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# NHRLA's 2024 Lumber Person of the Year



**Kenneth Hamshaw**  
Hamshaw Lumber Inc.

Kenneth Hamshaw is this year's Lumber Person of the Year, recognizing his outstanding impact on the lumber and building materials industry. Born and raised in Keene, New Hampshire, Ken's lifelong connection to the lumber industry began with his father Doug, who founded Hamshaw Lumber in 1980—the same year Ken was born. From an early age, Ken was immersed in the family business, working at Hamshaw Lumber during middle school and continuing through his summers while pursuing higher education.

Ken graduated from Keene High School in 1999 and went on to earn a degree in economics from UMass Boston. His commitment to the family business became even more pronounced after his marriage to Anny in 2006. Ken transitioned to working full-time at Hamshaw Lumber, where he has played a pivotal role in its ongoing success and growth.

Recognizing the value of professional networking and industry involvement, Ken was encouraged by his father to engage with the New Hampshire Retail Lumber Association (NHRLA). His active participation in the association began with board membership, and he further demonstrated his leadership abilities by serving as president from 2018 to 2019. Ken's contributions to the NHRLA have been instrumental in fostering industry relationships and promoting best practices within the lumber sector.

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Beyond his professional achievements, Ken is deeply invested in his community. He and his wife Anny are the proud parents of two children, Owen and Camille. Ken's passion for music is well-known in the Monadnock region, where he performs regularly, enriching the cultural life of the area.

Ken Hamshaw's recognition as Lumber Person of the Year reflects his dedication to both the lumber industry and his community. His tireless work ethic, leadership within the NHRLA, and active community involvement make him a deserving recipient of this prestigious award.