

HISUCCESS | DAVID ANDERSON



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FOOD Steak

TELEVISION SHOW

Two and a Half Men

MOVIE James Bond movies

SINGER Michael Jackson

SEASON Fall

SPORTS TEAM

Detroit Red Wings

VACATION DESTINATION

Cuba

SAYING/QUOTE "If you think you are beaten, you are"

WORD Fun

SPORT OR HOBBY Golf

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BY JANICE FORD-SPENCER

David William Anderson has come into his own. At 50, he left the comfort of the Anderson Carpet and Home dynasty in Burlington to follow his heart. Now, proud owner of David William Shoes & More Inc., in Dundas, Anderson has discovered true happiness in the industry that had intrigued him for 30 years.

At the age of 21 and soon to be married, Anderson felt the pressure of his own impending family responsibilities and obligations so opted to join his father in the family business, John Anderson Carpets. This revelation left him no alternative but to put his dream of one day embarking on a fashion career on hold.

Soon after joining his dad, they changed the name to Anderson and Sons. "We were enjoying success in the business and as partners, we made a great living. I became his crowning achievement and together we expanded the business by introducing "The Remnant King". But, I was always dreaming of following my own course in the fashion business. Ultimately, you have to be true to who you are."

Seven years later, brother Jim would join the business and John would soon retire. The two sons made a spectacular team changing the name to Anderson Carpet and Home with the introduction of furniture and area rugs. With a strong feeling of loyalty to his dad and his own family responsibility growing, Anderson decided to stay with the company.

John Anderson passed away in 2007 and with brother Jim strong

at the helm, Anderson felt the timing was perfect for him to follow his dream. As long as memory serves, Anderson had flair and a passion for women's and men's fashion. "It gnawed away at me for over 20 years. After my divorce, I dabbled as a consultant in women's fashion in my off hours from Anderson Carpet and Home and discovered a new-found excitement. So I knew what I had to do to be true to who I was."

It was in 2008 when David drove to nearby Dundas for a home design consultation that his life course would change. Says Anderson, "I walked to the downtown area and noticed a building for sale. Without hesitation, I strolled down to the Coldwell Banker Amalfi office, asked the price, and pretty much purchased it that afternoon".

Soon to discover the building had a 150-year history of being a shoe store only added to the mix of fate. Anderson, with his partner, Donna, decided to make Dundas their home. "It was during the renovation of the building downtown we learned Fred Amalfi wanted to sell his building at 1 Cross Street. The fashion bug reared its head once again and destiny determined our second building in town would become my shoe store."

Through the many challenges of starting a new business in a recession, Anderson remains driven to succeed and fulfil his dream. "I have found a place in the world of business where I belong. Should I die tomorrow, I will know I did what I wanted. I am doing what makes me happy."