

John V. Tellaisha



Teacher 1951 to 1969

John V. Tellaisha, 93, of Plantation, Fl., passed away Tuesday, August 1, 2006. He was married to Ruby Shippee (deceased 1997) for 59 years. John taught music, choir, band and orchestra in Nevada schools for 31 years. He was a graduate of both Illinois Wesleyan and Northwestern Universities with Master's Degrees in music. John was the first president of the Nevada Music Educators Association and served on faculties of University of Nevada, Reno, Washoe County Schools, Weaver and Chico State Colleges and Interlochen Music Camp, was choir director at Federated Church in Reno, and principal violist with Reno University Community Symphony and Suzuki Scholarship of the Eastman School of Music. His groups consistently received 1st Division ratings in Festivals, and was Educational Director of Sheryl and Roth (Cleveland) establishing award winning school orchestra programs throughout the U.S. His love of music inspired many to become musicians and teachers. He was much appreciated and revered by his classes at the first Reno High School and he appreciated the number of letters he received from past students even in the last years of his life.

He is survived by his son John G. Tellaisha (Kathy Kristof); grandchildren Kara and Kristen Tellaisha of Lakewood, Oh., daughter Betty T. Schultze (Steve); grandchildren Christian and Braeden of Cooper City, Fl.