

Cox Elmer W. Nitz

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Swimmer's Death Not Drowning

An Oshkosh man, swimming in the Fox River Tuesday evening, died of an acute heart attack, Winnebago County Coroner Duane Moore said this morning.

Elmer W. Nitz, 50, of 530 Jefferson St., was seen by Ernest Gehrke, owner of Gehrke's Sport Shop, 3 N. Main St., at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday entering the water to begin swimming.

Gehrke, who notified police of the incident, checked the water again at 6:41 p.m. and found Nitz floating face down in the water 75 feet west of the Main Street bridge, about six feet from shore.

Coroner Moore, in ruling on Nitz's death, said that an investigation indicated his death was caused by an acute coronary attack. No water was found in the lungs, he said.

Nitz was born in Oshkosh, son of Frederick and Helen Nitz, and had been employed at the Paine Lumber Co. A divorced man, he served with the Navy during World War II, and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Walter Rice, West Lafayette, Ohio, and Mrs. Herbert Claassen, Oshkosh.

Cox. Elmer W. Nitz, 511 Bowen street, won the European theater service ribbon and one star and American theater service ribbon. He entered the navy July 25, 1942.