

# Yama-Kan Self-Defense School

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### APRIL 2009



Dear Students,

Today I must share some sad news. This past Sunday April 5th, Sijo Adriano D. Emperado passed away on the island of Maui, he had been ill for quite sometime.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on June 16, 1926, Adriano Emperado was born to Filipino-Hawaiian parents and grew up in the Palama/Kalihi district of Honolulu. One of the 5 founders of Kajukenbo, he is credited with bringing the Kenpo and Escrima styles to the art. Emperado dedicated his life to the study of martial arts and is considered by most to be "the force behind Kajukenbo."

At this point there is still not a lot of information, I will let you know as more becomes available. In the meantime, let's help keep Sijo's spirit alive by continuing to practice the art he helped create.

Sincerely,  
Sifu Morel