Ronald “Ron” L. Stoddard, 72, of Lake Charles, La., passed away Friday, April 21, 2017, in a local hospital.

Mr. Stoddard was a native of Lake Charles. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he honorably and faithfully served our country for eight years. When he returned home to Lake Charles, he began a career with CITGO, which spanned 35 years before retiring to spend more time with his family. Ron was a passionate and loyal Harley-Davidson owner, having made many trips to Sturgis, S.D. and locally having served with the Patriot Guard and was a past member of the Harley Owners Group. He also enjoyed wood working and building ink pens.

He was preceded in death by his son, Johnny Stoddard; daughter, Laura Stoddard; sister, Cheryl Hunter; and parents, John Joseph and Thelma Lucy Griffith Stoddard.

Ron leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 39 years, Teena Beville Stoddard, and his beloved nieces and nephews to whom he was affectionately known as “Paran.”

Visitation will be today, April 23, at Johnson Funeral Home from 4 – 8 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 6 p.m. Visitation will resume on Monday at the funeral home from 8 a.m., concluding with a funeral service at 1 p.m. officiated by Deacon Harold Nixon. Burial will follow in Prien Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Calcasieu Parish Animal Shelter, 5500-A Swift Plant Road, Lake Charles, LA 70615 or to LAPAW Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 4964, Lake Charles, LA 70606.

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