



Warren Miller RIP

October 15, 1925 – January 24, 2018

Warren A. Miller, the iconic and beloved filmmaker who introduced generations to the thrills and freedom of skiing and outdoor adventures, passed away at the age of 93 on Wednesday evening, January 24, his family announced today. He died peacefully of natural causes at his home on Orcas Island, WA.

Miller earned global acclaim and a passionate, multi-generational following for his annual ski feature films, which kicked off the ski season for more than 60 years, showing in hundreds of cities across the U.S. and around the world. Packed with adventure and exotic travel, Miller's distinct, droll narration and humorous hijinks on the slopes highlighted his films.

While he is known as the original ski bum, Miller's talents went well beyond ski filmmaking. He produced more than 500 films, covering various outdoor pursuits. As an artist, cartoonist, and author, he wrote some 1,200 columns and 11 books.

He also was a World War II veteran, a ski instructor and ski racer, an accomplished surfer, and a champion sailor. He took up windsurfing in his 60s, and then turned to destination motor boating in his 70s and 80s, exploring the Northwest and Alaska from his home on Orcas Island.

During his 80s and 90s, Miller's philanthropic efforts provided entrepreneurial training to thousands of youth nationwide, emphasizing hard work, ingenuity and creativity.

One of his most cited quotes provides insight as to how Miller packed so much into one lifetime—

"If you don't do it this year, you'll be one year older when you do." ■



Warren Miller was born in Hollywood in 1924. His Depression-era childhood in a dysfunctional home helped to motivate him to find his own

freedom in the outdoors, leading to a lifelong obsession with snow, surf and adventure.

He premiered his first annual ski film in 1950, and over the next five-plus decades millions of skiers and snowboarders flocked to his films.

Warren was inducted into the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame in 1978.



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