

# Obituaries

## John F. Dove

John F. Dove, 79, of 413 Ridgewood Drive, passed away on January 20, 2004 at St. Luke's Hospital in Utica, New York.

He was born June 4, 1924 in Kinston, NC, the son of Samuel F. and Rosetta Mabra Dove. He was educated in Kinston schools. On June 4, 1950, he married Zelder Bernice Mitchell. She died on February 2, 1983.

John served in the Army Medical Corps from 1946 to 1949. From there, he entered Columbia University and went on to obtain a B.S. in Math and Physics. After graduation, he was hired by the U.S. Govt. and came to Rome to work at the Rome Air Development Center (RADC). While he was employed at RADC, he developed the technology utilized in the compact disc. He holds patents for the compact disc, compact disc drive, and the videodisc. His work in the field has been the source of major advancement in the field of laser optics.

In 1983, after his retirement from RADC, he was selected by the President Eisenhower People-to-People Program to serve as a Citizen Ambassador for technical matters to the Chinese Government.

In 1983, John founded Dove Electronics, Inc. In 2000, John founded Dove Photonics, Inc. Dove Photonics, Inc. was working in partnership with Syracuse University on an optical amplifier, a device that uses light beams to transmit information.

John served as an elder and as a trustee in the First Presbyterian Church. John was a past president of the Jervis Library Board, and served on several boards of the Presbyterian Home in New Hartford. The Urban League of Syracuse honored John by opening "Dove Centers." These "Centers" provide lower income children access to computers and the Internet.

John is survived by a daughter, Susan Dove; a granddaughter, Zayla Colquitt; and a sister, Etta Dove Woodson. He was predeceased by a brother, Jesse Dove, and four sisters, Emmeline Dove, Elsie Garner, Essie Jackson and Eula Dove.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 26, 2004 at the First Presbyterian Church, 108 Court Street at 11:00 a.m. Relatives and friends may call at the Prince-Boyd & Hyatt Home for Funerals, Inc., Sunday, January 25, 2004 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, Presbyterian Home, New Hartford, NY, The Jervis Public Library, Rome, NY and/or the National Urban League of Syracuse, NY.

