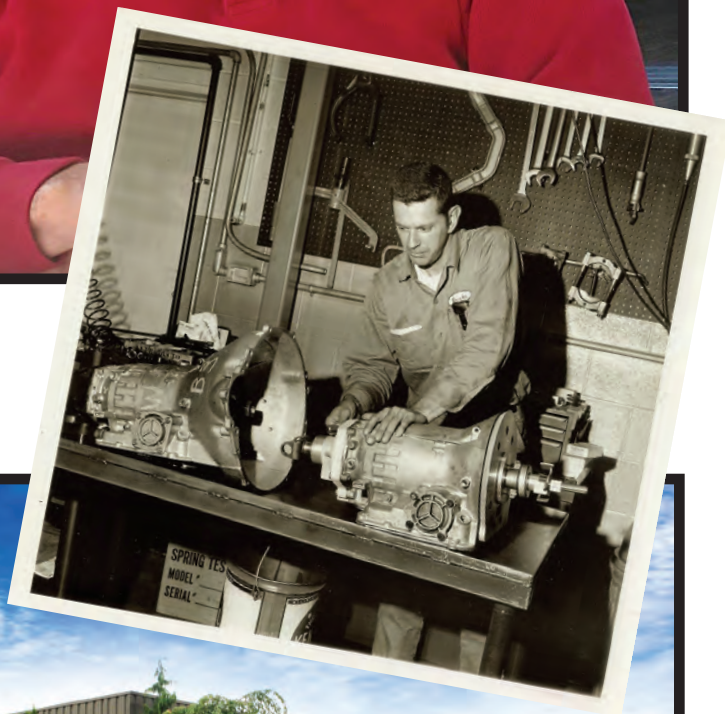


# VAUGHN WINTER SR. FOUNDER OF WINTERS PERFORMANCE PASSES



**THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE** Vaughn Winter Sr., founder of Winters Performance, was an innovator in the racing world. Born April 16, 1931, in York, Pennsylvania, Vaughn joined the United States Air Force as soon as age would allow. While stationed outside of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in the early-'50s, he began drag racing a '49 Olds 98 and building high-performance automatic transmissions for himself and other racers. Before long, his work was in high demand, with dealerships from as far away as Denver, Colorado, calling on him to rebuild transmissions. His informal business was off and running.

In 1958 he and his wife Madeline returned to York, Pennsylvania, and formally launched Winters Transmissions, which later became Winters Performance. In the decades that followed, Vaughn worked tirelessly to build Winters' reputation as a leader in the racing and performance community. His creativity and ingenuity led to the development of countless components, from quick change rear ends to transmissions and other driveline equipment. Today the company Vaughn and Madeline built is known worldwide, providing high performance parts to racers and hot rodders in every corner of the globe.

Vaughn passed away on April 27th, 2021—just over a week past his 90th birthday. In a lifetime full of amazing accomplishments, perhaps his finest one is that his hard work allowed his family to take part in the business as well. Through 69 years of marriage, he and Madeline worked side-by-side, continuing to spend time at Winters nearly every day. He passed along his love of hard work and passion for racing to his daughter, Nina, and grandson, Bob, who are continuing his legacy of innovation and creativity at Winters Performance. ■

