



# FRANKE TOBEY JONES

## Meet Residents Jack and Mary Falskow

Both Jack and Mary were born in Tacoma, went to the same elementary and junior high schools, but didn't know each other at that time. They were first introduced in 1959, the year Jack graduated from the College of Puget Sound. He then attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, so they dated for the next three and a half years as he came home for visits before marrying in June of 1963. When they were married, Jack and Mary lived in Seattle where Jack was working for United Pacific Insurance Company as a Surety Bond Underwriter.

Mary graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Elementary Education. She began her career teaching fifth grade at Mt. Downing Elementary in Tacoma, but later chose to be a stay-at-home mother to raise their children. After living in Yakima for a few years they moved to Fircrest in 1970. Jack retired in 1998, and they moved in 2015 from Fircrest straight to FTJ.

Jack and Mary have two sons. Their oldest, Tom, lives in Anchorage, and their youngest, John, lives in Tacoma. Jack and Mary also have five grandchildren. The family enjoyed boating and took many trips on their boats to the San Juan Islands and throughout Puget Sound.

Celebrating 53 years of marriage this June they still feel like newlyweds! Jack is a seasoned photographer and a member of the Sound Exposure Photography Club in Gig Harbor. He served on the Board of Shared Housing Services for eight years and was also a member of the Exchange Club of Tacoma that funded high school turn-around students. Mary enjoys cooking and painting, and has been a member of the Lillian Shotwell Guild at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital for many years. Both are also very active in their church where they are long-time members.

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