

William Turnbull Jr.

William Turnbull Jr., FAIA, (April 1, 1935 – June 26, 1997) was an American architect whose unique ^[1] building designs challenged the more traditional architecture of California's West Coast. A renowned Bay Area architect,^[2] Turnbull's design style is most closely associated with the Sea Ranch community in Sonoma County, California.

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Career

Born in New York City, New York in 1935, Turnbull was raised in Far Hills, New Jersey. Both of Turnbull's parents were architects, as was his great-grandfather George B. Post who designed the New York Stock Exchange building.^[3] Turnbull studied architecture at Princeton, graduating in 1956.^[4] Upon completion of college, he moved to San Francisco and was employed at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. Turnbull worked on a Big Sur revitalization project, which may have had a factor in developing his lifelong connection to California.^[3]

Turnbull's professional start was in the early 1960s with the development of the iconic^[3] Sea Ranch community in Sonoma County. Turnbull's co-design team included Charles Moore, Donlyn Lyndon, and Richard Whitaker, all of whom Turnbull knew from his days at Princeton, as well as Lawrence Halprin and Joseph Esherick. Turnbull had a long-term association and friendship with the architectural photographer Morley Baer who photographed many of his projects, including Sea Ranch. In addition to the Sea Ranch development, Turnbull was a contributor to Kresge College, the University of California, Santa Cruz, the Foothill Student housing complex at University of California, Berkeley, and St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sonoma County, the latter of which he worked on with his wife and fellow architect Mary Griffin.^{[3][5]}

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Born	April 1, 1935 <div>New York City, New York</div>
Died	June 26, 1997 <div>(aged 62)</div> <div>Sausalito, California</div>
Nationality	American
Alma mater	Princeton University
Occupation	Architect
Awards	Fellow of the American Institute of Architects
Projects	Sea Ranch, California

Personal life

Turnbull was married twice and fathered four children. In 1985 he married Mary Griffin, his second wife, who remained with him until his death. Turnbull designed his own winery vineyard, *Johnson-Turnbull*, which culminated after years of interest in wine-making.^{[3][4]} Turnbull died of cancer in his home in Sausalito, California on June 26, 1997. His wife, along with fellow architect Eric Haesloop, assumed operations of the "William Turnbull Associates" firm upon his death and continue to practice under the corporate name "Turnbull Griffin Haesloop".^[6]

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