

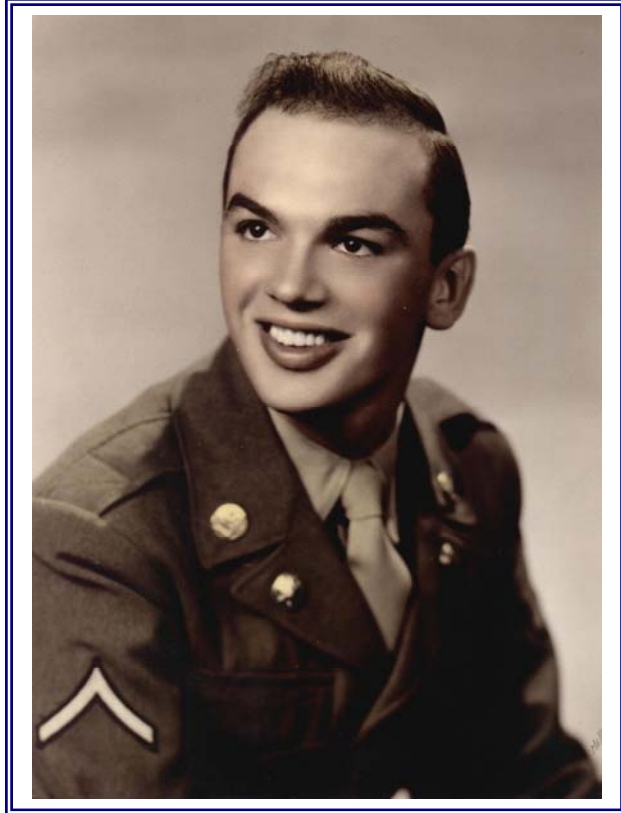
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Ronald Meeks

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Ronald Meeks was born in St. Louis, Missouri on May 9, 1928. He graduated from Central High School. He is known as "Hap" because of his disposition. His older brother Ray had been in the Army Air Force and was released from active duty four months after Ron joined.

Ron enlisted in the United States Army at Scott Air Force Base in St. Clair County, Illinois three months after he turned eighteen years old on August 13, 1946. He attended Quartermaster Corps School and the Tailor's Course in Camp Lee, Virginia. Once basic training was completed and his extra schooling completed, he and his buddies were loaded on trains and cargo planes for their trip to California. They were on their way to Guam. This was quite an experience for a boy who had never been out of St. Louis, much less on a plane or train.

After arriving in Guam in 1947 he helped with the cleanup of World War II munitions and war ravaged sites. His tailor's course came in handy as he had to repair uniforms and sew on badges, bars, etc., for his Army buddies. Ron said that while on Guam there was a lot of downtime and the guys all worked on their tans at the beaches. When he left Guam, he was stationed at the Presidio in California. There he spent a lot of time writing to his fiancée, June Wolpers. On August 12, 1948, he was discharged from the Army. In St. Louis nine days later, Ron and June were married.

Ron does not remember any special awards.

Ron and June have five daughters, eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He worked for American Can Company as a millwright for thirty nine years retiring in 1987.

Ron is a life-long Lutheran and was very active in groups and organizations of Zion Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church. He loved to barbeque and listen to the Cardinal games on the radio while having a brew. He currently lives with his wife in a skilled nursing facility.