

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gildo Mezzo Sensei, 7th Dan Aikikai, who had taught at our club since 1975, during the night of July 1st.

His practice and teaching combined clarity, precision, and uncompromising rigor with an open mind and a constant pursuit of efficiency through the refinement of the principles and techniques employed.

In the 1970s, at the Hombu Dojo, he met not only the most illustrious Japanese masters, including Master Yamaguchi and Master Saotome, but also Christian Tissier, Franck Noël, and many others who became his friends. Thanks to Gildo and his international renown, we were able to benefit from their teaching, as well as that of numerous world-renowned Aikido masters, during many training sessions at our club.

Furthermore, after training specifically under Inaba Sensei, Gildo also taught us Kenjutsu from the Kashima school of the Shiseikan in Tokyo and opened the doors of this prestigious martial arts academy to us, as well as to ISBA, the international organization to which Kenjutsu dojos outside of Japan are affiliated.

A great Aikido master has passed away; he possessed an enormous knowledge of Aikido and Kenjutsu, which he patiently shared with us. His teaching was characterized by great open-mindedness and generosity, and he trained numerous black belts within the ACSA in Switzerland. Gildo also led many seminars in Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

It is with deep admiration that we bid him farewell.



