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Tom Lambert of Maxwell Floors Ltd. - 45 years of Floor Covering. Retiring, happily.



Tom Lambert has had a great run in the Flooring and Floor Covering industry. After 45 years in the trade with Union Local 1541 (The Floorlayers Union) and 26 years with Maxwell Floors (MFL), Tom has decided to put down his knee pads and seek greener pastures in Kamloops where his mornings are now spent overlooking Tobiano Golf course with coffee in hand.

Tom has enjoyed his floor laying career and the variety it gave to his days. "I liked my job. Every job was different. I met different people at job sites".

Tom originally worked for Tec Floor Coverings and was persuaded early on in his career by friend and dispatcher at Maxwell Floors, Scott, to come work at Maxwell Floors. Scott and Tom became friends, often golfing together. For Tom the connections made at Maxwell Floors were truly, like family.

“The longer I worked the more friends I made. There is a good installers team at Maxwell Floors”.

It was not until one summer break, when he brought his boys in to do some work, where he really saw how much of an influence parental guidance can have in career motivation for his own kids. A couple times they have worked together and now 12 and 15 years later both his sons, Jesse and Johnathan, share Tom’s love of the Floor Laying trade.

“One summer break I brought the boys in. They liked it. My boys are hard workers and I am proud that they are in a trade. They make good money”.

Both Jesse and Johnathan have had a hand in some pretty impressive projects already. Working with dad on nine floors of flooring at the Amazon Dunsmuir St Distribution Center. Three floors at Vancouver City Hall for which Maxwell Floors won an award. The Cineplex Odeon group of Theaters as well as Pier C at our very own YVR Vancouver Airport. Another award winning project for Maxwell Floors.

“Its good to get into a trade right after high school, if you know your not going to go to college. Entering a trade school prevents lazy habits. It gets you into the trade, you can work and go from there and save money. With rent and everything being so expensive, kids can gain a head start into saving”.

Tom believes in being a mentor to his kids. He knows very well trying on your own doesn’t work. Tom was happy to share how recently one of his son’s has bought a new townhouse at 24 years old, on his own. That’s hard to come by nowadays in Vancouver’s housing market.

“If you want money and want to work hard, being a tradesperson is for you!
You never know how your dedication to a trade will mentor others”.

Tom Lambert’s last day before retirement with Maxwell Floors was April 25, 2022. Tom would like to thank all of those men and women he worked with at Maxwell Floors and the various projects he was able to be a part of over the course of his career.

Maxwell Floors would like to thank Tom for his 26 years of dedicated service and to serving the Floor Laying industry with pride. Maxwell Floors looks forward to seeing what lies ahead for Tom’s legacy. Best wishes to both Jesse and Johnathan Lambert in what will surely be a most fulfilling career journey.

Cheers to you Tom!
MFL. Rick Wagner and Stewart Kolenda