¿Se acuerdan de las historias del muchacho que trabajaba de ordenanza para mi papá en los años 40 y que luego llegó a ser contador? Acabo de recibir el siguiente mensaje:

Saludos Dr. Lindo:

Permítame compartir las palabras con las que despedimos a mi querido viejo, Juan Antonio Martínez (1932-2019), "Juanito" para su distinguido padre.

Muchas de las historias de mi padre reflejaban el significativo impacto que la tutela de su padre tuvo en sus años formativos. Asumiendo que tengo la proxis del viejo y usted la del suyo: gracias.

"Don John.

Thank you old man for your optimism and for teaching us that you can always be better.

For developing an appreciation for the intellectual growth and creativity of man, for the music of all genres which accompanied our weekends as a family, for giving us vermouth as children to celebrate life and for raising your voice and challenging the rulers with elegance but firmly when they were unfair.

It's good to remember your smile, your rhythmic dance and your love for life. It's good that a kid who was born in a very humble home in 1932 went from being the one who carried the tortillas in a basket to an employee of the illustrious Doctor Hugo Lindo, I am sure that under his tutelage you developed love for all the manifestations of the human intellect and strengthened the wings with which you rose to be a successful professional both in the municipal government and in banking. You were a leader among your colleagues and fought for your rights in the Salvadoran Association of Banking Officers, contributing among other things to the creation of their vacation resort and to achieve a fair and dignified working hours.

Maintaining a family and with limited resources you completed not one but two careers and I proudly accompanied you to the commencement ceremony in one of them; you were then, as always, an example of dedication and responsibility to those around you.

Your children, your grandchildren, your great-grandchildren, your family and friends, we all greet you Don John, you fulfilled the two most important things in life: you lived with passion and you definitely contributed to make this world better.

Your son Fredy."

Deseando que en estos tiempos tan retantes usted y los suyos se encuentren bien.

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