



# Martin Melvin Dornis

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**M**artin Melvin Dernis passed away on February 23, 2021, four days after he celebrated his 85th birthday with his family.

Marty was born on February 19, 1936 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to parents Charles and Bertha Dernis. He moved to South Florida at the age of 5 and grew up in Miami Beach. He married Belle Dernis, and they moved to a home in Miami where they raised their children Sondra Pestcoe and Craig Dernis. Many years later, they moved to Weston, Florida to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Marty and Belle were married for 56 years.

In addition to his wife and children, Marty is survived by his sister and brother, Elaine and Robert Baer, his grandchildren Sydney Pestcoe, Zachary Pestcoe, Colby Dernis and London Dernis, his daughter-in-law Veronika Ostroukh, his brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Ann Mendelson, and many nieces and nephews.

Marty graduated college from the University of Florida and then went on to graduate law school from the University of Miami. He practiced law for many years in Miami as a solo practitioner.

He enjoyed traveling the world with his wife, watching movies, playing tennis, chess and poker, snow skiing, playing the piano, and reading the daily newspaper.

Marty will be remembered as a devoted husband, a great father, grandfather, and brother, a loyal friend, and for being a good man.




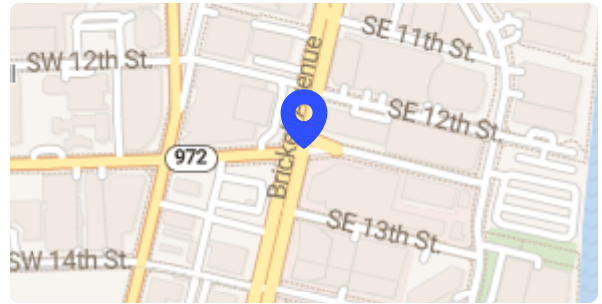
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## Cemetery Details

 **Mt. Sinai Cemetery**  
Miami FL





## Tribute Wall

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**Rita Morrissey** posted:

i KNEW MARTY SINCE I WAS AGE 13 AND HE WAS 16. HE WAS A PART OF OUR FAMILY AND WE LOVED HIM SO MUCH. A BEAUTIFUL HUMAN BEING WITH SO MUCH TO GIVE. HE WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MY SISTER, JEANNE GOLDSTEIN WHEN WE LIVED IN SURFSIDE. WE ALSO KNEW HIS FRIENDS, JOE MERLIN, RONNIE SHERFER AND NELSON HANOVER. MY PARENTS LOVED HIM AND AS A TEEN, HE EVEN BROUGHT HIS MOTHER AND SISTER TO OUR HOUSE. WE ALSO TREASURED A FRIEND SHIP WITH BILL PINTZOW WHO WAS CLOSE WITH MARTY HIS WHOLE LIFE.. MARTY USE TO TELL STORIES OF HIS PARENTS OWNING A FRUIT STAND ON SOUTH BEACH AND HIS JOB WAS TO OPEN THE COCONUTS! HE EVEN CAME TO MY MOTHER'S FUNERAL AS MORAL SUPPORT. DEEP CONDOLENCES TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM. RITA GOLDSTEIN (BARON) MORRISSEY

February 27 at 9:31 AM



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