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Shirley Robbins— Residential Accommodations

Born in Spokane, Washington in 1951, Shirley grew up in a close-knit family that valued hard work, kindness and community. Her father worked as a milkman before moving into real estate, and her mother was a stay-at-home mom for many years before joining Rockwood Retirement Community, where she helped people find their new homes. Shirley is the third of four siblings—her sister Judy is six years older, her brother Bob is four years older and her younger sister Peggy is two years younger.

After graduating from West Valley High School in Spokane, Shirley attended Central Washington State College, earning her bachelor's degree in Education. Her first job after college was with JCPenney at the Eastport Plaza store in Spokane Valley where she became the first female department manager in Spokane, an exciting accomplishment during a time when opportunities for women in management were just beginning to expand.

In 1976, Shirley met her future husband, Alvie, at her cousin's wedding. They married a year later and moved to Portland, Oregon where Alvie attended seminary and Shirley continued working for JCPenney at the Lloyd Center. During those years, their family began to grow with the arrival of their sons, Nathan and Johnathan.

In 1983, Alvie joined the U.S. Air Force as a Captain, and the family began a new adventure that took them around the world... California, Guam, Japan, Missouri and McChord Air Force Base in Lakewood, Washington. Along the way, they welcomed two daughters: Sara-Anne, born at Travis Air Force Base, and Allison, adopted in Guam when she was just three months premature.

When Alvie's father became ill in 1998, the family took early retirement and moved back to Tacoma to help care for him. Shirley began working for Life Center in Tacoma, managing the bookstore and café, which helped support their children's education at the church's private school. She later transitioned to Life Manor, a retirement community serving low-income residents. After nearly ten years there, she accepted an opportunity to work as a house manager for a family in Medina, a role filled with unique experiences and fascinating people.

In 2007, Shirley saw an opening for a concierge position at Franke Tobey Jones. Wanting to escape the long commute to Seattle, she applied... and it turned out to be one of the best decisions she ever made. She's been part of the Franke Tobey Jones community ever since and treasures the friendships, meaningful connections and sense of purpose she's found here.