Joseph Leo Pete, 68, departed this life on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019.

Joseph Leo Pete was a gentle but strong soul who loved, provided, sheltered and protected his family. Leo was a God fearing man, who raised his family in the church, and was also a part of a church family at Mount Calvary Baptist Church. He possessed a smile that would light up a room and a swagger that was subtle yet noticeable. He loved electronics and had to have the latest and greatest gadgets. He took pride in everything he said, and everything he did; he never half stepped. He was a very patient man, with nerves of steel, never easily rattled. Leo was a hard worker, but he always would come up with a way to work smarter, and not harder. He never half did anything. He kept himself current on world events, and could have a discussion on just about any topic with anyone. And if you kept him on the phone for longer than two minutes, then you must have really been saying something, because he did not like to talk on the phone. He was a great and selfless man who loved his family and friends, and will be truly missed. Gone too soon, but God doesn’t make mistakes, so celebrate the life of Joseph Leo Pete.

He was a W.O. Boston High School graduate class of 1970 and McNeese State University. He was employed at Citgo for 39 years until his retirement. His pass time was fishing and hunting.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Blanche Sias Pete; two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica Pete; one granddaughter, Kammendi A. Jones of Lake Charles, La.; five brothers, John Pete, Joshua Pete, Johnny Pete and Jerome Pete of Houston, Texas, Jerald Pete of Lake Charles, La.; one sister, Jacqueline Pete of Lake Charles, La.; brother-in-law, Harold Sias of Chicago; nephew, Harold Sias II of Houston, Texas; special cousin, Etta Ruth Gray of Lake Charles, La.; godchildren, Xavier and Bryson of Houston, Texas, Marty Clark of Lake Charles, La.; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019, at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Pastor Elmore Garner will officiate. Burial will be in Consolata Cemetery under the direction of Stevens’ Funeral Home. Visitation will be Saturday 9-11 a.m. at the church.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jules Joseph Foundation, P. O. Box 6582, Lake Charles, LA 70606-6582, in memory of Joseph Leo Pete and to be used to aid patients in receiving transplants.