

Chiba Sensei passes away aged 75

TK Chiba Shihan
1940 - 2015

TK Chiba Shihan, our teacher and founder of Birankai, died peacefully at his home in San Diego, USA on Friday 5 June 2015, surrounded by his family. We offer Mrs Chiba and family our deepest condolences.

We are saddened by this immense loss, but are grateful that we, like so many Aikido practitioners worldwide, have been touched by his selfless teaching. We all have many stories to tell about the impact he made on our lives and we will honour his teaching by passing on his message to future generations through our practice of Aikido.

Gifts to the family

We know that many of you will want to support Mrs Chiba and family at this time. To leave a gift for the family please use the web page set up by San Diego Aikikai or the account set up by British Birankai. If you are sending a gift from the UK you may wish to use the British Birankai account to keep transfer costs down. We will transfer your donations to San Diego Aikikai together with donor information.

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British Birankai will be celebrating the life of Chiba Sensei at our Summer School (18-22 July 2015). In 2016 we will be organising several events to honour Chiba Sensei's 50th anniversary as the first Aikikai Hombu official representative in the UK as well as his first memorial.