



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

Meet Resident Janet Donaldson

Janet Donaldson was born in Maine and had three siblings. In kindergarten, Janet immediately began to learn French as a second language, and this continued through the eighth grade. All eight of Janet's grandparents were French-Canadian descendants.

Janet attended an all-girls high school with only 17 in her graduating class. After high school she went to live with her grandmother in New Hampshire where she attended college for two years. She soon joined the Army serving two years as a Cryptographer. After the Army, Janet worked as a bookkeeper for an insurance company in Hartford, Connecticut.

This is where she met her future husband, David Donaldson. At that time, he was attending a nuclear power submarine school. After a short courtship, they were married and soon had two children. Dave served in the Navy for 20 years and went on to college to earn degrees in Electrical and Civil Engineering. After 46 years of marriage, he died of lung cancer caused by Agent Orange.

During their marriage, Janet used her GI bill to earn a degree in accounting. However, because of David's Navy career and moving so much, she was only able to get jobs as a full charge bookkeeper. She volunteered in the public-school system to help children read for over 15 years.

Janet's passion is Genealogy. Her personal genealogy goes all the way back to King Charlemagne also known as Charles the Great. She has published a two-volume book of her family's genealogy that she shared with relatives.

Janet and her husband scanned all the photo albums of hers and their ancestors which took a very long time, and she was able to give the gift of photos to her family!

Janet met Bill Gore three years before moving to FTJ and it has evolved into a wonderful friendship. They are enjoying every minute together. They recently returned from a cruise to Alaska where they celebrated Bill's 90th birthday. They had a marvelous time and made wonderful memories together.

Janet and Bill moved to FTJ last year and enjoy living here stating, "The residents and staff are lovely and the food, trips and everything is great."



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