

Martin M. Wunkel, Jr., son of Martin M. Sr. (1888-1956) and Margaret (Barns) (1885-1969) Wunkel, was born 6 March 1927, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. Martin Sr. filed for bankruptcy twice in Ingham County, Michigan, 1927 and 1950.

Martin Jr. attended Okemos High School with the class of 1945 but left for the military before graduating. In 1945 he joined the US Navy and was given an honorable discharge in 1946. He re-enrolled, satisfied all requirements for graduation and received his OHS high school diploma in 1947. In all, seven returning veterans graduated with the class of '47.

1947 Okemos Tomahawk Yearbook, Senior Class of 1947 Pictures

V E T E R A N G R A D U A T E S		
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

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Okemos Class Night Program Is Unusual

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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

unusual event to celebrate "the boys who went to war", return to the classroom and graduate as young men. On 7 June 1947 Martin Jr. married Arlene Nellie Hixson (1926-2002). The wedding ceremony took place in the bride's parent's home, Lansing. Arlene and Martin later divorced, and Martin married Pauline Minnie Kurtz (1917-1994). Martin and Pauline divorced in Alameda County, California in 1969.

Martin died 29 February 1981 in Napa County, California.