



**Jerry Peterson, Meteorologist  
WRHI-AM/FM & WRHM-FM, Rock Hill**

- ◆ Among the first to earn a degree in broadcast meteorology from Penn State University
- ◆ Pioneering accomplishments in television weather: live on-location weathercasts, first use of the chroma-key technology for weather forecasting and trademark invention and use of the term “thunderboomer”
- ◆ Weatherman for major market stations in Tampa, FL; Houston, TX; and Chicago, IL for over 25 years
- ◆ Meteorologist for WGN-TV Chicago, America’s first “Super Station” seen on cable and satellite
- ◆ Certified by the American Meteorological Society and served on their executive board in three different major markets
- ◆ Received local Emmy nominations in Chicago and recognition from the Radio and Television News Directors Association of the Carolinas multiple times
- ◆ Passionate teacher of the science of meteorology to an estimated 200,000 students over the course of his career
- ◆ One of the first national advocates to serve as emcee for the national Easter Seals telethon. A role he held for over a decade.
- ◆ Tireless ambassador to the community within every market he has worked by emceeding events, speaking to civic clubs and charitable organizations, raising money for numerous fundraising efforts and volunteering for civic and charitable organizations by serving on boards and committees
- ◆ Career spanning over 60 years in television and radio broadcasting with over 20 years at WRHI/WRHM in Rock Hill