



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

Meet Resident Barbara Farron

Born in 1927 in the North End, Barbara is a Tacoma native. She attended Annie Wright and Stadium High School before enrolling at the University of Oregon and later the University of Puget Sound. In 1947 she married her husband Wally, and the newlyweds knew they wanted to raise their children in the Tacoma area. They had three daughters who all attended the University of Washington.

The Farrons were avid boaters and members of the Tacoma Yacht Club for over 50 years. The family would spend their summers boating and enjoying their beach house, which was part of Barbara's family since 1908. Wally's incentive points from working at his insurance company allowed him and Barbara to take multiple cruises, which included Hong Kong, the Baltic Sea, the Mediterranean, Panama Canal and Alaska. Annually, the Farrons would escape to their condo in Maui and in later years spend their winters in Palm Desert.

When not traveling, Barbara kept busy by staying involved with the Tacoma Junior League and the Orthopedic Guild #10. For 30 years, she was an active member of the Tacoma Day Nursery Board. During their 25 years in Lakewood, tennis and golf kept Barbara active as well.

Barbara became a resident of Franke Tobey Jones in April of 2009. She says it is "just like coming home" because her mother and two uncles once lived here. She is thankful for the numerous friends she has made, the old friends she has become reacquainted with and the lifelong friends who will be moving here soon.



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