

Tokitaizan

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The time for controversy and opinions to stir the sumo-following masses is on hold. Asashoryu's acting-up and mud baths can wait. Fan numbers at honbasho barely matter now. Fukuoka as a viable location for a basho – small fry! Woman on the dohyo - who cares at this moment?

In this issue of Sumo Fan Magazine I have only one intention – to enable sumo fans around the world to remember a young man – a legal boy – who most never met and none ever really saw in action on the dohyo.

Rest in peace Takashi Saito, or Tokitaizan as you will long be remembered in sumo circles – albeit in a way no-one would willingly choose for you.

You may have made it to the top, you may not. You may have topped out in jonokuchi or become the greatest yokozuna the sport has ever known. Wherever your career may have taken you, death was not something you deserved and that you have had your life cut short by sumo is nothing short of criminal. That act is now under investigation.

Your memory will be honored and respected by way of this page for as long as SFM exists.

This issue is dedicated to your memory and to your family's efforts for answers.

** As SFM doesn't have its own image of Tokitaizan, we won't post one from elsewhere.*