



Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea

September 15, 1951 - January 12, 2025

Rev. Fr. Sergiu Lucian Cornea, 73, of Aurora, IL, born to Teodor and Gema Cornea, grew up in Oradea, Romania. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2025, surrounded by loving family and friends.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, generosity, dedication, devotion, and hard work. Born on September 15, 1951, Sergiu married his high school sweetheart, Ritta, in 1972, and attended the University of Agricultural Sciences at Cluj-Napoca, Romania. From a younger age, he displayed a remarkable character, countless talents, and a natural ability to bring people together.

A devoted father to his daughter Vanda and her husband, Dan, Sergiu found immense joy in his grandchildren, Alexia, Aidan and Ava. He took great pride in their achievements and eagerly watched them grow into remarkable individuals. Sergiu's role as a grandfather was one he cherished deeply. Sergiu shared a special bond with his sisters Ramona and Corina (Tayeb), and sister-in-law Monica, and deeply cared for his nephews and nieces, Nordin, Mona (Paul), Carmen (Otto) and Teodor-Ted (Hannah), and their children, Otto, Nassim, Robert, Miriam, and Noria.

In later years, Rev. Fr. Sergiu answered a higher calling and became a priest of the Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church, following in his father's footsteps and carrying forward a legacy of faith and spiritual guidance. This role in ministry was a natural extension of his character – one of compassion,

wisdom and unwavering faith. He served as a Priest at Saints Peter and Paul Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church in Chicago for more than 30 years.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, January 14, 1pm-8pm, and funeral service on Wednesday, January 15, starting at 9am, at St. Michael Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church, 609 N. Lincoln Ave., Aurora, IL 60505, followed by the burial at St. Michael Cemetery, in Aurora, IL.

Rest in peace, dear Rev. Fr. Sergiu. You will be deeply missed.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael Cemetery

Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

In State

JAN 14. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Michael Church
609 North Lincoln Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Funeral Mass

JAN 15. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael Church
609 North Lincoln Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Funeral Service

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael Church
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Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Ramona C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.*

Ramona C. - January 04 at 01:36 PM

MB

“ *Mela B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.*

Mela B. - January 14, 2025 at 11:32 PM

FR

“ *Ce pierdere! Omul lui Dumnezeu! Mă rog pentru el, mă rog pentru voi toți!
Vei fi în sufletele noastre pentru totdeauna.
Dumnezeu să-l răsplătească pentru faptele sale.
SERGIU drum lin spre stele!
Rodica Fulop Pop*



Fulop Pop Rodica - January 14, 2025 at 04:31 PM

FG

“ *May the good Lord grant rest to the soul of Fr. Sergiu. We remember him as a dedicated priest as his father, +Fr. Teodor, was. Our condolences to Preoteasa and the entire family. Dumnezeu sa-l ierte si sa-l odihneasca in pace. Fr. George Gage and his family from Georgia.*

Fr. George D. Gage - January 14, 2025 at 02:17 PM

PK

“ Peter, Nora, Jeremiah, and Kelly Kaye. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.



Peter, Nora, Jeremiah, and Kelly Kaye. - January 14, 2025 at 01:13 PM

PK

“ Peter, Nora, Jeremiah, and Kelly Kaye. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.

Peter, Nora, Jeremiah, and Kelly Kaye. - January 14, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.



January 14, 2025 at 04:54 AM

VM

“ Rest in place Fr. Sergiu, at the bosom of the Lord, whom you served for so many years.
Fr. Michael Moisin

Very Rev. Fr. Michael Moisin - January 14, 2025 at 01:30 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.*



January 13, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.

January 13, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ *Diana și Matt Fassler purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.*



Diana și Matt Fassler - January 13, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Diana și Matt Fassler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.*

Diana și Matt Fassler - January 13, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.*



January 13, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.

January 13, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Fr. Sergiu L. Cornea.*



January 13, 2025 at 04:24 PM