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Benjamin Charles Confer

Benjamin Charler Confer, 90, passed away on Monday, January 16, 2012, at the Rogue Valley Manor Retirement Home in Medford, Ore.

During World War II, he served as a TEC 5 and was with the United States Army, 96th Infantry Division from October 1942 until January 1946.

Benjamin was in the invasion of Leyte when General Douglas MacArthur returned to the Philippines, and in the battle of Okinawa, Japan, for which the Division received the "Presidential Unit Citation" for Extraordinary Heroism, a very costly battle.

They moved from Freeport to San Luis Obispo in 1964, where he worked at Standard Motors until he retired. He and Joyce were members of Grace Church and in later years, he led The Active Retired group. In 2000, they moved closer to family in Carmel, Calif., and in 2007 to the RVM.

Mr. Confer is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joyce Confer; son, Aril Confer (Krystil) of Reno, Nev.; daughter, Debbie Angel (Jack) of Monterey, Calif.; sister, Mary Confer of Freeport; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Esther Confer.