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Meet Resident Kent Gilchrist

Kent was born in Tacoma, graduated from Stadium High School and attended Chico State College in California at which time he met Sharon. They dated for five years, most of the time while Kent was out of the country.

Kent was drafted into the Korean War with a specialty of military intelligence. Staying overseas after the war he worked as a civilian employee for the State Department. In 1955 Kent returned home, married Sharon, they had four children and remained inseparable during their 61 years of marriage. Sadly, Sharon passed away in February 2017.

Kent continued his education at the University of Puget Sound earning a degree in Business Administration and was soon hired by The Readers Digest as a Regional Sales Manager which required that he move to New York. After two years he was promoted to National Sales Development Manager for Southeast Asia as well as for the Chinese and the Far East editions. However, they never adjusted to living and working in New York, so he left The Reader's Digest and moved back to Tacoma.

Next he created and operated car and heavy duty truck dealerships for a few years before selling them. He and Sharon then decided to start an Import Export business with offices in the Philippines and Russia. Twelve years later they sold the company to a national corporation. Next Kent earned his commercial real estate and business brokerage license for the purpose of acquiring commercial real estate and businesses for his personal portfolio.

Always an athlete, for the past 36 years he has been an avid racquetball player, winning the state Senior 80+ championship for two years.

In May of 2017, Kent's children recommended he move to Franke Tobey Jones. Kent said "It turned out to be one of the best decisions of my life. Thank you Franke Tobey Jones."



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