

Harvey Ray Tyson, Jr.
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Inducted in 1998, Harvey Ray Tyson, Jr., began his aviation career as a “line boy” at Richmond’s Northfield Airport in return for flying lessons. In the early 1950’s he served in the USAF as a B-26 Flight Engineer in West Germany. He was a Cessna Aircraft Corporation salesman from 1960 to 1963 twice becoming one of the top ten Cessna salesman in the country and later became the manager of Northfield Airport. Tyson served as Hanover County’s representative on the Capital Region Airport Commission for eight years and was instrumental in the development of Hanover County Airport. Tyson played a key leadership role in the founding and success of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society serving as a Director for over 20 years. His personal efforts contributed immeasurably towards the creation of the Virginia Aviation Museum. He is a designated EAA Young Eagle’s Flight Leader and was an aviation insurance executive for 30 years.