

Untimely Death Takes Palmdalite Roy Holland, 45

PALMDALE — Lockheed-Palmdale supervisory pioneer Roy Holland, 45, died suddenly Wednesday morning, August 18, of a coronary occlusion. Death came in a Palmdale doctor's office where he was waiting for a visitation.

Holland, a Lockheed employee for 15 years, came to Palmdale on Jan. 2, 1952, to supervise that company's initial operation here. He commanded a force of 52 men at that time.

~~He started with Lockheed in Van Nuys prior to World War II in 1939.~~

Holland was born in Los Angeles in 1908 and was raised and educated in the Southland.

He and his wife, Vivian, were married in September, 1930, in Hawthorne.

Besides his widow he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Pittario, her husband, and two grandchildren, Linda and Vickie Pittario, all of Palmdale. The Hollands were temporarily residing in Pearblossom at the time of his death awaiting the completion of a new home.

Holland also leaves his mother, Mrs. Eunice Reichle, of Compton.

During his residence in Palmdale, Holland was one of the community's chief boosters. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was very active in the Fin and Feather Club.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Mumaw's in Lancaster and he was placed to final rest at the Palmdale Cemetery.