

This is why bakery M. Olensteen is different...

Why the bakery M. Olensteen completely surprised me visiting years later.

A revisit to Bakery M. Olensteen completely surprised me...

My hot experience with M. Olensteen... gone wild (Almost died!)

Today, I want to share a very awesome story with you about a little adventure I experienced last month. There used to be a bakery in the city I grew up in which had the best bread I can remember eating. This is my story about how I revisited the bakery M. Olensteen from my childhood.

The Smell

Some time ago I got to smell a scent that I haven't smelled in years. It's funny that a mere smell can send you back decades. This smell though... brought me back to when I was a child.

You see, in the city I was born and raised in there was a cute little bakery called the Olensteen which was owned by Mister Olensteen.

It was a small shop at the corner of Haagweg in Leiden. There was a small bench in front of it which had pot plants and believe it or not, every week they contained different flowers.

Every morning when I went to school on my bike, which was a rusty old thing, I always passed the bakery of mister Olensteen. Mister Olensteen would hear the rattles of my bike chain from a mile away and greeted me as I passed him by.

The smell that came from his bakery was lovely. It was one of the few things I was looking for through my day.

The smell was not just the smell of bread but also cherry and vanilla and sometimes chocolate.

How crazy is it that a scent can take me back so many years ago.

The bakery of Mister Olensteen was in the family for generations. I believe that they are around for about 100 years.

The difference between small bakeries vs supermarkets

Don't get me wrong. This article is not about bashing supermarkets. There are some lovely supermarkets out there but are they really the same as small bakeries?

The Health benefits

First off, supermarkets produce bread ten times more than small bakeries. I hear you saying right now "well, good... a lot of people want them" which is fine but I want you to think about this.

If they do mass produce a lot of bread will they have the same quality as small bakeries?

How many times have you seen in news that they found either small feces in the bread or sometimes the rat itself. I once saw somebody on the news that found a finger in a bread they bought in a supermarket.

I haven't bought bread in a supermarket for a while now and I don't think that I will buy one soon.

The Passion

Supermarkets don't only sell bread. They have more groceries which, again, is fine but (and this might sound cheesy) is there any love?

I mean... the bread they sell... has it been made with love? Can they really look at the bread the same way a small bakery would and be proud?

No, and that's because it's made in a factory.

The Details

This is going to be a little bit nitpicking but I don't like the look of bread in supermarkets.

Bread has character and that should be shown to the customer. When you buy bread from the supermarket they all look the same which should already be alarming.

Bread you buy from small bakeries all have a different story to tell.

This is nitpicking, sorry, but I want to have my bread to have some character.

Revisiting M. Olensteen

This is probably the part you've been waiting for.

I looked up at Google Maps and I noticed that the bakery is still there. Not only that the bench was there and had lovely red tulips.

I couldn't wait and I head out immediately to visit M. Olensteen.

As soon as I turned around the corner in Haagweg I got a whiff off the smell that I vividly remember from my childhood. I closed my eyes and stood there just for 2 minutes.

I stepped in the bakery and noticed that Mister Olensteen wasn't there. Instead a lovely girl looked at me welcoming me with such a lovely smile.

"How can I help you?" she said.

I looked at the wall and noticed a picture of a face I remember very well. Mister Olensteen.

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