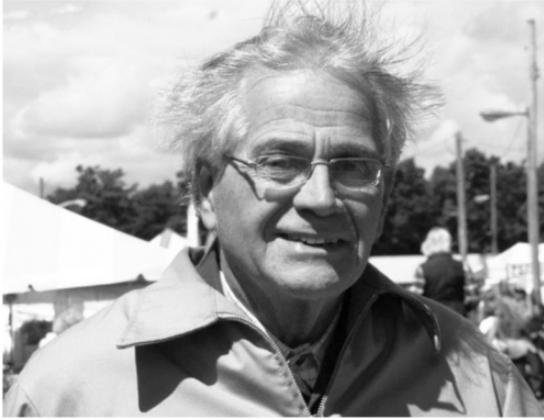


# 2014 Annual Town Report Dedication

**Francis Rollo Kinsman**  
**(November 15, 1932 – October 14, 2014)**



The passing of our native Heathan, Rollo, meant our Town had lost a great advocate. Rollo was the son of Francis and Anna (LeClaire) Kinsman. He married the former Alice Jackson in 1968 and was the father of Elizabeth and Nancy, and a grandfather to four.

After his schooling in Heath, Arms Academy, and Deerfield Academy, Rollo went on to study voice at Hartt College of Music until drafted into the United States Army. This was the beginning of an entertainment career for service personnel in the States and Abroad.

He served Heath as a Selectman from 1995-1998, and was always there to help decide what was best for this hill town.

Many of us remember, with great longing, Rollo's gift of song. Whether as a member of the choirs of the Colrain Baptist Church, or the Heath Union Church, or in a solo concert at the Heath Church, he could captivate the audience with a song from opera or a simple folk melody. Music in all forms was his forté. Every young girl who knew Rollo in his youth hoped they would be chosen to "do-si-do" in a square dance or twirl around the floor in a lively polka at Friday night square dances or at the Heath Fair dance at the Community Hall.

We will all miss Rollo and his captivating, friendly manner whether in a one-to-one conversation or in a large audience from the stage. As his daughter best stated in his obituary, "He was a true gentleman."

*Ruth E. Johnson*