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Commentator John McLaughlin's Bal Harbour Vacation Home Lists

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The family of the late conservative political commentator John McLaughlin is putting his condo in

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The family of the late conservative political commentator John McLaughlin is putting his Miami-area condo on the market for \$3.2 million.

The longtime “The McLaughlin Group” host, who died in August at age 89, bought the Bal Harbour condo in 1998 for \$1.19 million, according to public records. His niece, Elizabeth McLaughlin, said he lived primarily in Washington, D.C. and bought the condo as a vacation home. As he taped “The McLaughlin Group” on Fridays, during the winter months he would often fly to Florida on Friday night and stay until Tuesday of Wednesday of the following week, she said. Mr. McLaughlin also owned a condo in Hollywood, Fla.

Located on the 15th floor of a beachfront tower on Collins Avenue, the Bal Harbour condo has three bedrooms and measures about 2,850 square feet, according to listing agents Jill Hertzberg and Jill Eber of the Jills team at Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate. The apartment has floor-to-ceiling windows with ocean views. A wraparound balcony overlooking the coastline is accessible from nearly every room.

Mr. McLaughlin was drawn to this building because of its beachfront location, his niece said. A Rhode Island native, he loved the ocean and body surfing. When in Bal Harbour, he spent much of his time on the beach, she said.

In 1970 Mr. McLaughlin ran unsuccessfully for a U.S. Senate seat in Rhode Island, and later became a speechwriter in the Nixon White House. He hosted the political commentary series “The McLaughlin Group” for 34 years starting in 1982. With its raucous political debates, the show was often credited with changing the nature of political commentary on television. The twice-divorced Mr. McLaughlin had no children.

His home in Washington, D.C. isn't currently on the market, Ms. McLaughlin said.

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John McLaughlin was drawn to the condo building in Bal Harbour, Fla., because of its beachfront location, said niece Elizabeth McLaughlin. PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

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