

Our  
President,  
**Donna  
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## **GREETINGS FFS MEMBERS & FRESHMEN FANS**

Time is drawing near for our big 75th anniversary celebration of The Four Freshmen. I sincerely hope you have registered to join us in Fort Wayne this September. If not, there is still time. Plus, we have pushed out the date when the registration fee goes up. Hotel rooms are filling up now, so make that reservation soon!

We continue to mourn the loss of faithful FFS members who now include Bill Martin. Bill served as our “piano man” for the Wannabes for many conventions. He was such a kind and helpful man.

I am also sad to report the loss of Tom Purvis who was instrumental in keeping FFS going when John Bangs retired. Tom also served as President of FFS for more than a decade and took over *Fresh News* finding a publisher in Sandusky, Ohio, where it remains today. (Thank you Eric Winkel!) Tom also chaired the 1995 annual convention in Huron, Ohio. He was a dedicated supporter of The Four Freshmen and will be missed by many.

We will gather as the FFS family once again in Fort Wayne with no guarantee we'll be able to do this again. So, I urge you to do your best to make this event top priority. See you in September!



## **Tribute to Jim**

by Gil Peterson

As many of you know, Jim and Linda Williams were our Co-chairs for the very successful 2022 Bay City convention originally scheduled for 2019. However, because of the Covid pandemic, the FFS Board of Directors voted to postpone the convention until the pandemic was under control. As a matter of fact, both Jim and Linda were victims of the pandemic. Thankfully, they both recovered after a long and painful struggle. Eventually, we were able to hold the convention in June of 2022. Jim and Linda accomplished something very remarkable. Because of the relationship they had established with the marketing manager of the hotel, all the terms and conditions of the original hotel contract remained as negotiated in 2019. I believe they were able to do this because the hotel staff had such respect for Jim and Linda. Those who attended remember how all the hotel management and staff extended themselves to accommodate our every need.

Sadly, many of you do not know that Jim Williams passed away several months ago. Jim was the Pastor of a local church in the Bay City area. Jim was a very softspoken gentleman who possessed incredible strength, tenacity and courage. He was truly loved by his congregation and all who knew him. He will be virtually impossible to replace. I'm not sure we even want to try. We all send our thoughts and prayers to his wonderful family and friends. May God bless his eternal journey to somewhere beyond the back side of the sky.

## **A Diamond Jubilee Celebration**

*We are planning  
a big opening night celebration  
Friday night.*

### **75th Anniversary Highlights**

- Remembering the original Four Freshmen
- Honoring the past Four Freshmen
- Celebrating the Legacy
- The Four Freshmen live

***Dress in your best with your diamonds, glitter and all.  
It's going to be a great night!***

Marlene and Dave