



# Jean Elie Romick Balin

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**J**ean-Elie Romick Balin, affectionately called Mico, passed away on February 8, 2025, at the age of 83 in North Lauderdale, Florida.

Born on July 26, 1941, Mico was a devoted family man, husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Marie-Claude Rodriguez-Balin, His daughter Gretta Balin, and her husband Wuilfredo his son Daniel and his wife Raday, their mother Nereida Lugones-Diaz, his step-children Rebecca Carmant-Demas and her husband Armand Demas, Rudolf Rodriguez and his wife Bertrude Rodriguez, Johyko Rodriguez, and his grandchildren, Victor, Martin, Boris, Cyril, Tristan, Saja, Maleyah, Jace, Jalise, Anaya, his sister Gretta Merceron and husband Alix Merceron.

He was preceded in death by his parents Constance and Alphonse Balin, his brothers Alix Balin, Frank Balin, and his sister Mireille Balin. Mico led a life enriched with both personal and professional achievements. He is lovingly remembered by his friends and relatives, his nieces Farah and Alexandra Merceron, his nephew Alix Balin, his brother-in-law Louis Chaton Rodriguez, his friend Bob Chicoye, his aunts and numerous cousins, as well as members of his extended family from the Tassy, Delpeche, Rodriguez, Danier, Lemonier, and Hyppolite families.

He will be missed dearly by all those whose lives he touched. A memorial service will be held at St Andrews Catholic Church, 9950 NW 29th St, Coral Springs, Florida, on Saturday, February 22, at 10 am. A viewing will take place before the mass, at Alexander-Levitt Funeral Home and Cremation 8135 W McNab Rd, Tamarac, Florida from 8:30- to 9:00 am on February 22, 2025.



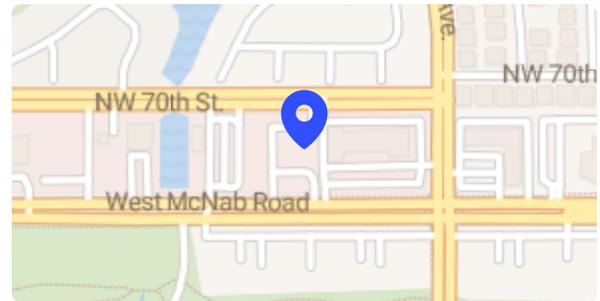
# Events

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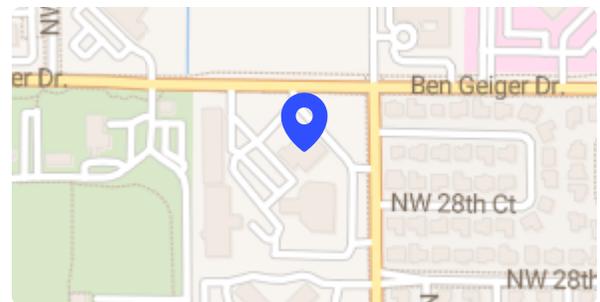
## Visitation

- Saturday**, February 22, 2025
- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM ET
- Alexander-Levitt Funeral & Cremations**  
8135 W. McNab Road, Tamarac FL 33321



## Funeral Mass

- Saturday**, February 22, 2025
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Andrew's Catholic Church**  
9950 NW 29th Street, Coral Springs FL 33065





## Tribute Wall

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JB

**Josette Coicou Brioche** posted:

We were blessed to share our childhood with cousin Mico, whose presence brought warmth and joy to our lives. As a teenager, Mico would ride his bicycle from his home at the top of Rue Monsigneur Guilloux to Rue Montalais, near the National Palace, to visit us at least once a week—always around the noon meal. He had a special fondness for his Aunt Nonotte's cooking. Mico was more than just a cousin; he was a mentor and a guiding presence. He patiently taught his cousin, Alix to ride a bicycle without training wheels—an unforgettable milestone made possible by his encouragement. He was our big cousin, a steady figure in our young lives, until his unexpected, secretive escape from Haiti with his two brothers. For many years, we lost contact and learned later that he had found refuge in Cuba. When he arrived in the United States, we reconnected, picking up where we had left off. We often reminisced about our shared childhood, the laughter, the traditions, and the life we once knew in Haiti. Mico's passing leaves a deep void in our hearts, but his memory will always remain with us. We will forever cherish the love, kindness, joy and lessons he brought into our lives. Rest in peace, dear Mico. You will always be remembered with love. Your cousins the Coicous (Alix, Josette, Colette, Hedy, Axel)

February 21 at 5:28 PM

GD

**Gretta Ketly Diaz** posted:

I love you Dad

February 21 at 5:47 AM

GD

**Gretta Ketly Diaz** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dad. Today I miss you more than ever. I would have liked to see you one more time, to talk to you one more time. One day you asked me: What is your plan? At the time I didn't know, but that question led me to where I am today. Thank you, Dad. I love you.



February 20 at 6:39 PM



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Dad, you were the best father in the world.Dad, you were the best father in the world: always present, intelligent and studious. When I got good grades, you proudly showed them to the neighbors. You loved to sing Mexican songs and had phrases I will never forget: "Apply common sense" when I was having trouble, "Find the logic" when faced with a math problem. You always reminded me to eat before going out, no matter if I had an invitation. You didn't care about holidays or birthdays, but you looked after your family. When someone drank, you would say: "I had a friend who was a very good person, but when he drank, he lost his way." And at the end of every call, when I said: Dad, I love you very much, you would only reply: I know.Today I miss you more than ever. I would have liked to see you one more time, to talk to you one more time. One day you asked me: What is your plan? At the time I didn't know, but that question led me to where I am today. Thank you, Dad. I love you.



February 18 at 5:51 PM



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February 20 at 5:30 PM



**Farah** posted:

My uncle always loved to learn. He could sit and talk about any topic. If he didn't know about something he was happy to look it up and share the knowledge.

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## Media

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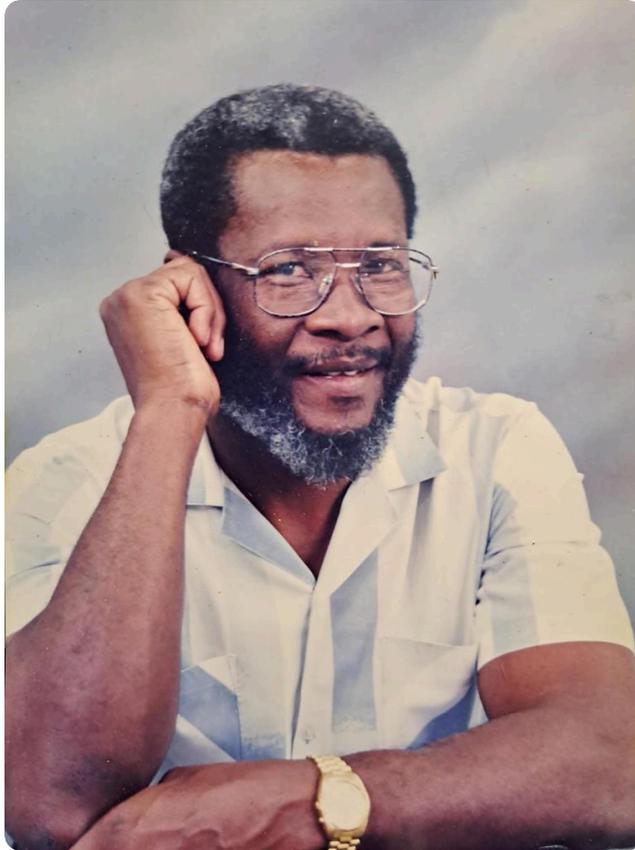
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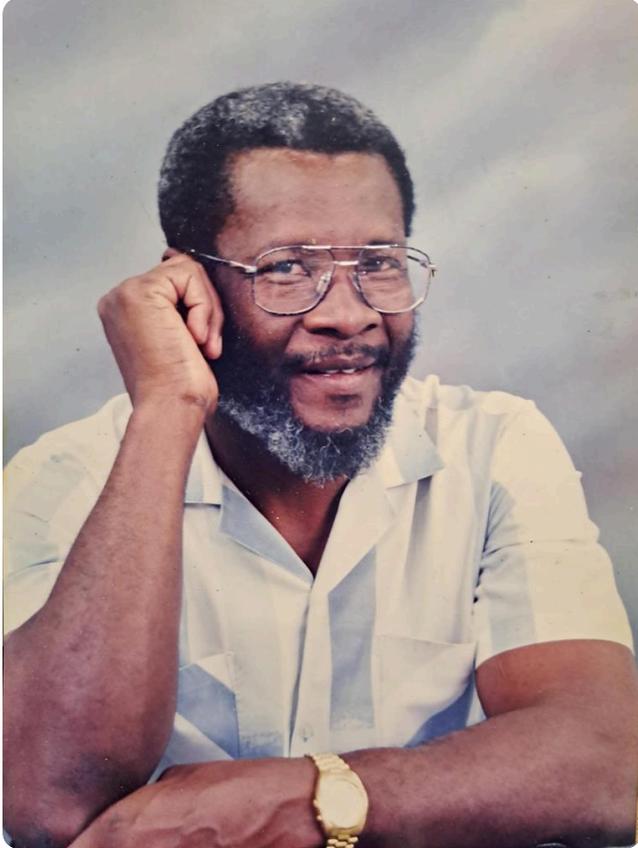
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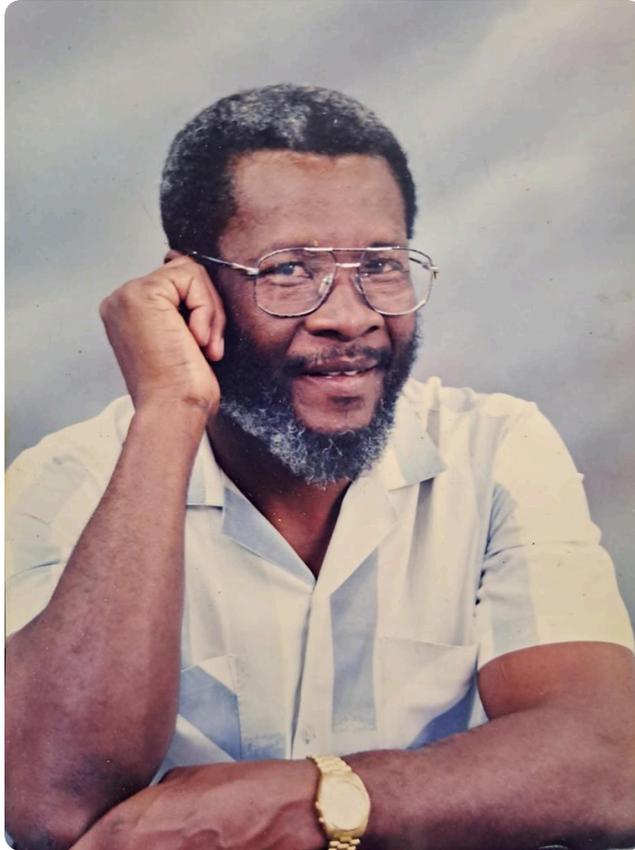
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