

Pilot killed in Brown Co plane crash identified

**(KNZA)--One person was killed early Friday evening when a small plane crashed north of Hiawatha.**

**The Kansas Highway Patrol says killed in the crash was the pilot and lone occupant, 67-year-old Bruce Lutz, of Andover, Kansas.**

**The Patrol says Lutz was flying south in a 1975 Beechcraft airplane when it crashed for an unknown reason.**

**Brown County Sheriff John Merchant said the plane went down in a cornfield, north of 260th Road, between U.S. 73 Highway and Mallard Road.**

**The crash, which was reported around 5:15, occurred about one mile north of the Hiawatha Airport.**

**The plane was engulfed in flames when emergency responders arrived but was quickly extinguished.**

**The cause of the crash will be investigated by the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board.**

**According to his [obituary](#) from the Cozine Memorial Group, Lutz is survived by three children, including locally, Stacy Simmer of Hiawatha.**

**Funeral mass for Lutz will be Wednesday afternoon in Andover, with burial Friday morning in Tipton, Missouri.**

**Lutz has a background in the aviation industry, having worked as an engineer for Beechcraft and Cessna in Wichita and also as a private private consultant.**

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