

Friends and Family Members of Karate Nova Scotia:

The Karate Community recently lost a dear friend - with the passing of Victor Swinimer.

Victor was known by all, and greatly respected throughout the Province, the Atlantic Region, and Nationally - as a Sensei, a Coach, a Regional Director, an Official, a Father, and a true friend.

Over the years, Victor has made such a difference within our World of Karate:

- As a Sensei, Victor brought Uechi-Ryu to the competitive forefront, at both local and national events. He
  also recognized his fellow Senseis as valuable instructors and friends, and eagerly shared many
  meaningful sessions regardless of the time, the season, or the location
- As a Coach he worked with Sensei Dave Griffin to develop and promote the Kata Program throughout the province, as well as the Atlantic Region
- As a Regional Director he was always the first to write or call back, to see if he could possibly help out
  with various projects and responsibilities and he always followed through on each and
  every commitment with a dedicated attitude and a generous smile
- As an Official, Victor played an active role in all events and was recognized as a National Official, something he was always extremely proud of achieving
- And as a friend, there are thousands of memories that we will hold dear in our thoughts, and will hopefully share amongst our fellow karatekas, throughout the days and years to come
- As for Sensei Milton Bourque and myself we have lost something that we have shared for many years at every Local and National event. We will truly miss you Sensei Victor Swinimer, and regardless of where each of us are we will always be "The Three Amigos"

Please join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Victor's Family, Friends, and Students.

Aidan, your Dad was a true gift to us all. And you were the centre of what made him extremely proud.

I know that everyone in our Karate Community and beyond have been touched in a similar way by Victor ... he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Sincerely Gary

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