Ernest M. Jones, 87, of Lake Charles, La., went to be with his Lord and Savior at 1:50 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, in a local hospital.

Mr. Jones was born June 3, 1925, in Robeline, La., to James Alexander Jones and Annie Greenlee Jones. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he was stationed in Germany. Ernest retired from Cities Service after thirty-seven years of service. He opened Jones Nursery, where his green thumb flourished. He loved to garden, cook, and share his joy with others. Ernest was ordained a Deacon at Boulevard Baptist Church in 1974 and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Mr. Jones is survived by his loving wife of forty-nine years, Lynda Jane McCaskill Jones; five “daughters,” Beth Conrad of Lake Charles, Donna Smith of Marion, Ark., Patsy Farmer of Prairieville, La., Cheryl McCaskill of Memphis, Tenn., and Angie Sylvester of South Haven, Miss. He was loved by numerous nieces and nephews and his in-laws, Buddy and Mary McCaskill.

He was preceded in death by seven siblings: an infant brother, Ethel Tauzin, Sybil Webb, J.C. Jones, Rubye Welch, A.J. Jones, and Bessie Clouser.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Lake Charles. Dr. John White will officiate. Burial will follow in Prien Memorial Park. Visitation will be at Johnson Funeral Home on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and continue on Saturday at the church from 9 a.m. until the start of the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to LeBonheur Children’s Hospital, 848 Adams Street, Memphis, TN, 38103, Shelby Residential and Vocational Services (SRVS), 3971 Knight Arnold Road, Memphis, TN 38118 or the Baptist Children’s Home, 7200 Desiard Street, Monroe, LA 71203.

Words of comfort to the family may be left at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net.