



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

Meet Resident Mercy Smith

Mercy grew up in Steilacoom with brother William and sister Patricia. Her mother was widowed at 31, and Mercy found great comfort living next door to her grandparents. Mercy attended Stadium High School and then the University of Washington earning a degree in Speech Pathology. She worked as a speech therapist in the Tacoma School District for two years.

While attending a party at the U of W Mercy met her future husband, Dutton Hayward. They were married 46 wonderful years and had two children. While raising her family Mercy spent a lot of time volunteering at the Children's Home Society, Junior League, Lakewold Gardens, Tacoma Actors Guild, Tacoma Art Museum, and the Lakewood Schools where she participated in the Cultural Enrichment program. Mercy also served on the board of Tacoma General Hospital.

Traveling is a passion for Mercy and she has traveled extensively. Her sister Patricia and family lived in Austria so Mercy visited there every two years, and she was traveling in Russia when Mikhail Gorbachev was overthrown. She still has the travel bug and is not ready to stay put.

Six years after Dutton died Mercy married Dr. Larry Smith. Larry had six children and their blended family was a very happy one. She loves her new family members. Mercy and Larry were married just two short and wonderful years before he died, but they spent those two years having a lot of fun which included extensive traveling.

Another passion for Mercy is gardening. She was a member of the Tacoma Garden Club where she served as President, and was a Horticulture Judge for the Garden Club of America for six years.

With a huge smile on her face, Mercy says she likes living in the Tobey Jones building. "It's like a charming hotel," she says. "I revel in the atmosphere and enjoy the residents very much." She also loves the Resident Garden and the many activities we provide. We are so very glad she has made Franke Tobey Jones her home.



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