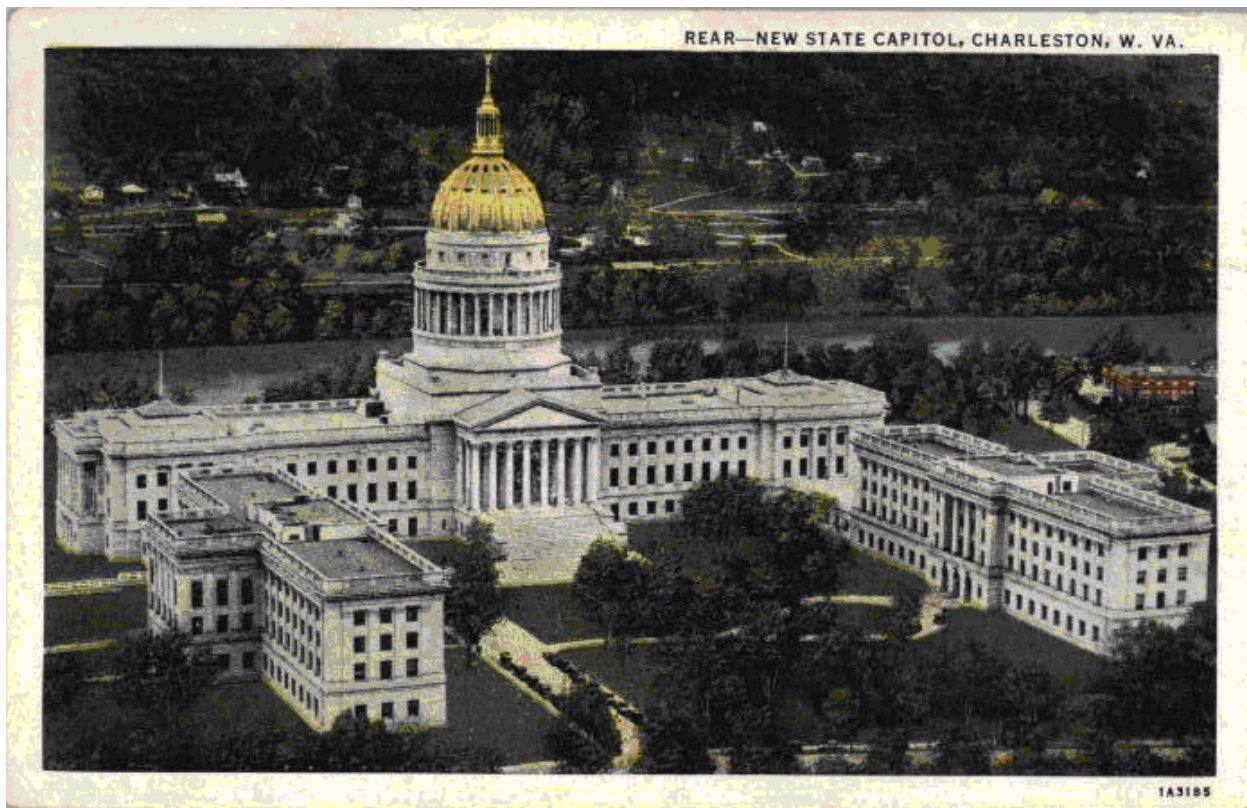


WEST-VIRGINIA -OBITS

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Mrs. **Elizabeth Delforge**, 71 years old, died early Saturday morning at in her home, "908 E Street South Charleston. She is survived by her husband Frank Delforge: one son George Delforge, of South Charleston; two daughters, Mrs. Fernand Bizet and Mrs. Joseph Bizet of Shreveport, La., two sisters, Miss Anna Doffiny and Mrs. Laura Aigrise, both of Belgium, and five grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the charge of Father Bonaventure. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial park.

Charleston Daily Mail, March 28, 1931

Last rites for Mrs. **Maria QUINET**, 58 years old, who died Friday at her home in Brooke street, will be held at the residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park. She is survived by her husband Joseph H QUINET and three daughters. Charleston Daily Mail – Charleston, West Virginia, 27 Nov 1932

Word has been received here of the death of **Jules MICHAUX**, formerly a resident of South Charleston. He died at Jumet, Belgium, where he had resided since his departure from Charleston, six years ago. Surviving are two sons, Jules Michaux, Jr of Mt Jewett, PA and Edgar Michaux of South Charleston and a daughter, Mrs. Julia Henchon also of South Charleston.

The Charleston Gazette – Thursday March 16, 1933

Ernest Mondron Services Sunday

Retired Glass Man Dies In Hospital After Week's Illness

Father M. J. O'Reilly will conduct services at 3 p. m. tomorrow at the Catholic church of the Blessed Sacrament at South Charleston for **Ernest MONDRON**, Sr., 76, of 142 Fifth avenue, South Charleston, who died yesterday morning in a Charleston hospital after a week's illness. Mr. Mondron was a founder and president of the former Banner Window Glass company which was built in South Charleston in 1907 on the site now occupied by the Westvaco Chlorine Products Corporation. He had been in ill health several months and was stricken with ptomaine poisoning last Friday, after which pneumonia developed. Mr. Mondron was widely known as a glass blower in this area. He was born at Lodlinsart¹, Belgium, on July 13, 1865, came to the U. S. in 1892, and worked in Bridgeton, NJ., and Pittsburgh, Pa. He and several associates, among them John Hiersoux, sr., now of Charleston, founded the Banner Window Glass company at Sheridan, Ind., and later moved the plant to Shirley, Ind. When the natural gas supply ran out at Shirley, they moved the plant to South Charleston and sold it in 1921 to the Westvaco corporation. Mr. Mondron retired at that time. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Aurelle Maret Mondron; a son, Ernest, jr., of South Charleston; a daughter, Mrs. Euraine Hautem of South Charleston; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial park. Requiem mass will be celebrated Monday morning at the church. The body will remain at the Owen and Barth mortuary until 2:30 p m tomorrow. Pallbearers will be John Hiersoux, Jr., Joe Quinet, August Schmidt, Alexander Baria, Gust Larmoyeux and Tony Wazelle.

Charleston Gazette, Charleston, West Virginia, 14 Mar 1942

BOUGAMONT, Mrs. Marie, 77, of 200 Ninth Ave., died in a local hospital Monday following a long illness. She was resident of South Charleston since 1907. Surviving are her husband, Mr. August Bougamont; a son, M. R. Quinet; a grandson, Leon and a great-grandson, Victor Kane Quinet. The body is at the Snodgrass Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements. - Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, West Virginia – 25 Dec 1945

John J HIERSOUX, Sr. 76, retired glass manufacturer, died early yesterday morning of a heart attack soon after he was admitted to a local hospital. The family resides at 909 Central Ave. Mr. Hiersoux was one of the organizers in 1910 of the Old Charleston Window Glass CO. and with a group of persons of Belgian descent he pioneered the glass manufacturing industry in the Kanawha valley. He was born in Roux, Belgium on April 16, 1870. He retired in 1939. Surviving are his wife, **Mrs. Bertha Hiersoux**, two sons, **John J Hiersoux Jr.** widely known pianist² and **Roger Hiersoux**, both of Charleston, and three

¹ Lodlinsart (Hainaut)

² The Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, WV, 7 Jun 1961 – OF ALL THINGS by Sol Padlibsky

A most welcome visitor is John Hiersoux, the former Charlestonian sporting an enviable desert tan. He lives in an adobe ranch house near the Isleta Indian pueblo, not too far from Albuquerque, NM. Hiersoux, the founder of the Charleston Chamber Music Society, has been conductor of the Ro Grande Symphony Orchestra in Santa Fe, NM for five years.

THE BIRTH OF AN ORCHESTRA

The orchestra was born with a scant eight players," he said. "A few months after its founding we had 24 and today there are between 60 and 65 musicians in our group."

In 1936, Hiersoux brought his new bride, the former Josephine (Jose) BULENS, of Belgium to Charleston. They met at the Royal Conservatory in Brussels. Hiersoux studied in Brussels for five years under the widely known instructor Arthur de Greef, who was the Belgian royal court pianist. Hiersoux's initial study was in Cologne, Germany. "I remember my first big public appearance," said Hiersoux. "It was after I completed my study at the Royal Conservatory. There were 300 persons out front in the recital hall, many of them expert musicians. I played Liszt and Chopin and in the second half of the program I was joined by a violinist Stefan Karam, who was of Syrian and Armenian parentage. We played Schubert, Mozart and Beethoven sonatas."



grandsons. The body is at the Owen and Barth mortuary chapel and will be removed to the residence at 3pm today. Requiem high mass will be celebrated at 9am tomorrow. Fr. Cuthbert will officiate. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Parl. The Charleston Gazette, Charleston, WV – Friday Dec 20, 1946

An illness of three months caused the death Wednesday of **Fernand HAUTEM**, 69, retired glass blowed, who was employed at the old Banner glass plant in South Charleston for several years. Since 1908 Mr. Hautem had resided in South Charleston, and at the time of his death he lived with his sister, Mrs. **Anna Lachapelle** of Ninth Av. Mr. Hautem was born in Belgium and came to the US in 1889. He also is survived by two brothers, **A F Hautem** of Charleston and **Hubert Hautem** of Marion, Indiana. The body is at Snodgrass mortuary. – The Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, W Va, 17 July 1947

Mrs. Bertha DeBecker Hiersoux, 77, widow of **John J Hiersoux**, a pioneer Knanwha valley glass manufacturer, died early Monday in a Charleston hospital. She resided at 909 Central Ave. Her husband who died Dec 19, 1946, was one of the organizers of the Charleston Widow Glass Co. in 1910. Requiem mass will be celebrated at St Anthony's Catholic church Thursday at 9am by Father Cuthbert. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial park. The boy is at the Owen and Barth funeral home and will be taken to the residence Wednesday at noon. Surviving are two sons, John J Hiersoux and Roger Hiersoux, both of Charleston; a sister, Mrs. Julia Vanderauwera of Belgium; a brother, Bruno DeBecker, Belgium and three grandchildren. - The Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, West Virginia, 25 May 1948

Mrs. **Aurelie MARET MONDRON**, 80, widow of **Ernest Modron**, one of the founders of the old Banner Window Glass Co. in South Charleston, died unexpectedly yesterday morning at her home, 142 5th Av., South Charleston. She had resided in the community since 1907 and was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic church. Mrs. Mondron was born in Jumet, Belgium and came to the US in 1892³ Surviving are a son, **E J Mondron, Jr.** and a daughter Mrs. **Euranie Hautem**, both of South Charleston; two brothers, **Alphonse** and **Arthur Maret**, both of Belgium; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Rosary will be recited at 7:30pm tomorrow at the Scales mortuary in South Charleston. A requiem high mass will be celebrated at 9am Saturday at the Blessed Sacrament church. Fr. O'Reilly will officiate. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial park. The body is at the mortuary.
"The Charleston Gazette" – Thursday, Sept 16, 1948

Requiem high mass will be said at 9am Friday in Sacred Heart church for Mrs. **Pauline DeRoy**, 91, who died Wednesday at her home, 1569 Washington St., East. She was the widow of **Gabriel DeRoy**. A native of Jumet, Belgium, Mrs. DeRoy came to the United States about 40 years ago, making her home with her son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. August Schmidt of Buckhannon. She came to Charleston with them in 1922. Until recently Mrs. DeRoy continued to be active and able to do sewing, knitting and light housework. Surviving are three grandchildren, George C Schmidt, a Charleston attorney; Miss Georgette Schmidt of San Francisco and Mrs. Yvonne Kiel of Charleston. Father Boniface Weckman will officiate at the services and burial will be in Sunset Memorial park, with the Owen and Barth mortuary in charge. - Charleston Daily Mail – 27 Jan 1949

Arthur Francis HAUTEM, 68, long a resident of Charleston and a widely-known real estate dealer for many years, died early Tuesday in a Charleston hospital after a cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Hautem was born in Jumet, Belgium, and came to this country with his parents when he was but five years old. He settled with them in the Charleston area and had lived here ever since. For many years he was affiliated with the Valley Real Estate Co., and later with the FW Smith real estate Co. He had been inactive in recent months. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Irene Lott of South Charleston; a son **Francis A Hautem**

ORGANIZER OF CHAMBER MUSIC

The Hiersouxes set up house-keeping and opened a piano studio on Central Avenue here when she arrived from Belgium. It was not long afterwards that Hiersoux started a door-to-door campaign for a chamber music group. "I used a door-to-door campaign in Santa Fe to organize our symphony too", said Hiersoux, "it was hard work but the reward has been great and pleasing."

The father was a prominent member of the Belgian glass blowing colony in South Charleston before the turn of the century. The elder Hiersoux was associated with the old Charleston Window Glass Co. Hiersoux, now 52 was 10 months old when he was brought to Charleston by his parents.

"I was born in a little place in Belgium called Fontaine l'Eveque, while Jose is a native of big city Brussels." Said Hiersoux. "It may sound corny, but when we first met we knew we could make such beautiful music together."

Today, Jose Hiersoux makes such beautiful music alone concertizing. She and her husband also appear on the concert stage as a duo-piano team.

SON NOW A COLLEGE STUDENT

"I'm a grandpa now," said Hiersoux. "My older son, **Arne**, and his wife are living in Berkeley, California, with their one year old son **Mark**. Arne is majoring in art at U of C. "Our younger son, **Glenn**, will be 16 soon. He was on a ski team representing New Mexico at Sun Valley. That just about wraps up the Hiersoux family doings."

Hiersoux checked his notebook. He said "I've got a flock of friends I have to see."

³ Hard to decipher, could be 1882.

of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Mrs. **Anna Lachapelle**, of South Charleston and two grandchildren. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic church. The body is at Snodgrass mortuary in South Charleston.

The Charleston Daily Mail – Tuesday evening, August 22, 1950

Clarksburg Couple Killed in Wreck - Upper Sandusky, O (UP) – **Jules A Brasseur**, 66, a former Clarksburg, W Va, police chief and his wife, **Eva**, also 66, were killed near here yesterday when their automobile collided with another car on US route 23. Mrs. Brasseur was killed instantly and her husband died a few hours later in Wyandotte Memorial hospital here. Police said Brasseur and his wife were returning to their Clarksburg home after a visit with relatives in South Bend, Ind and Findlay, O. - Charleston Daily Mail, Oct 6, 1952, Charleston, West Virginia

BERGER, Octave F, 59, of 4114 Venable Av., died yesterday at his home after a three-day illness. He was a superintendent of tanks at Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. Mr. Berger was born Oct 13, 1893 at Charleroi, Belgium. He came to America 41 years ago and had lived in Charleston 31 years. He was a member of St Agnes Catholic Church and the Moose Lodge. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. **Augusta Hoile Berger**; four sons, **Francis** of Mt Vernon, O, **Robert** of Clarksburg and **Albert** and **Octave Jr.** both of Charleston; two sisters, **Mrs. Aramis Carly** of Gilly, Belgium and **Mrs. Marcel Troye** of Dampremy, Belgium; and four grandchildren. The body is at Simpson Mortuary. The Charleston Gazette, Charleston WV, 20 Oct 1952

Mrs. **Marie Pauline Brasseur**, 72 years old native of France, who resided at 5505 Toledo Ave. died yesterday in a Charleston hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Brasseur had lived in Charleston the past 32 years. Survivors include her husband, Desire Brasseur; one daughter, Mrs. Guy Miles of Charleston; two sisters, Mrs. A J Rolland of Clarksburg and Mrs. Emile Mauriocourt of Marietta, O; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services will be tomorrow at 10am in the Simpson-Chandler Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Parl. The body is at the funeral home.

Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, West Virginia – 2 July 1956

Eugenie Loriaux Collett, a native of Belgium, died Sunday in Monongalia General Hospital at the age of 84. She resided at 590 Stewart St. Born in Jumet, Belgium, March 7, 1874, she was a daughter of the late Emile and Francoise Loriaux. August Collett preceded his wife in death. Mrs. Collett had resided in Morgantown since 1914. Surviving are a son, Dr. A. R. Collett of Morgantown; two daughters, Mrs. Irene Waggoner of Williamstown and Mrs. Vivienne Spencer of Ridgely, Md.; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. - Morgantown Post May 26, 1958, Morganstown, WV

A vacationing Charleston man was pronounced dead on arrival at a Daytona Beach, Fla. Hospital Tuesday after being pulled from the ocean by an off-duty lifeguard. The victim was identified as **Roger Hiersoux**, 63, of Central Ave. An Associated Press report said it was not immediately determined whether Hiersoux drowned or died of heart attack. Witnesses said he was floating face up in the water. Neighbors said Hiersoux was employed at Libbey-Owens Ford Glass Co in Kanawha City. He reportedly left Saturday for a Florida vacation. – The Charleston Gazette, Charleston, West Virginia, July 9, 1958

Mrs. **Augusta WERY**, 71, of 1626 McClung St., died this morning in a Charleston hospital after a short illness. She had been an employee in the State Tax Commissioner's office since 1938. She was a secretary in the consumer's sales tax division at the time of her death. Mrs. Wery came here in 1938 from Shinnston. She was a native of Jumet, Belgium and was born March 18, 1887 a daughter of the late Pierre and Pauline Dumont Paquet. Mrs. Wery was a member of the Asbury Methodist church. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Pyles of Charleston and a sister, Mrs. John Bush of Clarksburg. The body is at the Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home. - "Charleston Daily Mail", Mar 6, 1959

Joseph Henri QUINET, 92, died Wednesday at Monongalia General Hospital. He resided at 948 Stewart St. A native of Jumet, Belgium, he was the son of the late **Henri** and **Antoinette Quinet**. His wife **Maria Labenne** preceded him in death. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Roy C Cooper of Morgantown, Mrs. H R Hart of Erie, Pa and Mrs. Ethel Kendall of Richmond, Va; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was a retired window glass cutter and had worked for Libby-Owens in Charleston for 35 years. Funeral services are incomplete and Davidson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The Morgantown Post, Morgantown, WV – 1 Oct 1959

Joseph Desire Brasseur, 70, of 411 50th St, S F, died at his home Thursday after a short illness. Mr. Brasseur was a retired glass cutter for the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co, and was a member of the Window Glass Cutters League of America. Surviving are his wife, Alice, four daughters, Mrs. Francis Vincent, Mrs. Charles Keeny, Mrs Raymond Curry and Eva Brasseur of Charleston; a son Joseph of Charleston and seven grandchildren. Services will be held Saturday at 2pm in Barloe-Bonsall Funeral Home by the Rev, Dr. George H Vick. Burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park in St Albans. The body is at the funeral home. Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, WV, December 25, 1959

Emir Frank BRISON, Collins Ferry Road, died yesterday at his home after a long illness. He was 73 years of age. A native of Charleroi, Belgium, he was born on July 9, 1887, a son of **Frank** and **Matilda Jemmens Brison**. The deceased was a member if the Drummond Chapel Methodist Glass Workers Union. He was a Church and American Flint GlassWorkers

Union. He was a former employee of the Quality Glassworks at Van Vhorris. His wife **Ana Belle** died July 20, 1958, Surviving are the following: one son, Harry F of Morgantown, two daughters, Mrs. Sherwood (Elizabeth) Duliere of Morgantown, and Mrs. Anna Belle Toborg of San Bernardino, Calif.; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.
The Morgantown Post, April 29, 1960, Morgantown, West Virginia

George A. CARLIER Sr., 73, a former Morgantown bakery operator, died Thursday in Vincent Pallotti Hospital. He had been a resident of Point Marion since 1899. Mr. Carlier was born March 11, 1888, at Meadville, Pa. After beginning his bakery on Dorsey Avenue in Morgantown, he moved it in 1941 to Point Marion where it became the Fort Morgan Bakery. He also had operated a tire store on Pleasant Street in the 1920's. He was a member of IOOF No.1173, and a member of the Point Marion Volunteer Fire Department. Survivors include two sons, George A. Carlier Jr., and Frank L. Carlier, both of Point Marion two sister, Miss Yvonne Loriaux of Point Marion, and Mrs. Jennie Bail of Uniontown; one brother. Alec L. Carlier of Point Marion; four grandchildren. His wife, Georgia Costolo, preceded him in death in 1960. Friends will be received at Conn Funeral Home, Point Marion, after 2 p.m. Friday. Services will be conducted at the funeral home Sunday at 2 p.m. with Dr. Clark Derby officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Members of Point Marion Volunteer Fire Department will meet in the funeral home Friday evening at 7:30 for ritualistic service.
The Morganstown Post, Morganstown, WV, August 25, 1961

Henry L DuChateau, a former resident of Morganstown and Point Marion, now living in Baltimore, died yesterday at age 77. A native of Jumet, Belgium, he was born July 3, 1884, coming to the United States in 1894. He was a glass blower in Morganstown and Point Marion for the past 45 years. His wife is **Clara Collett DuChateau**. Other survivors include two daughters, **Mrs. Hale B Andrews** of Baltimore and **Mrs. Howard Sparrow Sr.** of Smock, Pa; one son **Armand H DuChateau** of Baltimore; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Friends may call at the Conn Funeral Home in Point Marion where services will be held at 2:30 Wednesday. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park.
The Morganstown Post, Sept 18, 1961

Roger J Hiersoux, 42, of 620 Kanawha Blvd., died Sunday morning at his home after an apparent heart attack. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and was a World War II veteran of Air force service. Mr. Hiersoux was a glass cutter for Owens-Illinois Glass Co. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Rachel Hiersoux of Charleston; a daughter Miss Carol Jane Hiersoux at home; an a son, Michael Hiersoux at home. Requiem high mass will be celebrated at 10am Tuesday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church by the Rev. Cuthbert Schoeppner. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park at South Charleston. The Rosary will be recited at 8pm today in Owen and Barth Funeral Home. – The Charleston Gazette, Charleston, West Virginia – 21 Dec 1964

BRASSEUR, Miss Eva Louise- Service will be held Monday at 11am in the J E Johnson Funeral Home, Kanawha City. Burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, Miss Brasseur, 48, of Kenna Homes in South Charleston died Thursday at her apartment. Charleston Daily Mail, December 7, 1968, Charleston, West Virginia

Funeral services have been held in Oakland, Calif., for **Mrs. John Hiersoux**, a former Charleston musical figure who died Tuesday after a long illness. A native of Belgium, she was a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music there with degrees in piano and chamber music. Until she and her husband moved in 1965 both were very active in Charleston musical circles. She performed frequently as a soloist with the Charleston Symphony and on many occasions with the Charleston Chamber Music players, founded and directed for many years by her husband. In addition to Mr. Hiersoux, she is survived by sons, **Arne**, recently appointed to the art school faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and **Glen** of Oakland.
The Charleston Gazette, Charleston, West Virginia - 31 Oct 1970

Mrs. **Marie Cherri COLLARD**, 89, of 135 ½ Third Ave., South Charleston, former owner and operator of the old COLLARD's Confectionery, South Charleston, died today at Thomas Memorial Hospital after a three week illness. Mrs. COLLARD and her husband **Leon** came to Charleston about 60 years ago from Jumet, Belgium, where they were glass cutters. They had established several glass plants in the Kanawha Valley, including the Banner Window Glass Plant across from the Mound, South Charleston, the Dunkirk Glass Plant at the present Carbide site, and the Charleston Window Glass Plant on Patrick Street, Charleston. She was about 12 years old when she began working in a glass plant in Belgium. After coming to the Kanawha Valley she served as an interpreter for the Belgians who came to the Charleston area to work in the glass plants. She was well known by students who attended the old South Charleston Junior High School. Her store was across the street from the school. Before the hot lunch program in the school system Mrs. COLLARD served the students hot soup and sandwiches. She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church in South Charleston. Surviving son, **Sylvian Collard** of California; sister, **Mrs. Victoria Englebert** of Brussels, Belgium. Scripture service will be held Wednesday at 7:30pm at Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston. Friends may call Wednesday from 1 to 9pm at the funeral home.
Charleston Daily Mail – Tuesday April 2, 1974

Mrs. **Alice Brasseur Vincent**, 63, of 5129, Noyes Ave SE died Sunday in St. Francis Hospital after a long illness. She was a retired school teacher, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a member of the local and national Retired Teachers Association, and a member of the Diabetic Assn. Surviving: husband Frank C; son Frank J of Charleston; daughter Mrs. Roy H McClure Jr of Naples, Fla; brother, Joseph D Brasseur of Charleston; sister, Mrs. Leona Keeney of Saluda, SC; one grandson. Service will be 11am Wednesday in J E Johnson Funeral Home, Kanawha City, with the Rev. J Harrell Harper officiating. Burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St Albans. Friends may call from 2 to 4pm and 7 to 9pm today at the funeral home. Charleston Gazette, Charleston, West Virginia, December 7, 1976

THE REV. PETER DeMEESTER, 98, of Blacksburg, Va., formerly of Huntington, died Thursday. He served as pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish, Huntington, from 1960 to 1973. Survivors include two sisters nieces and nephews, all of Belgium. Funeral 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Blacksburg burial in Westview Cemetery, Blacksburg. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund, 706 Harding Ave., Blacksburg, VA 24060. The Herald-Dispatch, Huntington, WV - May 18, 2002

Germaine Octavie Frere DuCoeur, 103, of Charleroi, Belgium, died June 24, 2002, at Maple Crest Nursing Home Stotheown of Shelby, N.C. Memrs, Ohio. Mrs. DuCoeur was a homemaker and had attended Convent School of Sisters of Notre Dame, Belgium. She lived in many different locations, including; Charleroi, Belgium, Eldred, Salem and Charleston, W.Va, Charleroi, Pa., West Newbury, Vt., and Struthers, Ohio. She was active with St. Mary's Episcopal Church Altar Society and Choir for many years Charleroi, Pa., and was active in church work in all her homes including Mission work in Belgium, the Presbyterian Church in Charleroi, Pa., St. Agnes Catholic Church in Charleston and the West Newbury Congregational Church, West Newbury, Vt., Valley Independent, Monessen, Pa., Youngstown Vindicator, Youngstown, Ohio. Mrs. DuCoeur was preceded in death by he son, Raymond DuCoeur; husband, Joseph A. DuCoeur; brother, Emil Frere; and daughter-in-law, Lucille DuCoeur. Surviving: son, Rev. Joseph G. DuCoeur of Struthers, Ohio; grandchildren, Raymond R. DuCoeur of West Newton, Pa. and Yvonne Thomas of Struthers, Ohio; great-grandchildren, Joseph Thomas of Akron, Ohio, Jeneen Thomas of Struthers, Ohio, Danielle DeCoeur of Greensburg, Pa., Devin DuCoeur of Greensburg, Pa.; and nephew, Raymond Frere of Mount Vernon, Ohio. Service will be 1 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2002 at J.E. Johnson Funeral Home, 5140 50th St. S.E., Charleston, WV 25304. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Charleston Gazette (WV) - Thursday, June 27, 2002

Maggy Van Damme, 86, of Charleston passed away June 18, 2005, at home. Maggy was born in Liege, Belgium, where she graduated from a girls' school. She served in the Belgian resistance with her husband, Andre Van Damme, who preceded her in death. When she came to Charleston, Maggy taught French, designed costumes and enjoyed playing the piano. She also was an avid reader, loved to travel and was a member of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, Charleston. She is survived by her daughters; Marie Claude Turner-Van Damme of Winston Salem, NC and Monique Van Damme and son-in-law, Gregg M. Rosen of Pittsburgh, PA and three grandchildren; Giselle Taylor, Danielle Di Carlo and Lance Jordan. The funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral with Father P. Edward Sadie officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Charleston. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2005, at Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home, Charleston, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to: Smile Train, P.O. Box 96231, Washington D.C. 20077-7377 or Heifer Project International, P.O. Box 8058, Little Rock, AR 72203 or Kanawha Hospice Care, 1143 Dunbar Avenue, Dunbar, WV 25064. Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home, Charleston, is in charge of arrangements.

Vam Damme, ballet 'matriarch,' dies

With her husband, she made profound impression on city cultural scene. Maggy Van Damme, who assisted in the success of the Charleston Ballet and contributed to the arts in the area, has died of leukemia at age 86. She died 3:40 p.m. Saturday at her Charleston home in the presence of her daughters, Marie Claude Turner-Van Damme of Winston Salem, N.C., and Monique Van Damme of Pittsburgh, Pa. Her daughters alternated 10-day stays to care for her so that she could stay in Charleston and be near her friends.

"She has had so many visitors the last few weeks that it has been incredible," Monique Van Damme said. "My sister said 'you have so many friends' and my mother said 'just wait until my funeral.'"

Those who were close to Van Damme say she was known for her sense of humor, caring disposition, spirituality, flair for fashion, gourmet cooking, endless energy, and penchant for making and keeping friends. She will also be remembered for her many talents from teaching French and designing costumes to encouraging others to be their best. "She was an extraordinary woman, intellectually and personally," said Kim Pauley, artistic director of the Charleston Ballet. "She was really generous, nice all the time and helpful. She had a big impact on me in my early years. I used to teach in rural areas and she drove me because I wasn't old enough to drive."

Her husband, Andre Benoni Van Damme, founder and artistic director of the Charleston Ballet, died in 1989 at age 68. The couple had come to the United States from **Belgium** and he created more than 100 original ballets that premiered in Charleston. Meanwhile, Maggy Van Damme, designed costumes and offered encouragement that brought out the best in performers. "After Andre died, I asked her artistic opinions," Pauley said. "A great artist described her as high class. She was such an asset to the community."

Julianne Kemp, a longtime assistant director of the company and former lifestyles editor for the Charleston Daily Mail, said: "She was the matriarch of the ballet, absolutely. She worked tirelessly and was still on the board. She sold advertising and tickets. She was like the Energizer bunny. It is a great loss." Jennifer Britton, executive director for APS Health Care Inc., joined the ballet in 1962 and performed through 1982. She said Van Damme set the example for what a lady should be and knew how to instill confidence in performers. "She was like a mother to us with praise and encouragement," Britton said. "She was a spectacular lady. She taught French and was involved in promoting the arts, particularly ballet. She was a lady, mother and friend."

Annabelle Fulks of Charleston is the mother of a dancer and has worked closely with the ballet for many years. Fulks, who also took French lessons from her, said Van Damme shared her culture and motivated others.

"She taught French for many years," Fulks said. "She saw some private students in her home. There were seven or eight of us. It was a social group with wine, cheese and French lessons. We learned about the **Belgium** and French culture."

She pointed out that this marks the 50th anniversary of the Charleston Ballet, a company that has professional flair due to the expertise of Andre and Maggy Van Damme.

Fulks described Van Damme as "gentle with a droll sense of humor, nonjudgmental, charming, and well dressed. She appreciated fashion. She loved good food and enjoyed life to the hilt. She was truly an American."

Milton Koslow is a Charleston attorney and former French student who has served on the board of the Charleston Ballet for many years.

"I've known Maggy for many years," he said. "She was a lady in the classical sense. She was gentle, sweet and a great teacher. When she made friends they lasted forever."

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home, Charleston, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral with Father P. Edward Sadie officiating. Additional information may be found in today's obituary section. Contact writer Charlotte Ferrell Smith at charlotte@dailymail.com or 348-1246. - Charleston Daily Mail (WV) - June 20, 2005

Marguerite D. COLLARD, 91, passed away in Virginia on Friday, October 21, 2005, from a short illness. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Sylvain L. Collard; also by her parents, MacClelland and Ethel Robinson; her brother, Eugene ?Doc? Robinson; and sister, Virginia Pettit. Marguerite was born in Charleston on August 5, 1914, and lived the greater part of her life in the Kanawha Valley, but also lived in Fremont, Calif. for 12 years, and in Pennsylvania for five years. She attended Capital City Commerce School, was an employee of Union Carbide during World War II, and was a former employee of the State of West Virginia. Her family knew her for her love of her home, her wonderful pies, which were always the highlight of family dinners, and her love of the piano. She is survived by her daughters and their spouses, Patricia and Boye Bangsbo of Eugene, Oregon, Pamela and Douglas Scarberry of Woodlawn, Va., and Peggy and Edward Thompson of Poca, W.Va.; several nieces and nephews; and especially her beloved pet dog, ?Winston.? She is also survived by her eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; one step-grandchild in Denmark; ten great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren in Denmark; and one step-great-great-grandchild. Snodgrass Funeral Home of South Charleston is in charge of arrangements. In celebration of Mother's life, the family will receive visitors from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a visitation and reception at the funeral home on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. A memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. in the funeral home chapel, immediately following the visitation. David Mertz, her grandson of Eugene, Oregon, will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the South Charleston Museum, Mrs. Teresa Witt, 311 D Street, South Charleston, WV 25303, for the preservation of Belgian heritage history; or the University of Charleston's Women's Basketball Program, Coach Sherry Winn, 2300 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, WV 25304. These young women were graciously attentive to Mother during their visits. Email condolences may be sent to hrw@snodgrassfuneral.com
Charleston Gazette (WV) - October 23, 25, 26, 2005

Octavia Natalie LAYDEN died on April 9, 2006, at the age of 96. She was born in Charleston on May 6, 1909, and was the daughter of the late **Edouard** and **Rosa Bauthier Delmotte** who immigrated to South Charleston along with other Belgian families to operate a glass plant there. She moved to Belgium in 1920 with her parents and lived there until 1928 when she returned to Charleston, living with her late sister and brother-in-law Simone R. and Oscar F. Henry. She married the late Robert S. Layden on June 12, 1933, in a ceremony in Lafayette, Ind., near his hometown of West Point. She was a beautician for 40 years, retiring with 20 years of service from the Beauty Salon located in The Diamond department store. During part of that time she owned and operated a grocery store in North Charleston. She lived in Charleston until her husband's death in 1997, when she moved to Dayton, Ohio, to be in the care of her son and daughter-in-law. In addition to her husband of 64 years, parents, sister and brother-in-law, she was preceded in death by brothers-in-law, D. Thomas Layden of Charleston and Michael J. Layden of Charlotte, N.C.; and nephew Oscar F. Henry of Charleston. Surviving are a son, Robert D. Layden; daughter-in-law, Fay G. Layden of Dayton, Ohio; three grandsons: Robert G. Layden of Arlington, Va., James E. Layden of Columbus, Ohio, and Daniel K. Layden, wife, Erin, and two great-granddaughters, Lydia and Anna, of Greenville, Ohio; brother-in-law; Charles E. Layden of Lafayette, Ind.; and nephews, Paul E. Henry of Cape Coral, Fla., and Robert L. Henry of Mechanicsville, Va. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 13, at Wilson Funeral Home, Charleston, with the Rev. Daniel K. Layden officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston. Friends and family may call

from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Wilson Funeral Home, 420 Lee St. West, Charleston, is in charge of arrangements. 11 Apr. 2006 - Charleston Newspapers

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."

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