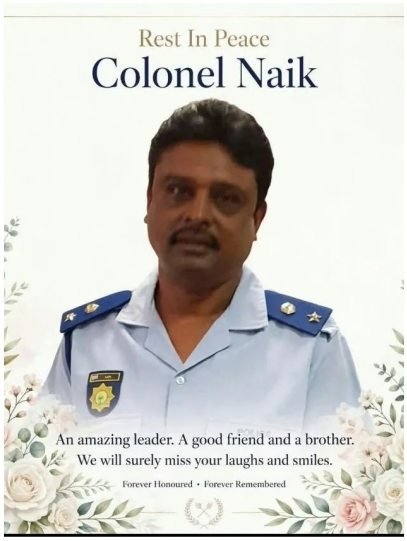
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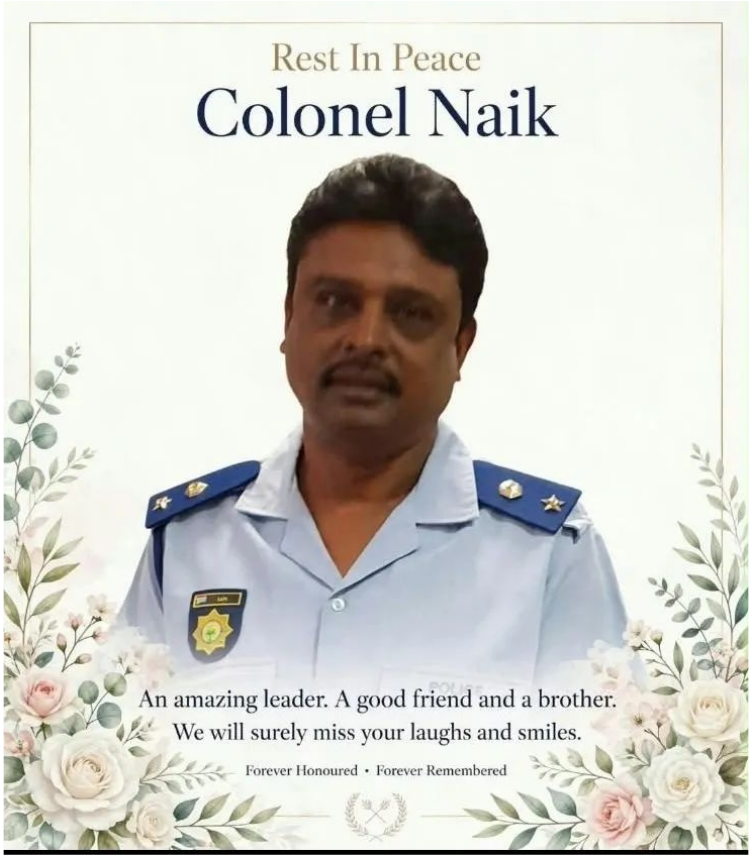
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Lieutenant-Colonel Cedric Naik

“The Nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten” - Calvin Coolidge

“It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Cedric Naik, a remarkable son of Mount Edgecombe, whose life was defined by humility, integrity, leadership, friendship, and service to others.

Born on 6 October 1971 in the close-knit sugar town of Mount Edgecombe, Cedric grew up surrounded by strong family values, community spirit, and a deep appreciation for honesty and respect. These qualities would shape him into the outstanding gentleman that so many came to admire and love.

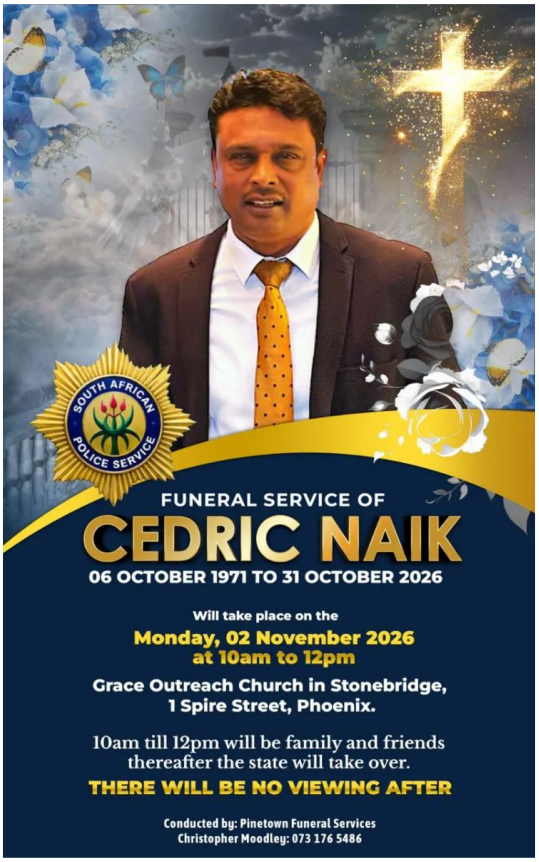
Cedric completed his primary education at Natest Primary School, where he quickly distinguished himself as an academically gifted learner, a talented sportsman, and a loyal friend. His infectious smile, warm personality, and unmistakable laugh became his trademark. Anyone who heard that hearty laugh instantly knew that Cedric was nearby.

He continued his education at Mount Edgecombe High School, where he excelled both academically and on the sports field. His commitment, discipline, and natural leadership abilities earned him widespread respect among his peers and teachers. In recognition of his sporting excellence, Cedric was awarded Sportsman of the Year and was later appointed Deputy Head Boy in 1989, reflecting the high regard in which he was held.



An unidentified colleague and Lieutenant-Colonel Cedric Naik at an unidentified location

After matriculating, Cedric answered the call to public service by joining the South African Police Service. Through dedication, professionalism, and exceptional leadership, he rose through the ranks to achieve the esteemed position of Colonel. Throughout his distinguished career, he served his country with honour, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to justice, earning the respect and honour of colleagues and communities alike.



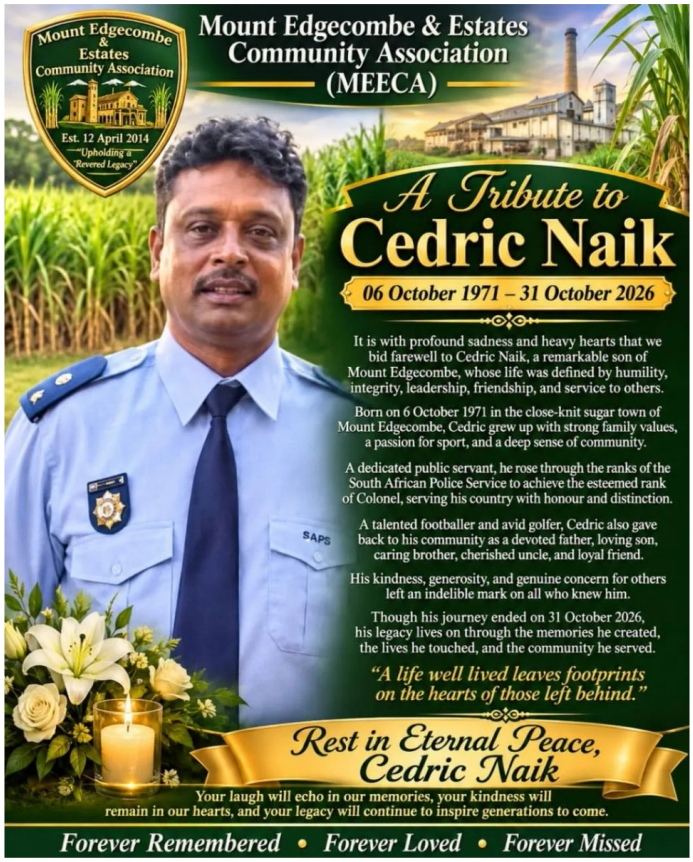
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Sport remained one of Cedric's great passions throughout his life. As a talented footballer, he represented the Young Springboks Football Club of Mount Edgecombe and formed part of the historic team that won the FA Cup Final in 1989 against Power Lines Football Club. His love for sport was matched only by his love for people.

Cedric was also an avid golfer and a dedicated member of the Mount Edgecombe Golf Club. His passion for the game and visionary leadership saw him serve as President of the Club for several years, helping guide it into a new era of growth and excellence.

Beyond his many achievements, Cedric will be remembered most for the person he was. He was a devoted father, loving son, caring brother, cherished uncle, trusted colleague, and loyal friend. He possessed a calm and reassuring presence, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. Whether offering advice, support, or simply sharing a laugh, Cedric touched the lives of countless people.

He was a man who never sought recognition for his good deeds, yet his actions spoke volumes. His kindness, generosity, and genuine concern for others left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know him.



A tribute to Lieutenant-Colonel Cedric Naik

Sadly, Cedric's journey came to an end on 31 October 2026. While his passing leaves an immense void in our hearts, his legacy lives on through the memories he created, the friendships he nurtured, the community he served, and the family he loved so dearly.

William Shakespeare wrote that life is but a player upon the stage whose time eventually comes to an end. Cedric's performance on life's stage was one of honour, compassion, excellence, and service. He played his role with dignity and grace, and now he has returned home.

Today, we do not dwell on questions of why; rather, we celebrate a life exceptionally lived. We honour a man whose character embodied the very best of humanity—a gentleman of integrity, humility, courage, and unwavering love.

Rest in eternal peace, Cedric Naik.

Your laugh will echo in our memories, your kindness will remain in our hearts, and your legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

"A life well lived leaves footprints on the hearts of those left behind."

Forever remembered. Forever loved. Forever missed. =ℑᴹ

Patchie Naicker"

“Each day, millions of police officers do the selfless work of putting their lives on the line to protect civilians, frequently responding to or preventing crises completely with no recognition.” – Letitia James

“Agnoscere et honorare servientibus” –

“To acknowledge and honour those who served”

“Soli Deo Gloria” - “To God Alone Glory”

Logan Govender