart Association, 10 Duff Road, Suite 304, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Online condolences and directions are available at www.glennkildoofuneralhome.com. Please sign the guest book at www.butlereagle.com.
Butler Eagle (PA) - Tuesday, November 21, 2006

Frederik J. Saenen, 62, of 332 N. Mary St., Lancaster, died Wednesday, April 18, at Lancaster General Hospital. He was married 20 years this past October to Donna L. Ware Saenen. Born October 11, 1944 in Antwerp, Belgium he was the son of the late Eguidius and Maria Verachart Saenen. Mr. Saenen was a cabinetmaker who was employed by Fisher's Millwork until the time of his illness. Earlier he had worked at J.C. Snavely's and H. M. Stauffer and Sons. He had served in the Belgium Army for two years and was a member of the American Legion Post #34. His interests included bowling, woodworking and oil and water color painting. Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Wayne W. Saenen of Neshkoro, WI, Michel Saenen and Yvan Saenen both of Belgium; a daughter Marleen wife of Frank Goris of Belgium; a granddaughter Chelsey Goris of Belgium; a sister Rosa wife of Jack Redman of Canada; and a sister-in-law Lea Ware of Lancaster. In celebration of Freddy's life, a gathering will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2007 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at his home at 332 N. Mary St., Lancaster, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. Saenen's memory may be made to the Angels Among Us Relay for Life Team (Checks made payable to the American Cancer Society) P.O. Box 10396, Lancaster, PA 17605. Arrangements by the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home. For other information or to send a condolence to the family, visit our website at www.kearneyasnryderfuneralhome.com
Intelligencer Journal (Lancaster, PA) - Thursday, April 19, 2007

Yvette Delzandre Michel (néé **Delzandre**), 76, of West Grove, died May 13 at Jennersville Regional Hospital. She was the wife of Octave Michel with whom she shared 59 years of marriage.. Born in Haine St. Pierre, Belgium, she was the daughter of the late Delphine Outelet and Antoine Delzandre. She was a nurse but left her mark on the world as a seamstress. In addition to her husband, she is survived by: one son, Jerry A. Michel of West Grove and their children Hanna, Daniel and Alan; and several nieces and nephews in Belgium. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on June 2 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Doe Run Road and Rt. 82 in Unionville. Memorial contributions may be made to Herkimer County Humane Society, P.O. Box 73, Mohawk, NY 13407. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.griecofuneralhomes.com.
Avon Grove Sun (PA) - May 17, 2007

Joan A. Croyle, 73, of Indiana, died Saturday, May 26, 2007, at Indiana Regional Medical Center, Indiana. She was a daughter of Amile J. and Emma (Smith) Gainvors and was born April 8, 1934, in Hastings. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Butler. She is survived by a daughter, Brenda Graham and husband William J., of Midland, Texas; grandchildren, Christy and Jennifer; a son, William and wife Dana, of Brush Valley; grandchildren, Billy and Dale; a great-grandson, Gabriel; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Leroy, in 1983; a sister, Rose Marie Samuels; two brothers, Paul and JR Gainvors; and a granddaughter, Samantha Graham. Friends will be received at the C. Frederick Bowser Funeral Home, Homer City, from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday with Brian Yeager and Sergio Imbarlina officiating. Interment will follow in the Antis Cemetery, Pine Croft Township.
Indiana Gazette, Indiana, Pennsylvania – 31 May 2007

William F. Good of Chestnut Hill, born in Antwerp, Belgium, Feb. 24, 1912, died at The Hill at Whitmarsh on Feb. 16, 2008. Mr. Good came to the United States in 1937 with Gulf Oil Corp., served in the O.S.S. (Officers Strategic Service) during W.W. II, worked for Bunge Corp., Antwerp Naval Stores, and later founded a sheet metal business in Phila. He is survived by his wife Linette (nee de Roeck), 3 sons Frederic, Daniel and Michael, 6 grandchildren and a great grandson. A Memorial Funeral Mass will be held at Our Mother of Consolation Church, 9 E. Chestnut Hill Ave., Fri., Feb. 22 at 10 A.M. Interment was private at Holy Sepulchre Cem. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Catholic Charities, 222 N. 17th St., Phila., PA 19103. (JACOB F. RUTH)
The Philadelphia Inquirer, (PA) and Philadelphia Daily News (PA) - February 20, 2008

Henriette Ann Buck, 94, died March 21, 2008 at the Mennonite Home, 1520 Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster, PA. Her husband, George A. Buck, predeceased her in 1973. Henny, as she preferred to be called, was born in Brussels, Belgium on January 11, 1914. She was the only child of Gaston and Anna Ansell. Sunday News (Lancaster, PA) - March 23, 2008

Indrid Karine Georgette Vogel song, 62, of 4720 East Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, died Wednesday night at the Tate Foundation Chesapeake Hospice House in Linthicum, Maryland, after a battle with cancer. She was born in Oostende, Belgium, October 17, 1945, to the late Emilius Oscar Hallemeesch and Germaine Irene Hallemeesch (nee Blomme), and had lived in Mechanicsburg since 1991. She was previously married to David Vogel song of Mechanicsburg, and moved there when he retired from the Air Force. She worked at various times during his military career for the Department of Defense, Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Michigan Public School System, Carlisle Barracks Officers Club, The Colony House Restaurant, and Bob Evans. She was a devoted Mother, a lover of animals, and an advocate for animal rights. She is survived by a daughter, Tracy LG Weiss of Linthicum, Maryland; and a niece, Brigitte Vianne-Beauprez of Oostende, Belgium. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Raymond, and her sisters, Georgette, Simone, and Gilbert. There will be no service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of the Harrisburg Area Inc. www.humanesocietyhbg.org www.pennlive.com/obits
The Patriot-News, (Harrisburg, PA) - June 1, 2008

Leon J. BALZA, 85, of Ohioville, passed away Saturday evening, August 2, 2008, at The Medical Center, Beaver, following a brief illness. Born October 10, 1922 in Sands Springs, OK, he was a son of the late Jules and Mary Schroeder Balza and had been a resident of Ohioville since 1977. A proud veteran of the U.S. Army, he had served with an artillery unit in the South Pacific during World War II. He retired from Armco Steel in Ambridge after over 30 years. Preceding him in death was his beloved wife of nearly 61 years, Ruth Balza, on December 14, 2007, and three sisters, Mildred Iben, Ethel Lloyd, and Marie Knox. Leon's passion was his family and he will be sadly missed by those he loved, including his son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Jane Balza, Fountain Valley, CA; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and John Dawson, with whom he had resided, and Sandy and Terry Lukens, Temecula, CA; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jeff (Jennifer) Rice, Las Vegas, NV; Jaime (Donald) Martin, Check, VA; Jody (Matt, USMC) Callen USMC; Kevin (Laura) Lukens, Carlsbad, CA, and Brian Lukens, of California, and six great-grandchildren, Ruth, Donald, Andrew, and Marybeth Martin, Annabelle Lukens, and Tyler Penkalski. As per his wishes, cremation services will be conducted by the NOLL FUNERAL HOME, INC., 333 Third St, (724) 728-5171. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date at the Beaver Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made, if desired, in Leon's name to a charity of your choice.
[Allegheny Times \(Coraopolis, PA\) - Monday, August 4, 2008](#)

ANGELA SOBETSKY, 79, a longtime resident of Upper Gwynedd, passed away Sept. 28, 2008 in Abington Memorial Hospital. She had been married to the late Frank J. Sobetsky. Born in **Belgium**, she was the daughter of the late Jan and Maria (Doms) Van den Broeck. She will be remembered as a very devoted and loving mother to her six children. Mrs. Sobetsky was a member of St. Stanislaus Church. Surviving are three sons and two daughters, Ronald Sobetsky and his wife, Karen, of Hatfield, Vivian Eddis of Lansdale, Frank Sobetsky and his wife, Jayne, of Hatfield, Michael Sobetsky and his wife, Jonnie, of Easton and Teresa Sobetsky of Collegville; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother in Red Hill; and six sisters in **Belgium**. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert "Bobby" Sobetsky, Sept. 1, 2006; and a brother. Relatives and friends may greet the family Wednesday, Oct. 1, between 10:15 and 10:45 in St. Stanislaus Church, Lansdale and are invited to attend her Funeral Mass at 11 A.M. Interment will be in St. John Neumann Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Ken-Crest Employenet, 21 Robinson St. Pottstown, PA 19464. [The Reporter, Lansdale, PA - September 29, 2008](#)

Louise NICKERSON of Bristol Township died peacefully Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, at Attleboro Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Langhorne. She was 86. Louise was born in Belgium, where she met her husband of many years, Theodore Nickerson, who was a U.S. soldier stationed in Brussels, during World War II. She lived in Bristol Township most of her life, before moving to Attleboro. Louise enjoyed cooking, baking, knitting and sewing. She worked for the Bristol Township School District in the kitchen at Delhaas High School, which she very much enjoyed. Later in life, she taught line dancing at the Fairless Hills Senior Center. She was a member of the Golden Marks Club and St. Mark Church. Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore, and is survived by four children, Joseph Nickerson, Lisa Story, Kathy O'Donnell (DiClementi) and her husband, Dominic, and Diane Nickerson. She also is survived by five grandchildren, Joe and Elizabeth Nickerson, Jason O'Donnell, Heather Story and Amy Nickerson. She was sadly preceded in death by her beloved grand-daughter, Ashley Nickerson, in 2004. The family would like to thank the staff at Attleboro Nursing and Rehab Center, who provided loving care to our mother. We will be forever grateful for the kindness and quality of care she received. Her funeral services and interment will be held privately. Wade Funeral Home, Bristol Borough www.wadefh.com
[Bucks County Courier Times \(Levittown, PA\) - December 17, 2008](#)

Alice E. WEINELT, 87, of the Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, died on Wednesday, February 4. Her parents emigrated from Belgium in 1919 and Alice was born on Nov. 2, 1921 in Philadelphia. In 1941, Alice married Bill Lambert, who served in the US Army, and after the war, they opened a beer distribution business. Bill passed away on May 4th, 1982. He left two children, Alice and Elenor. On October 1, 1983, a new life began when she married Martin who had four children: Brigitte, Peter, Eric and Debra. Surviving in addition to her husband and six children are 14 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild. She loved to babysit and her family was the most important part of her life. In 25 years of marriage, she and her husband traveled around the world. Alice will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her Life Celebration Funeral Service on Monday at 12 Noon from the John F. Givnish Funeral Home, 10975 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Interment will be in Forest Hills Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 A.M. Monday until 12 Noon at the funeral home.
www.lifecelebration.com [Bucks County Courier Times \(Levittown, PA\) - December 17, 2008](#)

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Jef Collings, 70, of Sint-Martens-Voeren, Belgium, died Tuesday in Belgium after an illness. He was born Feb. 4, 1939, in Belgium and was the son of Henri and Marie Brenenraad Collings. He retired from the home construction business, where he was self-

employed. He is survived by his wife Nettie; a daughter, Nadane Gregoire of Holland; two sons, Raymond and Jean-Claude Collings of Belgium; two sisters, Mrs. Emily Porneluzi of Newhaven Court in Butler, formerly of Prospect and Caroline Van-Wissen of Holland; and six grandchildren. COLLINGS Funeral services for Jef Collings, who died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, will be Saturday in Belgium. Please sign the guest book at www.butlereagle.com. - Butler Eagle (PA) - September 18, 2009

Elizabeth Ann YARNELL, 81, of Vienna passed away Sept. 21, 2009, at the Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston. She was born May 12, 1928, in Cambridge, Ohio, a daughter of the late Maurice E. and Mamie Masquiere Lagneaux. Elizabeth was retired from Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council (M.O.V.R.C.), where she was a program manager. She was a member of the Wayside United Methodist Church and enjoyed reading, traveling and socializing. Elizabeth is survived by her four children, Sally (David) Bond of Litchfield, Ariz., Jerry (Mary) Yarnell of Indianapolis, Ind., Teresa (Wayne) Satterfield of Parkersburg and Jackie (Alan) Eaton of Gainesville, Ga.; one sister, Anita (Don) Humphery of Byesville, Ohio; one brother, Merle (Georgianna) Lagneaux of Bloomington, Ind.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; friends at Pleasantview Towers, Dot Butcher and Jackie and Wayne Longmire; and Karen Matthews and friends at M.O.V.R.C. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, E.W. Wally Yarnell on June 24, 1984. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Wayside United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. T. Patrick Kerr and the Rev. Dr. Michael Richards officiating. Cremation services have been entrusted to the Lambert-Tatman Funeral and Cremation Services, Vienna. - Parkersburg News, Parkersburg, WV, Sep 22, 2009

Maria A. Remaley, 83, of North Huntingdon, formerly of Murrysville, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009. She was born Nov. 17, 1925, in Belgium, daughter of the late Cornelius and Josephina Dierckx DeLaet. She attended New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon, and was a member of the Penns Woods Seniors. She loved her family and friends, working outside in her yard, nature and dancing. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Y. Remaley, in 1983; and a son, Joseph R. Remaley, in 1994. Maria is survived by two daughters, Mary (Bill) Thomas, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Sheila (Cary) Good, of North Huntingdon; five grandchildren, Bill, Randy (Jean), Jeff (Lisa), Corey (Amanda) and Stacey (Tim); three great-grandchildren, Ian, Bryce and Jaycee; and two sisters, Marie Louise Van Boechel and Anne DeHoon, both of Belgium. Visitation from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the HART FUNERAL HOME INC., Murrysville. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Janet Reid officiating. Interment will follow at Twin Valley Memorial Park, Delmont. Pittsburg Tribune Review - (Oct/18/2009)

BEUMARIAGE, Emil J of Finleyville, formerly of Baldwin, passed away May 13, 2013, age 93. Beloved husband of the late Mary (Soubeyrand) Beaumariage. Loving father of Gerry (Janet) Beaumariage and Mary Lou (James) Grim; cherished grandfather of Beth Gilmore, Jackie Dolanch, Dani Verno and Michelle Durham. Also survived by six great-grandchildren and one late great-granddaughter. Visitation will be held at JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC., 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pleasant Hills on Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. where a Funeral Service will be held on Thursday at 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers family suggests contributions be made to Family Hospice and Palliative Care, 50 Moffett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. www.jeffersonmemorialbiz - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, May 14- 15, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA