



Leon J. Conger

November 30, 1921 - April 25, 2007

Leon Jerry Conger, age 85, passed away on April 25, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on November 30, 1921 in Greenville, Michigan to Eston Bartlett Conger and Bernice Summers Conger. He graduated from Greenville High School in 1939 and entered service in the Army Air Corps in August of 1940. He was first stationed at Scott Field in Belleville, Illinois. He entered Glider Pilot Training in July of 1942 at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio. After completing his training, he served in various assignments, including overseas in India during World War II. He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1946 and went on reserve status. From 1946 -1951, he worked as a civilian in sales in San Antonio. In 1951, he was recalled to active duty and first served at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. He was then transferred to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska, where he ran a supply branch and operated a youth center for children of military personnel for two years. From 1954 -1962, he was stationed at Harlingen Air Force Base and from 1962 -1964 at Wiesbaden Air Force Base and Lindsey Air Force Station in Germany, where he worked in Logistics in Communications. From 1965 -1966, he served at Hamilton Air Force Base in California. In 1966, he retired from military service and returned to San Antonio, where he worked in industrial lighting sales for 20 years, until his retirement in 1987.

He married Marguerite “Chickie” Leissner in October of 1943 in Lubbock, Texas. She preceded him in death in November of 1974. They had three sons, Jerry Lynn, Charles and Mark. Jerry Lynn also preceded him in death in

January of 1959. In July of 1975, he married Helen Page in San Antonio. Jerry was a member of St. Matthews Catholic Church. He was also a longtime member of the National World War II Glider Pilots Association and attended many of their reunions.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 31 years, Helen; son Charles Conger and his wife, Marilyn of Missouri City, Texas and their sons, Christopher and Kevin; son Mark of San Antonio; stepson Steve Thornton of San Antonio; stepdaughter Katherine Oholendt and her husband, Mark of Helotes and their children, Lauren, James and Kyle; stepdaughter Sharon Dorris and her husband, Steve of Gilbert, Arizona and their children, Jason and Nicole; stepdaughter Tricia Murphy and her husband, Tom of Dallas and their daughter, Makayla; his sister, Clella Watts of Grand Rapids, Michigan; his nephew, Dan Watts and his wife, Sue of Grand Rapids; and his niece, Vickie Smith, also of Grand Rapids.

Visitation will be at 12 noon on Saturday, April 28 at St. Matthews Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road, followed by a rosary at 1:00 p.m. and the funeral mass at 1:30 p.m. Interment will be at a later date at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My Condolences to you and your family Mrs. Conger . His Memories will always be with me . I love you !! -Desiree from Merrill Gardens*

Desiree Melendez - May 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My dad, Leo Sr., shared many fond memories and humorus stories about the two of them while in the military together. Can you imagine a Leo A. Conger and a Leon J. Conger serving together in the same unit? It had to have been confusing.*

Leo A. Conger, Jr. - April 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so glad that I got to meet Jerry a few years ago. I am thankful for all the family history that he shared with me. I was so impressed with the details that he remembered. He lead a long full life. I am sorry for your loss. I hope many happy memories*

Judy Lynch - April 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM