

Services Set for Pilot Killed in Atchison Co Crash

CHICAGO (AP) - Funeral services have been set for an Illinois man killed along with a passenger when his World War II-era aircraft crashed in Atchison County.

Visitation for Vlado Lenocho of Burr Ridge will be held Sunday in the Chicago suburb of Willowbrook. His funeral will be held Monday at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Western Springs.

The 64-year-old Lenocho and 34-year-old Bethany Root were killed last Sunday when the P-51 Mustang fighter they were flying in crashed in a field near Cummings, about five miles south of Atchison's Amelia Earhart Airport.

The crash occurred one day after Lenocho flew in an aerobatics show that was held as part of Atchison's Amelia Earhart Festival.

Root, who served as manager of the airport, will be laid to rest in her native Ohio.

Her services will be held Saturday morning at the Staton Borowski Funeral Home, in Warren, Ohio.

She will also be remembered during a celebration of life hangar party next Saturday in Atchison.

The come-and-go ceremony will be held Saturday evening, July 29, at 7:00 at the Amelia Earhart Airport.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the cause of the plane crash, with the findings to likely not be completed for 10 months to a year.

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