

HARRY HYDE

Born: Jan. 17, 1925 **Died:** May 13, 1996

Hometown: Brownsville, Kentucky

Championships (1)

Cup – 1970 (crew chief)

Cup Series Crew Chief Stats

Competed: 1966-93

Wins: 56 **Poles:** 88

Years on Ballot: 9



Harry Hyde was so good, they made a movie about him.

Hyde, who inspired Robert Duvall's character Harry Hogge in the cinematic classic *Days of Thunder*, enjoyed a nearly three-decade career in the NASCAR Cup Series. During that tenure, his incredible leadership skills translated to immense success – even to the greenest of drivers.

Prior to guiding Dave Marcis, Neil Bonnett and Geoff Bodine to their first career wins and harnessing the talent of Tim Richmond, Hyde laid a championship foundation with NASCAR Hall of Famer Bobby Isaac.

In 1969, Hyde called the shots for Isaac's 17-win season, which ranks among the most prolific seasons in the history of the sport. That year, Isaac also won 19 poles, which still stands as a NASCAR Cup Series record.

Hyde's crowning achievement came in 1970, when he won the NASCAR Cup Series championship with Isaac, winning 11 times and capturing 32 top fives in 47 starts.