

JAMES A. GOODWIN, CLASS OF 1928



Jim entered Kingswood at the age of 9 when it was located in the Mark Twain House, and he graduated in 1928. He later taught at Kingswood for what would have been 41 years if not for his three years in World War II.

Jim married Jane Bacon, who worked as a receptionist at Kingswood. They were married in the Kingswood Chapel, and his two sons are K-O graduates. Jim is the oldest living Kingswood alumnus.

He is known as the “Mr. Chips” of Kingswood – totally dedicated to the School where he taught Geography and coached soccer and skiing. His ski teams were renowned for their skill and expertise. Jim was known for organizing biking, orienteering, rock-climbing and ski trips at Kingswood, and many Kingswood alumni sent their own children to Kingswood because of Jim.

To this day, at the age of 97, Jim snowshoes up his favorite mountain and walks miles a day.