

Ronald Harry "Ron" Sweetland, son of Basil Harry (1905-1959) and Lois (Bates) (1906-1969) Sweetland, was born 16 August 1926 Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

Ron joined the US Navy during high school in 1943, serving aboard the USS Cumberland Sound. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

He returned to high school and satisfied all the requirements for class membership and graduation.

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VETERAN GRADUATES		
The following veterans, who for various reasons had not completed their high school work before entering the armed service, have now satisfied all requirements for graduation. They shall be considered members of the class of 1947 and will receive their high school diplomas with the other members of the class at Commencement time.		
Joseph Griffith	United States Marines	1943-46
Russell R. Leach	United States Marines	1941-46
William Leverett	United States Army	1942-46
Clarence Robinson	United States Marines	1943-46
Ronald Sweetland	United States Navy	1943-46
Gerald Thiel	United States Navy	1945-46
Martin Wunkel	United States Navy	1945-46

Ron graduated with the class of 1947 from Okemos High School.

Ron married Jean Carol Dixon 13 April 1947, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. The couple celebrated 65 years together and 4 children; Brett (1958-1994), Larry, Alan and Kathrene.

Ron died 25 August 2012, Florida. Jean, born 19 December 1924, died 13 December 2012, North Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida.

Okemos Class Night Program Is Unusual

(Special to The State Journal)
OKEMOS, May 26—Seven young men, who were entered in the United States armed forces before receiving their complete high school work, will receive diplomas Thursday evening at the annual commencement program of the Okemos high school. They have completed their courses since leaving the service, returning to school to do the work. Those completing are: Joseph Griffith, Russell Leach, William Leverett, Clarence Robinson, Ronald Sweetland and Martin Munckel. An unusual presentation of the