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On May 15th, 2020 I was in the office building of Spring City Aviation watching aircraft land and listening to the radio scanner. I observed the C210 depart runway 29 at Burlington (KBUU) and begin the climb out after departure. The engine of the aircraft sounded like it was generating normal power and running smoothly. After rotation the aircraft ceased climbing less than 100 AGL and had not yet raised the gear. The pilot then made a call telling another pilot he was going to cut in front of him in the pattern for a low crosswind leg after which I lost sight of him behind the hangars on the field. The pilots voice sounded normal in all the radio calls I heard. I then saw the aircraft turn a downwind for runway 29 and appeared to be at the same low altitude he was at on the crosswind leg. After hearing the pilot continue to make radio calls, I figured everything was ok and diverted my attention elsewhere, unaware the pilot had crashed short of runway 29.

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