

Obituaries

W. Podleski, injured in quake

Services are this afternoon in Santa Cruz for William Edward Podleski, 56, a Lockheed production planner who was injured and suffered a stroke on the day of the Loma Prieta earthquake.

Mr. Podleski died Wednesday at Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital of a second stroke, which occurred earlier in the day at his home in the Santa Cruz mountains.

He had suffered his first stroke on Oct. 17 at his Miller Hill Road home after he was injured when a china cabinet fell on him, according to family members. The Podleski home suffered extensive damage in the quake.

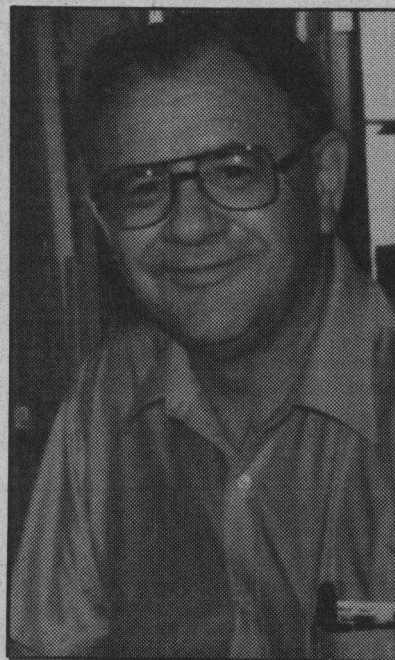
Mr. Podleski was born in Sunnyvale, where he had attended Fremont High School before joining Western Electric. His work as a production-plans specialist at the Lockheed Missiles & Space Co. plant in Sunnyvale dealt principal-

ly with classified projects, his family said.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War and served as an aviation machinist. During one phase of his military service, he worked on aircraft belonging to the Thunderbirds, the Air Force's stunt flying team.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, the former Janice Ballenger of Santa Cruz; four daughters, Lisa Arnett and Lori Johns of San Jose, Lynn Podleski of Sacramento and Louise Podleski of Santa Cruz; and three granddaughters. Also surviving are two sisters, Betty Brack of Oroville and Thelma Faix of Sunnyvale.

Today's service is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. in the Mission Chapel at Santa Cruz Memorial Park, where burial will follow. Arrangements are being handled by Santa Cruz Memorial Park Funeral Home.



William E. Podleski
... Lockheed employee