



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

Meet Residents Don and Edna Franklin

Don and Edna met at Stadium High School but went their separate ways after graduation. Don attended WA State University, and after college served in the Korean War. He was stationed in San Francisco “guarding” the Presidio. Edna attended the University of Puget Sound but had the desire to move to Honolulu so she purchased a one-way ticket to Hawaii, and shortly after arriving accepted a job offer at United Airlines. Two years later she transferred to San Francisco. Don and Edna had a mutual friend in the Bay area that soon reconnected them. After dating for six months, they returned to Tacoma and married.

Don went back to school at UPS and after graduation went to work for Bell Telephone Co. in Seattle. Edna worked for United Airlines at their office in Tacoma. Don was transferred to Portland then to New York City. While in NY City they attended shows and deliberately set out to see North East America in its entirety. By this time they had four children who have now blessed Don and Edna with 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In 1976, Don became a founding member of the Pacific NW Ballet and still serves on their board. Edna has many talents; she is a singer, choir director, soloist, loves all kinds of music, plays piano and guitar and enjoys a type of Norwegian painting called Rosemalling.

After Don retired from a 33 year career at The Bell System, they retired on the Key Peninsula. This property gave Don the opportunity to fulfill his dream of being a rancher and raising Limousin beef cattle. After ten years they sold their ranch and moved to Arizona where they spent 14 years. Missing their children in the Pacific Northwest, they moved to Tacoma and became residents of Franke Tobey Jones.

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