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William Lukacs, 67, Architect And Y.M.C.A. Official, Is Dead

William Lukacs, president of the New York Society of Architects and chief specifications architect for the Eggers Partnership, 100 Park Avenue, died Monday at Hillcrest Hospital, Flushing, Queens. He was 67 years old and lived at 64-45 137th Street, Flushing.

Mr. Lukacs had been director of research for the National Council of Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and Canada for 21 years, beginning in 1945. He left that post for several years but returned to it in 1967 after having served as chief architect of the Board of Higher Education.

Among the buildings Mr. Lukacs helped design were the Brooklyn, Queens and York Colleges and the Queensborough Community College. He also worked on the International Arrivals Building at Kennedy Airport.

Mr. Lukacs, who graduated from Cooper Union in 1928, was named "Alumnus of the Year" in 1963. He had been a president of the Alumni Association.

Army Air Forces Engineer

Mr. Lukacs also attended City College, New York University and Georgia Tech, where he specialized in architectural courses.

He was the author of the book "Swimming Pool Planning, Design Construction and Operation" and was a former editor of the New York Society of Architects' Building Code Manual.

From 1929 to 1935 he was draftsman, and squad and design chief of the New York State Division of Architecture. He later worked with the Pub-



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lic Works Administration in Washington. In World War II, Mr. Lukacs was a civilian construction engineer assigned to the Army Air Forces.

He was a past president of the New York Chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering, founder and past president of the New York Chapter of the International Maintenance Institute, and past president of the Construction Specifications Institute, which designated him a Fellow in 1972.

Mr. Lukacs also was chairman of the Queens Chapter of the Historic Preservation Committee and in 1969 was instrumental in preventing the demolition of the 1774 Kingsland Mansion in Flushing.

He leaves his wife, the former Hannah Le Witter-Wolf; a daughter, Mrs. Susan Lea Strahs; a son, Michael Edward, and three grandchildren.