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# Local man drowns in abandoned quarry

Ronald Ray Sieg, 19, Linn, drowned early Saturday morning as he and a group of about 10 friends were swimming at an abandoned rock quarry east of Linn.

According to the Osage County Sheriff's Department, Sieg, a 1979 graduate of Linn High School, could not swim at all and was last seen walking around the edges of the quarry.

About half-an-hour passed before Sieg's friends realized he had disappeared, Deputy Paul Backues reported. Believing Sieg to have returned to town because of problems he was having with his truck, a couple of his friends went into Linn to look for him, Backues said.

Realizing Sieg hadn't returned to town, the two reported his disappearance to the Sheriff's Department.

Accompanied by Trooper McCown

of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Deputy Backues went out to the quarry to investigate.

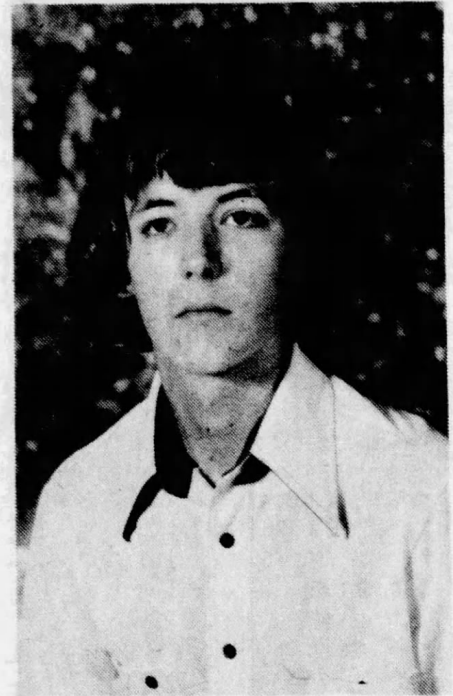
On arrival, another friend of the group drove his truck down the banks of the quarry, as the law officers shined spotlights over the quarry.

Sieg was soon discovered at the bottom of about 10 feet of water. The group quite upset, stood by as two friends dove into the quarry to retrieve Sieg's body.

Sieg was pronounced dead at the scene.

Sieg is the second person to drown in the quarry in the last two years, noted Backues, regardless of gates and cables which have been erected by the owners of the quarry property to keep out trespassers.

Sieg was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sieg.



**Ronald Ray Sieg**

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