

In Loving Memory



Shihan Gordon Alacazar Doversola

December 1, 1934 - April 19, 2011

Shihan passed away after a long battle over complications from a stroke and diabetes. He is survived by daughters Czarina and Tahini. He was the founder and creator of the Okinawa-te Karate Organization. He was a giant in the Martial Arts world, and a pioneer in bringing the art to America. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was one of the first to open a Dojo in Los Angeles, his Art considered the forerunner of modern Karate. He was a technical advisor for movies and television and acted as well. Trainer of Jim Kelly, Joe Lewis, and many Martial Artists. Bodyguard and trainer for Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Ann Francis and many celebrities.



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***Funeral services on Wednesday 4/27/11, 11:00am at Turner & Stevens Mortuary, 200 E. Duarte Rd., Monrovia, CA 91016.

I had the honor and privilege of being a private student of Shihan Doversola during 1962 & 1963.

The year and a half that I was able to train privately with Shihan, enhanced and added to my knowledge and skill in the martial arts. I truly admired and respected Shihan and remain grateful for what he taught me. He was the rare combination of a skilled and knowledgeable teacher and a "fighter".

The martial arts community has lost a true "Master".

His legacy in the arts will live on through his teachings and he will be remembered.

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