

Richard W. Lutz

Location - East-A: R3, C29

County bought the plat and enlarged it to give Oshkosh one of the earliest county airports in this area.

Mr. Lutz served with the aviation corps in World War I, and following the war teamed with Florian Manor in countrywide acts of stunt flying and wing walking.

He was born in Oshkosh on Aug. 23, 1896, son of Robert and Gertrude Lutz, and was married in Crown Point, Ind., to Miss Edna L. Weisbrod.

He served as president of the Lutz Co. from 1925 until retiring in 1955, and had since served as secretary of the concern.

He was a member of Oshkosh Elks, Cook-Fuller Post 70 of American Legion, Last Man's Club, Bachelor Club, Oshkosh Country Club and Butte des Morts Golf Club.

Surviving are his wife, Edna; and one brother, Dr. Edgar A. Lutz, Los Angeles, Calif.

Services will be held Thursday

R. W. Lutz Started First Airport Here

Richard W. Lutz, 68, of 1034 W. South Park Ave., who died Monday at 9 a.m. at Mercy Hospital, was instrumental in the initial development of Winnebago County Airport.

Vitally interested in air flight since World War I, in 1919 he started the first airfield in Oshkosh on the Fourth Street Road.

He campaigned to have the city and county purchase land for an airport, but his early efforts failed, and in 1927 he and three others organized Oshkosh Airport, Inc.

They purchased 100 acres on 20th Street and built a hangar there, and in 1937 hired S. J. "Steve" Wittman to manage the airport. In 1940, Winnebago