

Rest in Peace Johnny Holbrook
July 19, 1948 to February 19, 2010



An Old School, Hard
Hitting Martial Arts
Mentor to Me...

I received a call early this morning from one of **Johnny Holbrook's** top students in Smithfield, NC that he unexpectedly passed away this morning. My heart and mind are DEVASTATED.

I saw him just a few weeks ago in Dillon, SC and shared some excellent laughs with him during the Blackbelt Meeting and then throughout the day. To know **Johnny** was to smile.

Johnny has known me since I was a youngster in Karate and was ALWAYS there with a smile on his face to make me laugh. He promoted the Spring Open in North Carolina which I competed in several times as I grew in Karate! His love for our wonderful art and sport can never be denied.

He always supported who I was, where I came from and where I was going!!

*Whatever day they announce his funeral for, one thing is for certain - I will be in NC to honor this great man!

I truly loved Johnny Holbrook!!!!

Sensei Brian Pena