

# Peter Gregg

**Together with his friend and business partner Hurley Haywood, Peter Gregg was hard to beat in the North American IMSA races. They drove a Brumos Porsche with the starting number 59.**

There is a long list of achievements for Peter Gregg. He finished 152 out of 340 races in top position. He won the Trans-American Championship and the IMSA GTO series in addition to coming first in the 24 Hours of Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring. In many races, his partner was Hurley Haywood, eight years his junior, who benefited greatly from Gregg's experience. 'When we won in Daytona and Sebring in 1973, people also began to notice us in Europe,' says Gregg. Haywood made the leap to the Porsche works team before winning at Le Mans in 1977, 1983 and 1994. Gregg finished third in Le Mans in 1977, driving a private Porsche 935. In 1978, he repeated this success in the works team.

In 1965, 'Perfect Peter' took over the Brumos Porsche dealership. White Porsche cars with red and blue stripes and the starting number 59 were considered almost unbeatable in the USA for many years. From the 911 Carrera RSR to the 934 and the 935, Brumos deployed a variety of Porsche cars, many of which were purchased directly from Porsche customer sport in Weissach. At the same time, Gregg expanded his car business from the head office of Brumos in Jacksonville, Florida.

During the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1980, Peter Gregg crashed in traffic and suffered a head injury. After his recovery, he climbed back into the racing cockpit. However, he was unable to keep up with the pace at the front during a Daytona race. When he complained about problems with his vision after the race, IMSA prevented him from racing again. This put an end to Peter Gregg's career as a racing driver.

On 15 December 1980, Peter Gregg's body was found on the beach in his home town of Jacksonville. He had taken his own life. 'The death of Peter Gregg meant that the IMSA lost one of its leading figures as well as a most popular individual,' said Jürgen Barth, head of customer sport at Porsche, who was very close.