



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

Meet Residents Mike and Mame Matteson

Both Mike and Mame were raised in Washington state, and they met when attending the University of WA.

Between 1954 and 1962 Mike was in ROTC, commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and served in Germany at Herzo Base. While in Germany he enrolled at Clausthal University, worked on his doctorate and was recruited to work on a research project at the Max Planck Institute in Göttingen, Germany. It was in Germany that Mame became pregnant and delivered both their sons...two years apart.

Upon their return to the U.S., Mike went to work on a Public Health Service Grant at the University of Rochester, New York, in their Bio Physics Department. During the next 30 years he worked at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA teaching Chemical Engineering.

Mame loved raising their children. She spent lots of time helping at their schools and sports activities and also volunteered at Decatur Cooperative Ministries (DCM) where she was ultimately hired as their director.

Mike received a Fulbright Grant to teach in Austria in 1974-1975 and was able to take his family with him. They had a wonderful time there! Their third child, a daughter, was born in January of 1977.

Upon retirement in 1999, Mike and Mame moved to Olympia where Mike joined a writers club and also taught Fluid Mechanics in a Mechanical Engineering class at St. Martin's College for six years. He retired for a second time and is now permanently retired.

Mike and Mame have enjoyed taking many Elderhostel trips throughout their marriage and have been to the Baltic States, Russia, Alaska, Spain, Portugal and more!

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