



## Beyond the Marquee: Johnnie Ray (Paperback)

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AUTHORHOUSE, United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*\*. An obscure John Alvin Ray, a small town hopeful from Dallas, Oregon became an international singing star in 1952 after changing his name and becoming the bridge between the mellow big band singers and today s rock and roll performers. Johnnie Ray would come full circle and in another of his accomplishments disprove you cant go home again . After a 1989 concert in Salem, Oregon which would be his last public performance, he had faint memories of his meetings with Kings and Queens and heads of states. With reflections of what he had achieved and lost, now a broken man came home again as obscure as when he had left. If there is anything positive about death it would be Johnnie Ray died young at 63 which allowed most of his boyhood classmates a chance to say good bye at that concert. After 37 years Johnnie had come home to see the only true friends he would ever know. Unfortunately, the Dallas area had grown a lot in that time. New residents had no idea who Johnnie Ray was or cared. Borrowing...



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