



# Tellea Bourne Atwell

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**T**elleta Bourne Atwell died at her Dunedin Florida home on Saturday afternoon, February 28. She was in her 106th year of a meaningful life. A native of Rome NY, Telleta was an accomplished musician playing violin for 100 years. A distinguished music educator, she studied at Fredonia Normal School and received Bachelors and Masters degrees in Music from Syracuse University. Telleta taught music for well over 30 years, mostly in the Catskills and Westchester County. Her school orchestras played at both the 1939 and the 1964 Worlds Fairs in NYC. Along with her musical career, she also started a musical instrument rental business in NY and managed real estate in Florida. These endeavors were also successful.

Telleta Atwell's musical interests were eclectic. She was a founding member of the Sun Coast Symphony at the first violin position and at the same time inducted into both the NYS Old Tyme Fiddlers Hall of Fame and the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame.

Telleta became part of the Dunedin community and was active in many benefits. In a larger sense, her donated instruments found a home in Rwanda last year in the grateful hands of children who shared her love of music.

Predeceased by her parents, Fred and Jesse Bourne and cherished sister Bertha Bourne, she is survived by her cousin Daniel Dowd of Rome NY, dedicated caregivers and many friends. Her closest friend and fellow musician, Mary Anne Boos, also survives her.

Friends are welcome to come together at the Nunn and Harper Funeral Home in Rome NY on Thursday March 5 from 2-330pm. It will conclude in a prayer service. Burial will be in the family plot at Rome Cemetery.

A memorial service will be scheduled for Spring in Florida.



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In lieu of flowers, please contribute to a charity of your choice.  
Welcome home to Fiddlers' Green Telleta. Your music lives on!



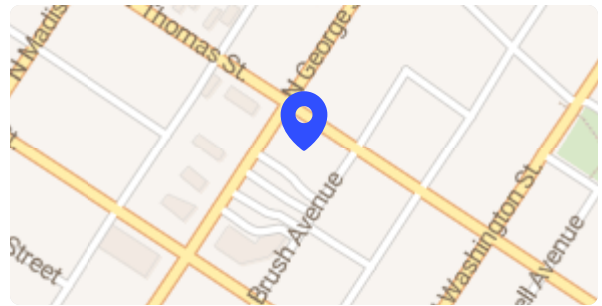
# Events

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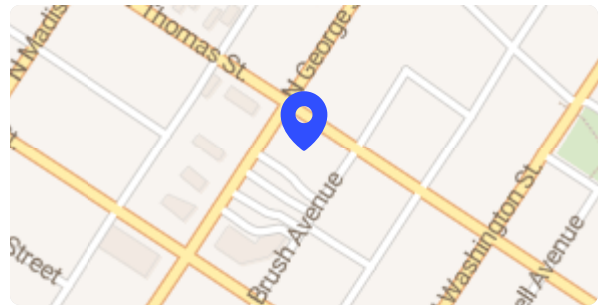
## Visitation

- Thursday**, March 5, 2015
- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET
- Nunn and Harper Funeral Home**  
418 N. George Street, Rome NY 13440



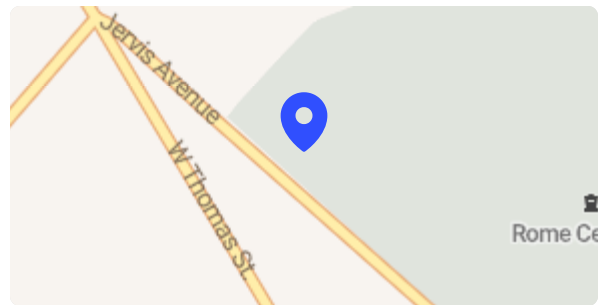
## Funeral Service

- Thursday**, March 5, 2015
- 3:30 PM ET
- Nunn and Harper Funeral Home**  
418 N. George Street, Rome NY 13440



## Graveside

- Thursday**, March 5, 2015
- Rome Cemetery**  
1500 Jervis Avenue, Rome NY 13440





## Tribute Wall

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HL

**Helen Lane** posted:

Goodbye my dear friend. Thanks for the memories. I love you and miss you, Helen

March 3 at 5:31 PM

PP

**Patty Peterson** posted:

Tellea was an amazing lady!! What a gift an honor to have been able to take the journey with her through the last years of her life. Even in her twilight years She continued to be a joy and inspiration to all who knew her. May you rest in peace now, Tellea. You will be sorely missed. Patty

March 3 at 5:23 PM



**Ei Sa** April 20 at 5:28 PM

Tellea's humor and loving character will always remain in my heart. It was an honor and privilege to help her. Erika



**Lori Rogers** March 4 at 9:17 PM

I cared for Tellea the last five years of her life. Working 12 hour shifts over night caring for her. She slept mostly during the day and was very active at night . She was constantly singing and talking . We had our favorite songs that we sang and hummed together or on our own . I cherish these moments and the times she played her violin. Music was truly in her heart. Her last words to me was asking me to hold her hand and put my arm around her. As we embraced she told me she loved me. She was such a loving woman. May she rest in peace as an angel playing her violin in heaven. Love always, Lori Rogers



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Telleta by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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