



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

Meet Resident Joan Bannister

Joan was born in Mexico City, Mexico in 1928 and lived there until she was 15. Her parents being from England wanted their children to speak proper English, so Joan attended The Barstow School for Girls in Kansas City, Missouri and continued her education at the Lindwood College for Women in Missouri where she earned a BA in Liberal Arts. For recreation she enjoyed field hockey and other outdoor sports and music.

After graduation in 1950, Joan returned to Mexico City where she married an American and they had three daughters. Joan became a Naturalized American Citizen in 1952, and her husband's position as a Foreign Service Officer took the family to three posts in Chile and Italy before returning to work in Mexico City. Her husband later was posted in Lima, Peru and Joan remained in Mexico City. End of Chapter.

In Mexico City, Joan worked for the U.S. Embassy. In 1966 she transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration where she worked for 24 years in both Mexico City and San Diego, CA.

In 1967, Joan married her childhood sweetheart, Ken. They were married for 40 years before Ken passed away in 2007. They enjoyed sailing, traveling to Europe and visiting extended family. Together they enjoyed their blended family of 7 children.

Joan retired in 2006 and moved to Tacoma in 2011. FTJ has been her home for the past year. "My life is so much easier at FTJ," says Joan. "I don't have to go shopping for food, cook or make decisions about what to eat. I happily don't have too much stuff around me. I feel totally free to travel and know things will be taken care of while I am away. My girls like it too! I think they were afraid I might move in with them! They love that fact that I am so happy here."



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