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Roger Fowler Conger "Blondie" A retired oilfield drilling consultant, passed away Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at the Tangi Pines Nursing Home, Amite, Louisiana.

He was born January 6, 1921 in Quitman, Texas located in Wood County. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Baker, Louisiana and a resident of the Baker/Zachary area for the past 12 years. Formerly married to Ellen Barbin Conger of Baker, LA.

He was a decorated veteran of World War II, having served in the 96th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theatre. A combat veteran of the Battles of Leyte and Okinawa, he earned the Bronze Star for heroic service under fire, and the Purple Heart for wounds received under fire. These honors aside, he was most proud of having been a combat infantryman in the service of his country.

He graduated from Quitman High School in Quitman, Texas in 1939, and began working in the oilfield of East Texas as a roughneck for Rowan Drilling Company. After the war he returned to work for Rowan in West Texas and later transferred to Louisiana as oilfield exploration moved across the Gulf Coast and into offshore waters. He worked on some of the earliest drilling tender operations in the Gulf of Mexico for Rowan in the late 1950's until his retirement in 1974 as a rig superintendent in New Orleans. He began work for Gulf Oil Corporation as a Company Man and continued until 1979 when he retired and formed his own oilfield consulting company. During his years as a consultant, he was afforded the opportunity to supervise the drilling of many deep wells requiring his well control expertise. He became a member of the "4-Mile Deep" Club while drilling deep wells in the Tuscaloosa Trend in the Baton Rouge area for operators including the late "Doc" Penning-ton, Louisiana Land and Exportation, and Amoco.

He retired completely in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert F. Conger and his mother, Minerva Elizabeth Stevenson; as well as two brothers: Lloyd A. Conger and Paul Conger. He is survived by one daughter and three sons and their families: Ann Conger Mueller of Fresno, California, Russell Paul Conger, Sr. of Amite, LA, Robert Mark Conger of Prairieville, LA and Steven Luke Conger of Gretna, LA. He had 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Association, the National Rifle Association, the Combat Infantry Association, the 96th Infantry Division "Deadeyes" Association, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Grandpa was truly a one of a kind man. You always

knew what Grandpa believed in, he always told it how he saw it, and at the end of the day, you would be proud to know him. He will be sorely missed by all.

Visitation at Charlet Funeral Home, Zachary, LA on Thursday, November 6, 2008 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 7th at First Baptist Church, Baker, LA. Burial to follow at Azalea Rest Cemetery, Zachary, Louisiana.