



## EMAIL FROM A FRIEND



I was sent this email from Sensei Dan Arz today 7-2-2024. He thought it would be nice to add this email to the website. The original email was sent right after Grand Master Fuzy's passing in Oct. 2015. I originally sent out an email notice to everyone that was in GM Fuzy's directory on his computer to let everyone know that Sensei had passed away. Today when I opened up this email I had a rush of emotion come back to me. At that point I knew Sensei Arz was correct it should be on the website.

Thank you, Sensei Dan Arz.

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From: Chuck Chirdon

To: [REDACTED]  
Fri, Oct 9, 2015 at 8:43 PM

This is what I know of Grand Master Al Fuzy.

I was privileged to know him when he was Al Fuzy back in 1972. I was trying to imitate one of the great martial artist, Tom Benich, who was the one of the first great black belt martial artist under Robert Moore. Al Fuzy was following his own path under Robert Moore as well. Often Al and I were comparing details of our training, under both, while sharing tournament experiences in the day when it all was just beginning to happen. Al and I and (Buddy Brown) were absolutely in a trance with this new way of life called Martial Arts. We all knew at that time that our lives would be changed forever and they have been. Only those Black Belts who lived through this time period can truly understand what I'm trying to describe. At that time we were trying to achieve the level of expertise of the men like Robert Moore, Thomas Benich, and certainly Robert Trias. We were all trying to fight like Bill Wallace and do forms like Robert Bowles.

Al and I would see each other on many weekends and simply ask: how do these guys do this stuff like they do? As time went on, we then began to do much of what we were witnessing. Al and I went our separate ways for some time. Al became accomplished on so many levels, as all of you know. I followed my path as well. We re-united in 2006 and while together looked back and realized it was now in our hands to do what we were taught to carry on. Al provided an inspiration for me to drive forward in my pursuit to be the best martial artist I could be. What I have done, especially with my son, will speak for itself. Jesse will remember Al for all that he did for him.

We have all lost a true friend. I have lost one of the original team mates that made all of this happen in a time when it was still a mystery. Our world is better because of Al Fuzy. He will be deeply missed and well-remembered.

God bless Al and his family,

Grand Master Chuck Chirdon

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