



Master Bill Pogue’s martial arts journey began in 1959 with Judo, and in 1965, he joined the legendary Isshin-Ryu Detroit Dojo. There, he trained alongside martial arts greats such as Master Willie Adams and Master Norbert Donnelly, under the instruction of Dr. Ken Pittaway and Doug Noxon—both students of the esteemed Master Don Nagle.

By 1968, he was teaching at Louisiana Tech University. Over the years, he trained and collaborated with martial arts icons including Harvey Kennedy, Mark Rudd, Robert

Trias, Ken Pittaway, Willie Adams, Norbert Donnelly, and Harry Acklin.

His leadership roles have included Assistant Director of the Dixie National Karate Association, U.S.K.A. State Representative for Louisiana, Arkansas, and Michigan and appointed Isshin-Ryu Style Head for the U.S.K.A. by Grand Master Robert Trias.

Master Pogue owned and operated dojos in Michigan, Arkansas, and Louisiana. He currently holds the rank of 9th Dan and has been named by Dr. Pittaway as his successor to receive his 10th Dan and carry on the lineage—either upon Dr. Pittaway’s passing or Master Pogue’s 80th birthday.

Master Pogue’s lifelong dedication to Isshin-Ryu, his leadership within national organizations, and his commitment to teaching have shaped his legacy.