Edward J. Dufrene Sr., 84, passed away March 3, 2012 at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital. He was born in Lake Charles, LA. He was the son of Rudolph and Effie Dufrene.

Eddie was a devoted loving husband, father and grandfather. He was an avid gardener and could fix anything. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 63 years. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII, where he served on the USS Bouyant a Mine Sweeper, off the Japanese and China Coast. He was a member of VFW Post 2130 American Legion Post #1. He served as Eucharist Minister at St. Theodore Catholic Church and also served as an usher. After 32 years, he retired from Citcon as a supervisor.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruby Fabacher Dufrene of Lake Charles; daughters Connie Leger of Lake Charles, Ruthie Singer and Husband Tommy, of Moss Bluff, and Rita Hughes and husband Jim of Newton Texas; brothers James Dufrene of Lake Charles and Tommy Dufrene of Shreveport, LA; 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by two sons, Eddie Dufrene Jr., and Gary Andrew Dufrene.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Lake Charles. Reverend Alan Trouille will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-9 p.m. Monday, March 5 with a Rosary at 7 p.m., at Hixson in Lake Charles. Visitation will resume at 9 a.m. until service time. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.hixsonfuneralhomes.com.