

## Louis Herman 'Peck' Kornik

July 31, 1940 - April 2, 2015

ETNA — Louis H. Kornik Jr. passed peacefully April 2, 2015 in Etna, Ca., surrounded by family and his beloved brothers of the St. Gregory of Palamas Monastery. Louis was born in 1940 in Los Angeles, Ca., to Mr. Louis H. Kornik, and Mrs. Charlotte V. Kornik. The family moved to San Diego, Ca., the year he was born. At the age of eight Louis contracted Polio and subsequently lost the use of both his arms and hands. He turned this disability into, "Special Abilities" that would inspire others throughout his lifetime. Despite his challenges he graduated High School from St. Augustine's, and then went on to graduate from the University of San Diego. During his youth he developed a great interest, and love, for the Orthodox faith, and devoted his life to it. In 1964 he became a tonsured monk serving at two San Diego Russian Orthodox churches. Louis/ Father Sergius spoke several languages fluently. He was especially gifted in Russian, and Russian Choral Music. He also had a passion for Chinese medicine, was an expert food critic in his own right. He loved to travel and spend time with his family. His greatest gift to all he encountered was his amazing smile and his great sense of humor. In



2009 he was awarded the title of "Great Schema" monk. In 2014 Father Sergius relocated to the St. Gregory of Palamas monastery in Etna, Ca. He will truly be missed by those he touched.

Louis/Peck/ Fr. Serguis was preceded in death by his parents, Louis H. Kornik and Charlotte V. Kornik, as well as his elder brother Daniel Kornik. He is survived by his sister, Pamela Brown (Mel), brother Bill Kornik (Sue), brother Steven Kornik, many nieces and nephews and wonderful lifelong friends. Our entire family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the monks of St. Gregory of Palamas Monastery for their unwavering support and generosity. Memorial donations may be made in Louis' name, (Schemamonk Serguis) to St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, P.O. Box 398, Etna, CA 96027.

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