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Eulogy for my best friend Xavier.

Almost 20 Years ago Xavier shows up at my Business, SupraMatic. He was wondering about the inner workings of the Espresso Machine, he has seen at a bakery, that I import and sell to Hotels and Restaurants. A couple of meetings here and there, and after his probationary period, Xavier became my Service Manager soon thereafter.

Our Boss and Employee relationship was rather short as Xavier decided to retire after approximately 7 years.

It was the time after we grew closer together and became good friends which remained till we had to say goodbye to each other via a tiny phone screen on WhatsApp.

Xavier remained a crucial member of my business. I called him Uncle Xav but he was like a father to me.

When it came to business decisions, I always consulted with Xavier and asked him about his opinion.

Usually he'd compare things to how much a bottle of whisky costs, but he would always give me sound economic advice.

I moved my business twice and it was only after Xavier approved of the location and building, I would sign the lease agreements.



Xavier loved Barbequing and took every opportunity to spoil his colleges at SupraMatic with Good Food, Stories, Jokes and Laughter, whether it was for a Birthday Party, Staff Party or Social Get Together.

One of Xavier's favorite events was attending our Booth at trade shows, unless he was vacationing in Cuba. I couldn't believe how many customers walked into our booth wanting to great Xavier, even to this day.

Xavier was a great Peoples person. Before I'd hire new staff, I'd ask Xavier, "What do you Think" after the job interview. He would give me a clear YES or NO. Some of the staff Xavier approved of, are still with me today.

After all, Xavier only picked the finest and kindest people to become his friends, and unfortunately, due to COVID, only a view of them are gathered here today at Xavier's Funeral Service. I am so proud to be among all his Family and Friends.

Xavier would never miss my Birthday, Even Today, it is my Birthday.

Thanks Xavier, for a wonderful journey together...

Rene Peterson and Eveli on my side.

