

# TEXAS-OBITS



Odessa American, The (TX) - Tuesday, January 12, 1999

**Amelia Maniez**, 89, a homemaker, passed away Sunday, Jan. 10, 1999, at home. She was born April 19, 1909, in Courcelles, Belgium. Amelia was the eldest of eight children born to Emile and Julia Maghe. She immigrated to the United States in 1912 at the age of 3. The family settled in Arma, Kan. Amelia married Kleber Maniez Sept. 26, 1926, in Girard, Kan. They moved to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas in 1928 where they farmed. Since 1956, she has resided in Odessa. She owned and operated Park Coffee Shop until her retirement in 1966. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emile and Julia Maghe; husband, Kleber Maniez; son, Alphonse Maniez; brother, Arthur Maghe; and sister, Louise Edwards. Survivors include her daughters, Maxine Sweatt and Linda Taylor and her husband, Michie, all of Odessa; seven grandchildren, Steven Maniez and wife, Mandy, of New Braunfels, Debra Halpain and husband, Tim, of Marble Falls, Jody Grizzard of Odessa, Melvin Sweatt and wife, Susan, of Grand Junction, Colo., Dennis Sweatt and wife Kathy, Shon Taylor and Nicole West, all of Odessa; 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; brother, Joseph Maghe of Franklin, Kan.; sisters: Rebecca Layton of Grove, Okla., Flora Vena of Frontenac, Kan., Lena Haynes of Salina, Kan., and Arlene Oehme of Pittsburg, Kan. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1999, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Thorpe officiating. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Shon Taylor, Chad Maniez, Terry Halpain, Justin Boroff, Bobby Simpkins and Craig Lomax. Funeral arrangements are by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

The Eagle, (Bryan-College Station, TX) - Thursday, July 4, 2002

**SNOOK** — Graveside services for **Lya Lucy Brown**, 76, of Snook are set for 10 a.m. Friday at Fairview-White Hall Cemetery. The Rev. Edward C. Kucera Jr. of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Plantersville will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Nobles Funeral Chapel in Navasota. Mrs. Brown died Wednesday at St. Joseph Regional Health Center. She was born in Namur, Belgium, and lived in Snook for the past 16 years. She was a homemaker and a Catholic. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Brown. Survivors include a son, Edward Brown of San Angelo; a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Lester Bell of Anderson; three brothers and three sisters, all of Belgium; and one grandchild. Memorials may be made to the Building Fund at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Obituaries are printed in The Bryan-College Station Eagle as a free public service. The information is provided by the funeral home. More detailed obituaries may be printed for a fee through the advertising department.

Brazosport Facts, The (Clute, TX) - Thursday, April 17, 2003

**Hilda Collins**, 80, of Angleton, Texas, passed away Tuesday, April 15, 2003. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2003, at Palms Funeral Home Chapel in Angleton, Texas. Hilda was born in Antwerp, Belgium on December 27, 1922. She was a resident of Angleton since 1953 and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Her parents, Guillaume and Julia Meulemans precede her in death. Hilda is survived by her husband, Joe Collins of Angleton, Texas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 570127, Houston, Texas 77257-0127 or to your favorite charity. Arrangements by Palms Funeral Home in Angleton, Texas. 979-849-4343.

Dallas Morning News, The (TX) - October 17, 2005

**DENOLF, GEORGE T.**, 79, a loving father and doting grandfather, was born on September 21, 1926 and passed away on October 14, 2005 after a long, happy life and a short battle with leukemia. Prayer service: George's life will be celebrated 10 a.m. Tuesday in Arlington Chapel. Visitation: 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Arlington Funeral Home. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1311 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY 10605; American Cancer Society, 3301 West Frwy, Fort Worth 76107. George was born in Belgium and spent his early years in Detroit, Michigan. After he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he earned his degree in engineering from Wayne State University. He moved to Arlington, Texas in 1980 and retired from Vought in 1988. As a lifelong avid baseball fan, he worked at The Ballpark in Arlington from 1988 until April, 2005. George spent his vacations at Texas Rangers spring training in Florida for many years. He was known by all who met him for his infectious, friendly personality. Georges proudest achievement was his close and loving family. He was devoted to his wife of 51 years, Shirlee (1924-1999), and to his eight children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Arlington Funeral Home 1221 E. Division St. (817) 548-1791 OB6 Obituaries, Notices



**Rene Bauwens**

Born: January 26, 1926, in San Antonio  
Died: April 22, 2009, in San Antonio  
Military: Navy, 1944-46  
Preceded by: A brother, Avil; a sister, Yvonne Bauwens Verstuyft  
Survived by: His wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Janet Hayward of La Vernia, Karen Kirkham of Schertz and Pam Mitchell of San Antonio; a son, Ronnie of Adkins; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.  
Services: Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. today, with a rosary beginning at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Benedict Catholic Church.  
Rene Bauwens: Loved to work outside and spend time with his grandchildren.  
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### **Bauwens was original member of Belgian Club**

To help preserve the history and culture of Belgians in this area, a group of San Antonians, including World War II veteran Rene Bauwens, formed the **Belgian Club of Texas**<sup>1</sup>. Bauwens, who also served on that organization's board, died Wednesday of Parkinson's. He was 83. A native of San Antonio, Bauwens grew up on his parents' vegetable farm on what was then the northeast outskirts of the city. Now, the Splashtown water park sits near what used to be a stretch of Belgian farms. Bauwens worked on the family farm and went to school in what was then the small town of Kirby.

Like many in his generation, Bauwens signed up to help the American war effort, joining the Navy. He was stationed aboard the USS Whitley in the Pacific.

After the war, he came back home and worked in a civil service job as a supervisor in the electrical section at Kelly.

Beyond that job, he enjoyed working outside, raising rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens, as well as tending to his pecan trees and backyard.

Along the way, he joined other Belgians in creating the cultural club.

"They got together and wanted to form it and get the young ones involved," explained his son, Ronnie. By that time it was needed, his family said, because even though Belgians had been in San Antonio since the late 19th century, their contributions hadn't received much attention.

Originally, they owned vegetable farms, which grew into Belgian communities. Within a couple of generations, their descendants had assimilated.

To preserve Belgian history, heritage and culture in this area, the local descendants of those farmers decided to form an organization. They founded the Belgian Club of Texas in 1976, which participates every year in the **Texas Folklife Festival**<sup>2</sup>.

Not only was Bauwens one of the original members of the organization, he also served on the organization's executive board. A proud Belgian, he was proficient in Flemish, the Dutch spoken in Belgium. He also spoke Spanish and English.

He retired from Kelly in 1983. He and his wife, Dorothy, did some traveling, but he spent much of his time enjoying his grandchildren.

A few years after he retired, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's, but it wasn't severe until about 10 years ago. Even so, he tried to not let it get in his way. "He never thought of himself," his son said. "He thought of everybody else first."

[http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local\\_news/Bauwens\\_was\\_an\\_original\\_member\\_of\\_Belgian\\_Club\\_of\\_Texas.html](http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/Bauwens_was_an_original_member_of_Belgian_Club_of_Texas.html)

Fort Worth Star-Telegram (TX) - Sunday, August 5, 2007

COLLEYVILLE - Irene Mason, 91, passed away Friday, Aug. 3, 2007, in Grapevine. Funeral: 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel. Burial: Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home. Irene was born Jan. 14, 1916, in Belgium. She was in the Belgium Underground during World War II. She was a devout Catholic who enjoyed painting and knitting. She was involved in Sisters Abroad and many other community activities. Irene was preceded in death by her husband, William B. Mason. Survivors: Her sons, Phillip Mason and wife, Brenda, Ron Mason and wife, Nancy; grandson, Travis Mason and wife, Sarah; granddaughter, Karen Delcastillo and husband, Luis; grandson, Brian Mason; and six great-grandchildren. Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home Colleyville, 817-281-8751- View and sign guestbook at [www.star-telegram.com/](http://www.star-telegram.com/)

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.belgianamericancluboftexas.org/home/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.texasfolklifestival.org/menu.html>

Austin American-Statesman (TX) - Sunday, March 11, 2012

**Victorine (Vicky) Josephine Wile** of Cedar Park, Texas went to be with the Lord on 3 March 2012. Vicky was born in Angleur, Belgium. On New Year's Eve 1945 Vicky met a young US Army soldier, Albert L. Wile, whom she would fall in love with to become her forever faithful companion of sixty-six years. Vicky married Albert on 14 Dec 1946, left her beloved family in Belgium and arrived in the United States in April 1947 to be with her husband Al. Vicky became mom to 6 children and served as an Air Force Wife. The family ended up in San Antonio, Texas for her husband's final military assignment at Randolph AFB. With the children all a little older she took on her lifetime dream and became a Master Fitter/Alterations Seamstress at Joske's, Frost Brothers, and Lillie Rubin's. Vicky loved life her husband, her children and their families, as well as her Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. A visitation will be held Wednesday, 14 March 2012 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Colonial Funeral Home, and services will be held at the Chapel of Cornerstone Church, 18755 Stone Oak Parkway, San Antonio, Texas at 11:30 a.m. on 15 March. Graveside services and interment will be at Friday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Vicky was preceded in death by her beloved youngest son Gregory and granddaughter Laurie. She is survived by her husband Al Wile, sons Al and wife Nancy, Ron and wife Sandy, Gary and wife Laura, Marc and wife Debi and daughter Michele, 14 grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren, and several cousins remaining in Belgium. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Cornerstone Church in San Antonio. Please sign the guestbook at [www.colonialuniversal.com](http://www.colonialuniversal.com)