

Betty B. Ludington (Schlittler)
1868 - 1965

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Early Flier, Mrs. Ludington is Dead at 96

Mrs. Betty B. Ludington, 96, who is credited with being the first woman in the United States to own and fly her own plane, died today at 1:07 a.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. O. Tetzlaff, 1430 Menominee Drive.

She was born in Monticello, Aug 10, 1868, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melchior Schlitter, and was married in Milwaukee on Feb. 23, 1909, to Herbert Ludington, who preceded her in death in 1939.

Mrs. Ludington, who was an intimate friend of Jimmy Doolittle and Eddie Rickenbacker, had resided in Oshkosh the past 10 years. She was a member of Wesley Methodist Church and its Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Tetzlaff in Oshkosh, Mrs. Edwin Pederson, Madison, and Mrs. Lars Bondhus, Austin, Minnesota; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Seefeld Funeral Home, with Rev. John P. Thompson, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, officiating. Burial at Lakeview Memorial Park.