



**James "Jim" Davidson
(October 24, 1950 – November 29, 2021)**

Being the first professional surfboard / glasser finisher in Puerto Rico, Jim Davidson worked for Island Surfboards from 1971 to 1975 before beginning his professional career with the US Coast Guard which he retired from as High Ranked Officer.

He lived and loved surfing from his early days in Florida where he was born and later in Puerto Rico where he had a permanent residence and was a friend to everyone on the beach.

Along with one of his best friends Monty Smith who was the founder of Island Surfboards company, Jim helped to grow the brand in PR & the East Coast during early 1972 until 1975.

"I surf and try to stay out of the cities as much as possible. Fresh air, sun and a clean ocean do more for me than any special diet could provide", - he was once quoted when describing his passion for surfing, being on the outdoor and enjoying life.

Also known among the important founders of the "Corona Surf Club in Rincon" between the decades of 1980's-2000. After his retirement from the State Department & Coast Guard he spent his time in playing tennis and improving the local tennis courts and was the treasurer of "Rincon Tennis" in Rincon and close friend and volunteer at the Legend Surf Classic annual event.

He always invited everyone of any skill level to come and play tennis. There were many stories lived by Jim and everyone loved him. His family, friends, colleagues, fellow officers, and the entire community at Bo. Puntas in Rincón certainly mourns his passing and will miss his smile.

Thanks to Jim Davidson for the difference he definitively made in many people's lives.

May He Rest-In Peace!



