Ignoring Accent Characters in a Search

The short answer is no, it cannot. The reason is simple: Word searches for characters, and all the accented characters are individual and distinct characters.

The workaround, of course, is to use ^? (any character) or ^$ (any letter) in the place where the various accented characters may appear in your names. If you choose to do wildcard searches, you can get even more specific in the accented characters you want to include or not include in your searching

This approach in the tip finds any character. I think it is better to use a list of characters to search for.

For example, if you are searching for jeté but are unsure whether the author used jeté or jete, search for jet[eé].

This finds both versions of jeté but not for instance jets; the original approach finds more than you may be searching for.