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Born in Hornu on 24 November 1930

Married, 3 children

#### EDUCATION

- Teachers Training College (Mons)
- Training College for Professoriate (Mons)

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Teacher in High School, Norma) School and Technical School (Saint-Ghislain, Mons, Charleroi, 1950-1958)
- Director of Evening School (Wasmes and Frameries, 1955-1971) .
- Intercommuna) councillor IDEA, Mons (1958-1968)
- Responsible of the Missions at the permanent Delegation of the Province of Hainaut (1958-1968)
- Member of the Administration Council) of the University of Mons (1969-1971)
- Registrar of the Province of Hainaut (1969-1971)

#### POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

- Communal Councillor of Hyon (1965-1969)
- Deputy of the Region of Mons (since 1971)
- Principa) Private Secretary of the Minister of Regiona) Economy (1968-1971)
- Burgomaster of Boussu-Hornu (since 1977) .
- President of the Belgian group of the Interparlementary Union (1986-1988)
- Member of the Nationa) Bureau of the Socialist Party

#### GOUVERNEMENTAL FUNCTIONS J

- State Secretary of Housing (1973)
- State Secretary of the Regional wall00n Economy (1977-1978)
- Minister of Post, Telegraph, Telephone (1979)
- Minister of Foreign Trade (1980-1981)
- Minister of Health'End Education of the French Community (1931-1985)
- Minister of the French Communwty ln cnarge of Social Affairs and Hea)th (1988)
- Minister of Foreign Trade (1988- )