

Vale Arthur Moorshead OAM, Eighth Dan

Arthur Moorshead OAM and Eighth Dan who was known to everyone in the Australian judo community simply as "Arthur", died peacefully at 1:30pm on Friday the 29th of January aged 78. He leaves behind his grieving wife Susie and their family and many friends in the Australian and international judo community.

Arthur arrived from the United Kingdom in 1961 as a Fourth Dan after a distinguished judo career, and threw himself into Victorian judo, opening the Caulfield Judo Club with two partners in 1965. He continued his involvement and passion for judo right up until his death.

Arthur was an all round judoka who was a highly successful coach having trained many of our Australian Olympians. He was always a highly charismatic and motivating coach. In the 'Seventies' he was the coach of the very successful Monash University Judo Club and was a legend at the Intervarsity Judo Championships!

Caulfield Judo Club remains one of the strongest clubs in Australia having produced too many champions to list here. Arthur was so committed to the Caulfield Judo Club that he and Susie invested in three new competition areas only two years ago even as his health was starting to fail.

Arthur was an international referee and refereed at many major international tournaments. He was just as happy refereeing the Under 10's at our local monthly tournaments. Arthur was passionate about refereeing and even offered to act as a corner judge when he could no longer walk in the last few months. When he could no longer referee he went back to what he loved best, coaching and barracking from the side of the mat.

Arthur also took on leadership roles in Australian judo culminating in his election as the President of the Judo Federation of Australia for a four year term finishing in 2005.

Arthur and Susie were the first to push the idea of an International Open in Australia so that our competitors could compete with the best at home, and not have to travel. When the JFA at the time chose not to take up this concept, Arthur and Susie initiated the first VIOC which had its 21st birthday last year. Others have since followed, but it wouldn't have happened without Arthur's vision and a lot of hard work.

Everyone in the Judo community that knew Arthur will have lots of anecdotes to remember him by. He was one of the larger than life personalities and major contributors to our sport over the last 45 years. He will be missed.

Neville Sharpe Fifth Dan

Past President and current Treasurer of Judo Victoria Inc.

Coached by Arthur Moorshead while studying at Monash University 1972-6

