

1414 Brescher Street
Jasper, Indiana 47546
November 28, 1975

Dear Brother,

A plane crash near Mountain Home, Arkansas took the life of Brother Ronald K. Wiehe, '64, on Sunday, November 9, 1975. Ron was one of four men returning from a fishing trip in the Ozarks. According to the Muncie Press on November 10, "A witness said the plane rose about 15-20 feet in the air but apparently was buffeted by wind currents and struck trees at the end of the runway. Some of the plane's occupants were thrown from the cockpit."

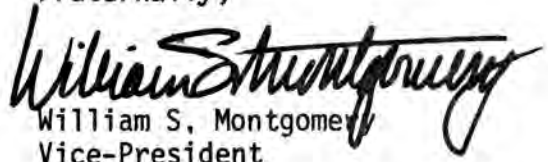
The Piper Cherokee Challenger was piloted by Stephen D. Slavin (I.U. '64), D.D.S., of Muncie, who was also killed in the accident. Surviving but in serious condition were Steve's brother Charles, also a Muncie dentist, and Steve's brother-in-law Sam Wearly.

This letter is being sent to all Brothers from the Class of '62 through the Class of '67. We felt that many of you would not otherwise become aware of this tragedy until publication of the February, 1976 newsletter, and that you would prefer to have this information now.

It is with much regret that we hear of any friend's death; in the case of Ron Wiehe, however, this is doubly so. Ron would not want to be eulogized, and we will respect that. All of us knew him well, and that was a pleasure and a privilege. Condolences have been sent to Mrs. Wiehe in behalf of Chi Phi.

Plans are being made for a suitable memorial for all Iota Delta departed Brothers (Kent Scherschel, Dennis Hinkle, Ed Knartzer and Ron Wiehe), and more details will be available on this later.

Fraternally,


William S. Montgomery
Vice-President

Air victim's services set

Services for Ronald K. Wiehe, 33, of 1334 W. Rudisill Blvd., who was killed Sunday when a private plane in which he was a passenger crashed on takeoff near Lakeview, Ark., will be at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday in Chalfant-Perry-Klaehn Funeral Home.



R. K. Wiehe

Mr. Wiehe was a Fort Wayne native and had managed the Fairfield Manor Apartments since 1967. He was a graduate of Purdue University and was a member of the Fort Wayne Board of Realtors.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte S., a son, Morgan, at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand H. Wiehe, Fort Wayne; a brother, Richard E., Indianapolis; and a grandmother, Mrs. Ernst Kruse, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.