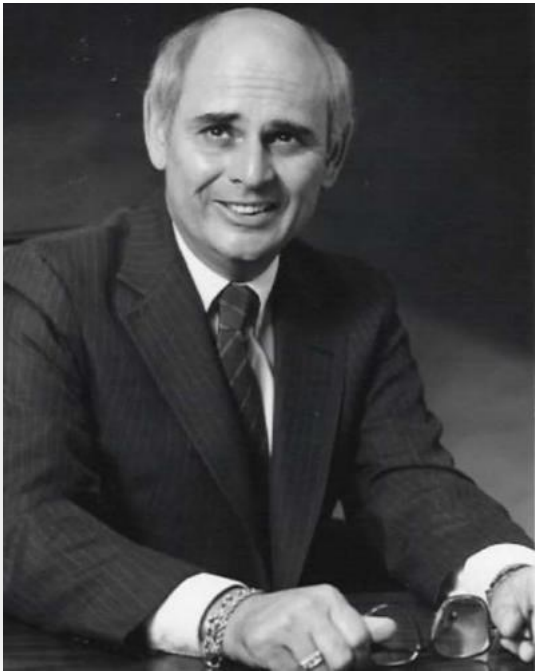


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March 7, 1935 - June 5, 2022 Known to those that knew and loved him Mervyn "Merv" York passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 5, 2022 in Bermuda Dunes, California. He died the same way he lived his life – in his own way. Merv lived in the Desert for over 20 years where during that time he enjoyed golf games, poker nights, a good book and reading the newspaper cover-to-cover. Prior to that Merv lived in Los Angeles with his wife of over 23 years Marlene Grossman York and his 3 children.

While living in Los Angeles, Merv started a chain of automotive parts stores and an automotive aftermarket distribution company, that was the largest distributor of automotive parts in Southern California. Always ahead of his time, he was a genuine pioneer in the automotive industry. As a third-generation automotive retailer, Merv moved the automotive industry forward with his innovative retailing model and entrepreneurial skills. He invented and patented several automotive products that are still in use today.

Prior to living in Los Angeles, Merv lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he started and built the largest chain of auto parts stores in the Midwest, taking it public, and then selling out to a national competitor.

While living in Minneapolis, he enjoyed boating on Lake Minnetonka with his wife and family.

Merv will be fondly remembered for his quick wit, love of dogs, sartorial style, appetite for barbecue ribs and his family. Merv is preceded in death by the love of his life and former wife, Marlene Grossman York, and survived by his 3 children: Jeffrey York, Scott York (Blanca York) and Julie Solnit (Gary Solnit), and his 3 grandchildren, Blake Solnit, Brandon Solnit and Marc York, and his sister, Nancy York Jones.

Funeral services will be held at Mt. Sinai Mortuary in Hollywood Hills, Sunday, June 12, 2022.

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