Ernest Joseph Duhon Jr.

Ernest Duhon Jr. peacefully transitioned to everlasting rest as God called him home on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at 10:38 p.m.

Ernest Joseph Duhon Jr., affectionately known as Ernie, was born on Feb. 7, 1952, to Ernest Duhon and Helen Lela Duhon in Lake Charles, La. Ernest graduated from Washington-Marion High School in 1970, where he met his bride, Ernestine Duhon. On Aug. 15, 1970, Ernest and Ernestine celebrated the sacrament of marriage at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. From this union, three children were born. From a young age, Ernest was a loving husband, father, and provider. He was actively involved in his church and community. Ernest would proudly serve our country as a U.S. Marine, serving two tours in Vietnam. Upon leaving the military with an honorable discharge and highly decorated, he would settle in Lake Charles and begin his new life. He began working at Celanese Petroleum Corporation as an operator and would continue through the ranks, retiring from Celanese as a Supervisor after 10 years of service. Then, his second life began. His experience in the petrochemical industry would get to good use as he served as an instructor and academic advisor with Sowela Technical College. Over the last 13 years, he has been a devoted instructor, mentor, and life coach in the Process Technology Department to his students and peers from all ages and walks of life. He, too, was also a student at Sowela. He even won a limousine driver with Royalty Limousine when he wasn’t teaching.

Ernest coached little league softball and baseball for many years. He was a member of the VFW American Legion, served on high school reunion committees, participated in various community events sponsored by his employers, passed our fruit baskets to the homeless, was a long time blood donor, and was a former member of the Knights of Peter Claver. In his spare time, he loved reading and spending time with his family, and could repair any car or truck by following the manual.

Survivors are his children, Melissa Duhon McKinney and Jeffery McKinney Jr., Ernest J. Duhon III, and Cheryl L. Duhon. He is also survived by his siblings, Omer Duhon, Tessa Johnson, Maritha DeGrossos and Alice Duhon LeBlanc, and seven grandchildren, Titus Duhon, Jason Duhon, Terrick McKinney, David McKinney, Jonathan McKinney, Naomi Jones, and Rachel Duhon; and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, family, friends and neighbors. Ernest was preceded in death by his parents and niece.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Combre Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service will be Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Saint Henry Catholic Church. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Monoseros under the direction of Combre Funeral Home.

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