



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

Meet Resident Carol Bruda

Carol was born, raised and educated in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the only child of surprised parents married fourteen years. She earned her B.A. in Liberal Arts and also took several courses at a Business College.

Shortly after graduating from Kalamazoo College she met her husband, George, and they married in 1961. Born and raised in Ohio, George was a Chemical Engineer, graduating from Notre Dame in 1949. Both worked at and also retired from The Upjohn Company (Pfizer). Carol did take a 17 year leave of absence to raise her children.

Carol is a life-long volunteer! She led her church's children's creativity program, had a Brownie troop and was a Girl Scout Neighborhood Chairperson, helped at her children's school as a room mother and chaperone, participated in the school carnivals and fundraisers, and is a ruling Elder in her church. For the past 15 years Carol produced her church's weekly Bulletin, where her proofing and spelling abilities were noted and appreciated. Carol also loves to travel and has been all over the world. Fortunately, her husband also enjoyed sampling various cultures. She also loves reading, listening to instrumental music, attending local theater shows/concerts/programs, cooking, cleaning (a lot!), decorating, handcrafts, and exercising regularly.

After George passed away in 2008, her two daughters did not want her to remain alone in Kalamazoo, so she chose to move to Franke Tobey Jones with her dog Lexi to be close to one of her daughters and her two grandchildren. "It is wonderful to be near family at last" Carol says.

Carol became a P.E.O. in 2002, and when moving to Tacoma, she transferred to a local Chapter. Being without siblings she's been delighted to have so many P.E.O. sisters, and she has now held nearly every office in P.E.O.

Carol enjoys FTJ duplex living and is comforted knowing she is in a Continuing Care Retirement Community. She appreciates that campus living does not involve steps into the duplexes, our Wellness Center or the Lillian Pratt building. It is one of the reasons she chose to live here, where she can truly make every day meaningful.



"Learning new things through Senior University and taking various excursions planned by our Life Enrichment Director have become favorite bright spots in my life at Franke Tobey Jones."