

The Very Rev. Archpriest Nicholas Kompkoff, 54, dies

The Very Rev. Archpriest Nicholas Kompkoff of Chenega Bay died June 19 at the Alaska Native Medical Center. He was 54.

Kompkoff, in addition to being an oilfield technician, postal worker and priest, was a founder and past president of Chenega Corp., where he served on the board of directors from 1973 to 1984.

Kompkoff, born in Valdez on April 15, 1933, was an involved and concerned member of the Orthodox Church. In September 1968 he became a deacon and later was ordained on Jan. 25, 1970. He became an archpriest in 1978.

Kompkoff served several Alaskan parishes, mostly at St. Innocent Orthodox Cathedral from 1978 to 1985. Up until last year, he served at the Nativity of Virgin Mary Chapel at Chenega Bay.

Kompkoff was in Chenega village when it was devastated in the tidal

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wave following the 1964 earthquake. He later helped rebuild the village on Evans Island.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann of Chenega Bay, his children Mark and Nick Jr. of Anchorage and Carol Ann Wilson of Chenega Bay, his mother Mrs. Donia Kompkoff of Cordova and other numerous close family members.

Burial was Thursday at the Chenega Bay Cemetery.