

HOWARD GOLDSMITH, Founder of Todd Enterprises
1941 - 2024

Howard “Goldie” Goldsmith born April 28, 1941, founder of Todd Enterprises, passed away on April 10th, 2024, at the age of 82. He will be remembered as a beloved son, husband, father, uncle and coach. A star hockey player at Hope high school, Bridgeton Academy, and Boston College, and known as the founding father of surfing in New England, he was inducted into the Surfing Hall of Fame in 2006.

As a businessman he started as a surfboard builder and shop owner, and went on to found and lead Todd Enterprises, a rotational molding company that designed and manufactured plastic parts for the boating industry. He spent 40 years in the marine industry as the president of Todd Enterprises, which supplied many boatbuilders and distributors across the globe with seating, water and holding tanks, and custom parts. He invented many products still in use today including the swingback seat, Gas Caddy, and more. He also owned and updated several key commercial buildings, revitalizing an area of Wakefield, Rhode Island.

Howie’s passions included building custom cars, inventing new products, surfing all over the world, sailing and boating (Especially on the *MissyMat*, a sailboat he built himself), skating, skiing, his home on Indian Lake in Rhode Island that he and his wife designed and built, and so much more.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Goldsmith, children, Michele and Mat, grandchildren, Finn, Wyatt, Mercer, and Asher, daughter-in-law, Cheryl, 6 nephews, 4 nieces and their families.



SANDY BROWN Founder of Teak Isle, Manufacturing
1934 - 2024

Sandy grew up in Vermillion Bay, Ontario, Canada where he worked at his family’s fish camp. It was here that he developed his love of boating. Since the fish camp was past where roads end it was necessary that he was able to fix motors and be self-sufficient. After marrying his wife, Janet, they moved to Central Florida where he opened and managed a fishing camp on Lake Apopka. As his family grew, he started work as a mechanic at Winter Park Marine where he grew into sales and ownership positions. During his time there, Sandy was asked to be a member of the Wellcraft Dealer Advisory Council where he recognized a need for a dependable supplier of teak products.

In 1979, Sandy founded Teak Isle Mfg. and began building teak products to supply a variety of boat builders and dealers. In these early days the technology of CNC Routers came on the scene in the boating industry and Sandy quickly recognized this as the next opportunity to increase his production capabilities.

Teak Isle is now a family-owned business run by his sons and grandsons, proudly supplying over 350 of the marine industry’s leading boat builders. Sandy’s spirit of innovation, his commitment to customer service and his passion for problem-solving are a part of everything that happens at Teak Isle. His legacy lives on in the company he worked so hard to build. Sandy will be greatly missed by his wife of 69 years, his 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and the employees at Teak Isle who loved him so much.

