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**MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD  
IN DAYTON FOR HANS VON OHAIN**

DAYTON, Ohio — A memorial service for Hans von Ohain, former University of Dayton Research Institute engineer and co-inventor of the jet engine, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Grace United Methodist Church, Salem Avenue and Harvard Boulevard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Dr. Hans von Ohain Fellowship for graduate engineering students at the University of Dayton, Office of Advancement, Dayton, Ohio, 45469-1681.

Von Ohain, 86, died March 13 in Melbourne, Fla. Upon retirement in 1979 as chief scientist of both the Aerospace Research Laboratories and the Air Force Aero Propulsion Laboratory, he joined the University of Dayton, where he worked part-time as a senior research engineer in the University of Dayton Research Institute and a professor of mechanical engineering until 1992. He received an honorary degree from UD in 1988.

Von Ohain and Sir Frank Whittle, who worked independently to develop the jet engine, received the Charles Stark Draper medal and a \$375,000 prize in 1991 from the National Academy of Engineering.

As a 21-year-old graduate student in physics at Germany's University of Goettingen, von Ohain envisioned a propellerless plane that could fly higher, faster and smoother than those of the day by using a gas turbine engine rather than pistons. He designed the engine used in the first turbojet-powered flight on Aug. 27, 1939, near Warnemunde, Germany, on the Baltic Coast. He was just 27 years old, and it was only days before the start of World War II.

Whittle, an engineer in England, took out the first patent on the concept and developed a small prototype that ran successfully in a laboratory in 1937. Whittle and von Ohain share honors for the invention of the jet engine.

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