



## 2007 Inductee

### RICHARD CHILDRESS

Richard was born in Winston-Salem and is a former NASCAR driver and successful team owner of Richard Childress Racing (RCR) in NASCAR NEXTEL Cup competition. He has become a successful business entrepreneur. Richard recently opened a Vineyard in Lexington. Childress's career in NASCAR started auspiciously at a driver's strike at Talladega Superspeedway. He started his first race as a replacement driver. By 1971 Richard began racing on the top level as an independent driver, using the number 3 as a tribute to Jr. Johnson's past as a driver. He retired from

driving in 1981 and put Dale Earnhardt behind the wheel of the #3 car. In 1984, Earnhardt and Richard formed one of the most potent combinations in NASCAR history. They won championships in 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994. RCR became the first team in NASCAR history to win all three of NASCAR'S national championship series. The Richard Childress Racing Museum is located in nearby Welcome, along with numerous racing maintenance shops. Richard remains active in this county, attending fundraisers, and supporting local activities.

