



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

Meet Resident Bob Skidmore

Bob was born in Tacoma, graduated from Lincoln high school and the College of Puget Sound (University of Puget Sound), and after earning his BA in Political Science he continued his education at the University of Washington Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1951 and practiced law in Tacoma until 1974 when he was appointed Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. While Judge, he also served on a national Bankruptcy committee for three years before retiring in 1991 as an active Judge.

During WWII Bob served in the Pacific before returning to UPS to complete his undergraduate degree. This is when he met his future wife, Helen Neate. They were both on the GI bill, served in the Navy and graduated on August 22, 1947. A week later they married and remained married for 65 years before Helen passed away. They have two beautiful daughters, Diana and Allison.

Education is a passion of Bob's and he just went back to college at the age of 92 to audit classes on Asian Political Science for free as a graduate of UPS. He enjoys his computer, iPad and especially loves his iPhone which he uses as a wonderful way to keep in touch with his family. He also loves to read and had over 1,000 books at one time. Since high school, tennis and pickle ball have also been avid hobbies of his, and he is still very active in both sports. Furthermore, for years Bob was active in the Tacoma Elks serving all chair offices finishing the highest office of Exalted Ruler as well as serving on the Legal committee of the Grand Lodge. As you might imagine, Bob is very social and has made many new friends since moving into Franke Tobey Jones a year ago. This summer he attended the Franke Tobey Jones Community Senior Prom where he was crowned the FTJ Prom King. Bob is a great man with a contagious smile and friendly attitude. It's what attracts everyone to him. We are happy to have him as a Franke Tobey Jones resident!

