

Services Saturday For Local Plane Crash Victim

(KAIR)--The Atchison woman killed in Sunday's plane crash near Cummings will be laid to rest in her native Ohio.

According to the obituary for 34-year-old Bethany Root, services will be held Saturday morning at the Staton Borowski Funeral Home, in Warren, Ohio.

According to a Facebook post from Atchison's Travis Grossman, serving as the local liaison for Root's family, a celebration of life hangar party will be held Saturday evening, July 29, at 7:00, at Atchison's Amelia Earhart Airport.

Root had served as manager for the airport since 2016.

According to Grossman, the celebration of life will be of a come-and-go nature, where pictures, videos, and stories about Root's life will be shared.

Along with her service to the airport, Root was one of a small handful of female agricultural pilots in the country, providing crop dusting services for McElwain Ag Sprayers, of Wathena.

Her family has established the Bethany Root Memorial Fund “to honor her legacy and passion for flying,” through the support of education, training, and initiatives for girls and women interested in aviation.

In lieu of flowers or plants, Root's family is asking that contributions in her memory be made to the foundation at RootFund.org.

Root was a passenger in an airplane flown by pilot Vlado Lenocho late Sunday morning that crashed near Cummings.

Both died in the crash.

The 64-year-old Lenocho, a heavily experienced demonstration pilot from Bluff Ridge, Illinois had, the night before, performed as part of an aerobatics show held in conjunction with Atchison's Amelia Earhart festival.

Federal investigators say it could take 10-months to a year to complete the investigation into the deadly crash.