Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 25 in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for Dennis “Tip” Fontenot, 67 of Church Point. Mr. Fontenot died at 3:03 a.m. Wednesday, August 24 in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital following a lengthy illness, having been confined to the hospital for the past three months.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 77 of Rayne and was a past commander of the American Legion Post 225 of Church Point. He had been employed at Drew Cornell Oil Co. of Lafayette for 35 years as a Superintendent. He belonged to the Eunice Petroleum Club and was a member of the WOW Evergreen Camp 444. He had served his country in during World War II.

Burial was in the church mausoleum under the direction of Guidry Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Chad Smith, Joey Fontenot, Brent Fontenot, Clay Bordelon, Martin “Bill” Dischler and Joey Foreman. Honorary pallbearers were C. S. Maxie, J. O. Clark, Johnny Cornell, Bobby Cornell, Teddy Yount, Jimmy Reynolds, Jody Crouch, Charles “Bubbie” Henry, Buzz Smith, Gene Manuel and Rufus Fontenot Jr. Honorary honor guards were from the American Legion Post 77 of Rayne and the American Legion Post 225 of Church Point.

Father Mike Guidry celebrated the mass. Also in the sanctuary was Father J. Speyrer of Basile who co-celebrated the mass. Altar Servers were Neal Gray, Shannon Bordelon, Jevin Bordelon all great nephews of Mr. Fontenot.

Craig Quebedeau, cousin of the deceased sang, “Just a Closer Walk With thee”, “In the Garden” and other selections.

Readers were Phyllis Chancey and Jacqueline Broussard. Gift were brought up by Paige Smith, Susan Judice and Allison Theunesien.

Survivors are his wife, Hazel Comeaux Fontenot of Church Point; one son, Dennis Terry Fontenot of Lafayette; one daughter, Mrs. Burnie (Marshall Sue) Smith of Lafayette; his step-mother, Mary B. Fontenot; four brothers, Rufus Fontenot, Lufroy Fontenot, Zanis “Boose” Fontenot all of Church Point and Joseph Jacob Fontenot of Mississippi; six sister, Miss Julie Fontenot, Mrs. Herman (Betty) Thibodeaux both of Church Point; Bonnie Hooper of Houston; Mrs. Dan (Patsy) Blum of Lafayette; Mrs. Don (Ethel) Payne of Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. James (Martha) Bordelon of Eunice and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lufroy Joseph Fontenot Sr. and Lezia Bellard Fontenot.