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### AGAFANGEL STEPETIN

Aleut culture teacher Agafangel "Alfred" G. Stepetin, 62, died March 27 at Humana Hospital-Alaska.

A requiem service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday with a funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Tyonek. Archpriest Paul Merculief will officiate.

Mr. Stepetin was born Jan. 20, 1928, in Unalaska.

The family made the following statement: "He was best known for his dedication to the preservation of the Aleut culture as demonstrated by his many hours of Aleut translations and efforts to teach the young people the language."

He most recently worked with Professors Lydia Black and Michael Krauss from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He was one of a few who could still teach the Aleut dance.

Mr. Stepetin was a well-known Aleut artist, with most of his work being paintings of Alaska's birds and wild flowers. Mr. Stepetin was a tonsured reader in the Orthodox church in Alaska, with most of his service at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Tyonek.

Mr. Stepetin is survived by his sisters, Vera Bailey, of Bellflower, Calif., and Agnes Savoroff, of Nikolski, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins, including his cousin, Anna Philemanof, of Anchorage.

Memorial contributions may be sent in Mr. Stepetin's name to the St. Innocent Orthodox Cathedral Building Fund, 6714 E. Fourth Ave., Anchorage 99504.

Burial will be in the Orthodox Cemetery.

Service arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel, Eighth Avenue and E Street.