

Roy J. Brownell
United States Navy
1950 - 1954

Roy was born as an only child in 1932 in Troy, NY to Theodora and Roy Sr. He attended Vincentian Institute in Albany, NY and also Champlain College in Plattsburgh, NY. He spent much of his time on his cousin's farm in Hudson, NY, He became quite the trumpet player throughout his school years and was part of a well-known band called the Red Jackets. He joined the US Navy and continued to play trumpet.

Following his Navy service he continued on to become a member of the New York State Police. Being a NYS Trooper was a job he thoroughly enjoyed. Eventually he met and married his wife Joan which brought about his final career change into Data Processing later defined as Information Technology. He developed software and acted as IT Director until his retirement in 1994.

He was also a member of the Elks and the American Legion.

Roy was a thoughtful, compassionate man and was well liked by all. While raising six children, including three boys, he coached the Shenendehowa Jr. Plainsmen football teams for 13 years. He loved working with young people and they loved their coach.

He will always be remembered fondly, respectfully, and lovingly. 1932 - 2001