

Harold Guskin, Acting Coach Who Nurtured Stars, Is Dead at 76

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Harold Guskin, a revered acting coach who encouraged students like Kevin Kline, Glenn Close and James Gandolfini to emphasize the words of the script over any analysis of their characters' motivation, died on May 10 in Park Ridge, N.J. He was 76.

His wife, Sandra Jennings, said the cause was probably a pulmonary embolism. He learned a decade ago that he had primary progressive aphasia, a rare form of dementia, she said, and had been living in a care facility in Park Ridge.

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