



# Fresh News

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## Let's Go See The Freshmen in New Zealand!

by Jeri Ann

Would you like to be one of the real freshfanatics following The Frosh all the way to New Zealand? We've received several calls from Society members asking for this wonderful odyssey!

Not many of us have had the good fortune to enjoy this magnificent and SAFE corner of the world. The Four Freshmen will be performing in New Zealand in early June, so now we have an excellent reason to combine our passion for the greatest vocal/instrumental quartet of all time AND a once in a lifetime opportunity to tour Australia and New Zealand.

We will depart from Los Angeles on May 20, 2002, for three nights each in Melbourne and Sydney Australia. Then on to New Zealand for visits to Queenstown, Mt. Cook Nat'l Park and four exciting days in the Christchurch area. This delightful city is where we'll enjoy our special Freshmen concert. I'm planning to include a fun gathering of the Freshfans and Freshmen (Freshmen time permitting).

Extensive info on each area is provided in our custom brochure, which we are anxious to mail at your request. We'll return to the US on June 7 from Christchurch OR you can extend your vacation for an optional two nights in Auckland where you will again enjoy a Freshmen concert.

At printing we are still awaiting final rates - however, **Collette Tours** has estimated very reasonable costs for this grand sojourn and we will have firm rates when you call.

This promises to be an exceptional opportunity with lots of fun for all. Please call ASAP for your brochure and special details - 1-800-355-4135 (or in Arizona 480-837-9768).

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## Rest in Peace Bob Ruan

by Palle Christensen, FFS Denmark

My good Yankee friend, Bob Ruan, passed away on the 14th of December 2001. I use the term "Yankee Friend" because that was what he called himself in our written correspondence.

I met Colonel Robert F. Ruan II through the FFS society as he attended many of our conventions. Bob had made a two-hour radio tribute show to The Freshmen in connection with their 40th anniversary and I had made a similar radio show in Denmark. Comparing these shows was the start of our friendship. I knew Bob as a very polite, kind, modest and helpful man.

In August of 2001 I went to Washington DC on a business trip and had made plans to spend some time with Bob there. But due to his illness it ended up with a telephone conversation during my stay. But his state of mind was fine and he

did have plans to go to the Bowling Green convention.

Bob passed away on the 14th of December 2001. He donated his body to the Bethesda Naval Medical Research for The United States Uniformed Services. An interment will be held sometime later this year at Quantico Naval Base, VA. Bob Ruan will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, my friend.

## Wishing You All A Happy New Year!

Yas & Michiko Ichiura (Japan) (Yas is FF Pacific Rim Rep)  
2001 was a happy and busy year for Yas Ichiura Family.



Tetsu (son) married to Naoko in February and Haru (daughter) married to Yasuyuki in June. So, we are now 6 people. See you next year in Reston.