

Merritt Fineout, 75, Raised in Darien, Founded Import Business

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Merritt W. Fineout, 75, died on Feb. 6 unexpectedly at Blake Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fl.

Merritt was born on Sept. 14, 1941 in White Plains, N.Y., grew up in Darien and graduated with a B.A. in business from Babson College. He then moved to Missouri where he raised a family and founded a successful import business, MeraVic, Inc.

After retirement in 1994, Merritt moved to Anna Maria Island in Florida with his loving wife Karen Day Fineout.

Merritt's kindness, generosity, zest for life, his love of golf and lively bright fashion will be remembered by all.

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In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters Devin Fineout and Jill Day; sons John Fineout, Allan and Aaron Day; grandchildren, Jillian, Trenton, Taylen, Jack, Tommy and Ryan; and many dear friends.

— [an obituary](#) from *Griffith & Cline Funeral and Cremation Services*

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Key Royale Club, Holmes Beach, Fl. from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26.

Merritt was extremely charitable, with the Salvation Army being his favorite. In lieu of flowers, he would be happy to know donations to this organization were made in his name. [The Salvation Army in Manatee County](#) can be reached at 800-758-2769 or email mark.romano@uss.salvationarmy.org.