

I met Mario in the mid-seventies, when I was proposing the SC/MP, one of the first single-chip microprocessors, and I immediately realized how different he was from the usual customers. Mario Pavesio was an exceptionally eclectic man, capable of competently discussing any topic, ranging from astronomy to philosophy to history to gas physics or esotericism. His exceptional qualities had led him to travel the world for the company he worked for, Selenia at the time, as responsible for the installation of radar sets. Once retired he told of long periods, months and months spent away from home and often away from the civil world. He remained alone with the set to work and the technical staff to train. Like when he had installed a radar on the Himalaya and at the end he had to go down to nearby Srinagar with a helicopter struggling to take off at its hovering limit.

And it was above all an extremely generous person, always willing to help others, giving everything he could give without asking for anything in return.

Finally rest in peace, Mario!

Emilio, December 2023