

Francisco Xavier Do Amaral

It is with great sadness that my family has received the news that Francisco Xavier do Amaral passed away, yesterday in Dili. Xavier was, at the age of sixteen a welcome guest in our family home. He was loved by us all and a life-time friend.

It was a source of delight for our own father, Ray (Raymondo) Aitken, on his final trip to Timor Leste to travel to Turescai and meet one last time with Xavier do Amaral to share with him, ideas and hopes for Timor Leste and its people. We will treasure too, this time and our subsequent meetings with him, when returning on the occasion of the opening of the Dare Museum in 2007.

We will remember Xavier as a gentle, strong and insightful champion of a free and Independent East Timor, now Timor Leste. His commitment to a peaceful and democratic Timor Leste has never dimmed and will be carried forwards in our hearts.

Our heartfelt sympathy to all in the do Amaral family. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.

Farewell dear Xavier, a most beloved and inspirational leader. Go well to a deserved and peaceful rest.

We will not forget you.

Jenny (Aitken) Beahan for the Aitken/Beahan family