The Board of Directors of the University of Illinois Foundation records with sorrow the death of John F. Williams of Larchmont, New York, on April 22, 2016.

John F. Williams earned a bachelor’s degree in management from the University of Illinois in 1949. Expressing his loyalty to the affairs of the University in 1982, he became a member of the President’s Council, the University’s highest donor recognition organization and a life member of the U of I Alumni Association.

Being a strong, active advocate for the U of I, Mr. Williams was elected to membership in the University of Illinois Foundation in 1984 and to its Board of Directors in 1985. He served as a vice-chair from 1987 until being honored as a Life Director in 1993. Mr. Williams was also an inaugural recipient of the 1990 William E. Winter Award for Outstanding Advocate Leadership, an annual award which recognizes volunteers who have shown extraordinary leadership in supporting the development goals of the University.

Mr. Williams and his late wife, Barbara Seaquist Williams, a 1949 Illinois alumna, generously supported their alma mater, especially Student Affairs where Mr. Williams established two awards to honor his wife’s passionate dedication to volunteerism—the Barbara Seaquist Williams Leadership Award and the Barbara Seaquist Williams Internship in the Office of Volunteer Programs.

For his contribution to the continuing greatness of the University of Illinois as expressed through his personal character and sharing of resources, John F. Williams will be remembered with affection.

**BE IT RESOLVED**

that this tribute become a part of the permanent records of the University of Illinois Foundation and that a copy be sent to the family.

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