



James C. Kibbey Fund

2016



James Kibbey, Stevens
HS Yearbook (1945)



Kibbey Home



Kibbey Hall road sign

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Purpose:

Music Scholarship

History:

James C. (“Bim”) Kibbey (1927-2014) was the only child of Everett W. and Ruth P. (Twombly) Kibbey. His father was a stage driver in Cornish at the time of their marriage and his mother (d. 1932) was a teacher in Cornish and Keene. The Kibbeys were a farming family that lived in Cornish Flat, but also owned the *Kibbey Hall* dance hall that was lost to fire on the morning of April 24, 1947 and not rebuilt.

James attended Stevens High School in Claremont where he wrote the Class Song (1945) and was involved in the drama program. On his 19th birthday in 1946, he joined the Army Air Corps during World War II. Following the war, James became an accountant and lived in the Washington DC area and never married. His bequest of \$80,000 to the Town of Cornish upon his death in 2014, provided no instructions as to what should be done with the funds. A public hearing in August 2016 decided that the remainder of the funds, should be put into a trust with the income used to fund a music scholarship for school age Cornish residents.

Cornish honored his voiced desire to be buried with his parents in the Child Cemetery.

John Dryfhout, 2019