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John Kools Winter, Jr. passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of June 13, 2025, at his home in Park City, Utah. He was 86.

Born in Holland, Michigan, to Dr. John Winter and Sadie Grace Masselink, John graduated from the University of Illinois School of Architecture. Although trained as an architect, his career ultimately led him to the financial world, where he worked as a floor broker, commodities and institutional trader.

John had a lifelong love for the mountains and golf, but skiing was his true passion. Alta Ski Area held a special place in his heart, and he often shared vivid stories from his early ski days in Vail, Colorado, during the 1970s. Remarkably, he continued skiing until the age of 83.

A man of intelligence and wit, John was known for his dry sense of humor, his thoughtful presence, and the pride he took in maintaining his home. He was a devoted husband and a caring father.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Leer Winter; his daughter, Alice Elizabeth Winter; and his grandson, Avery Chaplin. He was preceded in death by his son, John Winter III, who died tragically at the age of 26, and his brother, James Winter.

A memorial service will be held at the family home in Park City. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org).



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Jf Lanvers posted:

John's passion for skiing was evident from the moment Evelyne and I first met him in 2011. But it wasn't until February 2017—when he was 78—that I truly understood his remarkable spirit on the slopes. That day at Park City Mountain, we carved our way down Portuguese Gap at Jupiter Peak, one of the resort's most challenging runs. John skied it with the grace and grit of a man half his age, and together we have fun skiing 10,844 vertical feet that day! Over the years, we cherished our frequent talks with John, often stopping by his home to hear his endless trove of hilarious ski tales—each one delivered with his signature wit and twinkle in his eye. While we'll miss him deeply, his stories, his laughter, and his love for the mountains will stay with us forever.— JF & Evelyne Lanvers"

June 21 at 11:12 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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