



Barry Tuchfeld

Mar 26, 1947 - Jan 10, 2017

Barry Tuchfeld passed away January 10, 2017. He was the son of Sol E. and Nancy Tuchfeld and grew up in Jackson and in our congregation. Among his many accomplishments are all-state football (Jackson High School), Ph.D. in sociology, former professor at Texas Christian University, and Aikido Sensei. As a life-long educator, he worked with universities, think tanks, and as a consultant to major corporations and small businesses. He was Chief Instructor at Aikido Sarasota. Barry held the rank of Yondan (4th degree Black Belt) in Aikido and was a Shido-in, a Certified Aikido Instructor. Our condolences to Barry's wife and son, Sue and Elliot. May his memory be a blessing.

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Barry Tuchfeld, beloved father, husband, mentor, teacher, Sensei, and connector par excellence, passed away peacefully in Sarasota, Florida on January 10, 2017.

Barry earned his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Tennessee in 1974. At Texas Christian University, he became a tenured professor at the young age of 31, founded a national research center, and met his soulmate, Susan Marcus. After a stint as Research Director at Shepard Pratt Hospital, he and his free-spirited wife set sail for the Bahamas & Caribbean for three years. In 1989, they moved to Northern California, lived on an organic farm, and started the Health Information Network. They married in 1993 and Barry did consulting and teaching at the University of San Francisco. Barry discovered Aikido, a Japanese martial art, which became central to his personal and professional evolution. In 1996, Barry and Sue were blessed with a beautiful son, Elliot. The family moved to Sarasota, in 2003, where Barry continued to consult and teach. Barry Sensei founded Traditional Aikido of Sarasota in 2004 in the Iwama lineage, and built a thriving community of 70 practicing students of all ages, including 12 black belts. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sue, remarkable son, Elliot, and a legion of friends and students.

Donations to honor Barry's love, life and legacy can be made to Traditional Aikido of Sarasota. A memorial service will be held at the Dojo (date and time TBA). Please contact info@aikidosarasota.com.