

ROY EVERETT JOHNSON, 1907 - 1993

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Brother Roy Everett Johnson was born November 21, 1907in Little York, IN. The family moved to Vallonia in 1912 and Roy was a graduate of Vallonia High School. He graduated from Indiana University in 1932 with a degree in music. He taught school at Leiters Ford, South Whitney, Milford, Jennings County, and Dallas City, IL. J

Brother Johnson retired in 1974 after teaching 29 years. He was a retired major in the U.S. Army and served in Europe during World War II. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association on Indiana, Phi Beta Mu, and the Retired Teacher's Association. After discharge from the Army, Brother Johnson started teaching in the fall of 1945 in the North Vernon (IN) city schools. At that time the schools did not have a music program. Starting with the grade school, the development of a high school marching band took a few years. Uniforms were provided through community fund raising programs including the sale of fruit cakes and contributions. The bands and individuals participated in many contests and received many high awards and honors. The band also competed at the State level several times. Brother Roy Johnson passed away on October 27, 1993.