



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

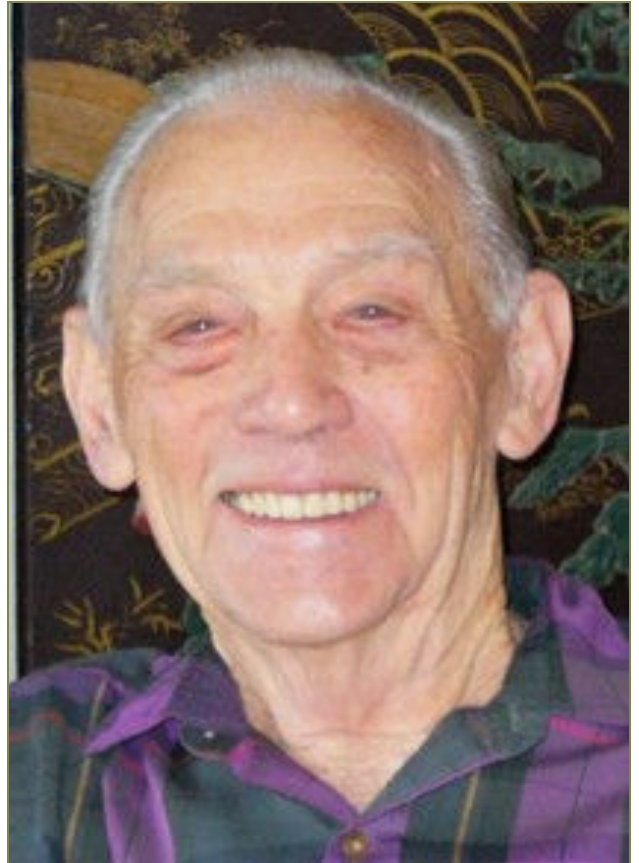
Meet Resident Kay Parks

Although Kay was born in the north end of Tacoma, he lived near Steilacoom a majority of his life. He started his first job the summer before high school working in an auto body shop, and loved the work. In 1942 with WWII in full swing, Kay joined the military and served our country in North Africa, France and Germany. After the war Kay returned home and opened Kay Parks Auto Body Repair in 1946 which is still in business today (under a different name), though he is retired.

Kay loved to dance and met his wife, Mary Ann, while they were both attending a dance. They married several years later and it was a marriage made in heaven. It spanned 51 years before Mary Ann passed away in late 2010. They had a lot of fun dancing, boating and traveling the world those 51 years, and have been members of the Tacoma Yacht Club since 1952.

They were active community participants in our FTJ Wellness programs for six years before moving here, and attended our dance classes as well as our Senior University classes.

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