

Sharrieff Rashed

January, 1959 - September, 2005

Shodan, Nisei Goju-Ryu

Sharrieff was born in California and moved to New York as a teenager, attending New Rochelle High School. While riding a bicycle along a New Rochelle street, he was struck by a car and rammed into a tree. The driver fled the scene of the accident. Due to the severity of the collision, Sharrieff's right arm was paralyzed.

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In 1984, Sharrieff was promoted to Brown Belt and won 1st place in sparring at the 1st Metrofit Karate Championship, along with other awards won during his distinguished tournament career.

Later that year, he moved to Buffalo, NY married, and then fathered two children, all which survive him. His mother in California and sister in New York also survive him.

In 1988, Sharrieff returned to New York and remained in close contact with his instructor. In December 2004, he was promoted to 1st degree black belt along with Mr. Lamou Barthelemi.

Sharrieff Rasheed Picture Gallery

