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An Ohio ^{SURGEON} ~~physician~~ was killed and two other men critically injured this afternoon when the light plane they

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were flying in crashed into a clump of trees near the Lynchburg Airport. ^{69-YEAR OLD} Dr. Joseph Porter of Cincinnati, who was identified

as the pilot of the twin-engine Piper Comanche, died in the crash. Dr. Porter's son-in-law, 40-year-old Ernie Elam who ~~was~~ also lives in Cincinnati and James Holmes, a Lynchburg Pharmacist, were critically ~~was~~ injured. Both underwent surgery at Lynchburg General Hospital. Friends say the trio left Sunday for a hunting trip to Manteo, North Carolina.

They were en route home when the plane came down after running out of fuel. A spokesman at the Airport Control tower says the Pilot had been in radio contact with the tower and reported he was running out of fuel shortly before the crash. The pilot apparently headed for the Lynchburg expressway with the intention of landing there. But the craft hit the trees near the airport, barely missing a house in the area. The ~~two~~ twin engine plane was demolished but did not burn.

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