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Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Robert Joel Conard of Tulsa, Okla.; one daughter, Marilyn Thilabaum of Mission Viejo, Calif.; one brother, Ray Conard of Tulsa, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

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