Hamilton N. “Tony" Shepley, President & Owner Shepley Wood Products, will tell you, as a kid he was always one to find the limits of a situation. After graduating from high school he took a job in the corporate world with John Hancock Life Insurance. After a year, and finding he wasn’t cut from the corporate cloth, he moved to Cape Cod and joined a rock & roll band. The band played in various venues around the sand bar. The financial rewards were good, but Tony was looking for something steadier.

At age 25, Tony and a friend saw an opportunity in the lumber business. They acquired an old truck, had limited cash and a great idea to sell service and attitude above all else. Ten years later, Tony bought out his partner and continued to grow Shepley Wood Products into the company it is today. Currently, Shepley services Cape Cod, Southeastern Massachusetts, and Nantucket and has become a leader in the building materials supply sector.

Tony is a respected member of the Southeastern Massachusetts business community. He was the first company owner in the Northeastern Retail Lumber Association (NRLA) to receive the Certified Building Materials Specialist (CBMS) certification. Shepley is a big believer in training and the company offers weekly training sessions to all employees affectionately known as Shepley University.

With a current Class A unlimited CDL and Hoisting License, Tony remains fully involved in the operations of the company. It’s not uncommon to see him behind the wheel of a trailer truck, either driving, teaching or check riding with one of our CDL drivers. This “back to roots” philosophy is one of the distinguishing factors that contribute to the success of Shepley Wood Products. His hands-on, open-door approach to business breeds loyalty among employees and customers alike.

Tony resides in Hyannis Port, Mass. and Bethel, Maine with his wife Lorraine and their two sons. He sits on many boards that influence development decisions on Cape Cod and the Islands and is a major contributor to philanthropic endeavors in the area. Both sons have worked in the business during school vacations and older son, Niles, age 20, wants to make a career out of the lumber business. Nothing could make a father prouder.