

Valley of the Giants

Dr. Hans J. von Ohain



r. Hans von Ohain was born December 14, 1911, in Dressau, Germany, and received his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Goettingen in 1935. From 1933, he has devoted himself to the development and Dr. Hans J. von Ohain improvement of jet engines. He built his first model jet engine in 1935 and

received his first engine patent in 1935. At the Heinkle Plant, he built the Heinkle S1, followed in 1938 by an improved S1 in the HE178 aircraft which made the first successful jet flight on August 27, 1939.

During his time at Heinkle, Hans had obtained several patents pertaining to jet engines and in 1945 left Heinkle to become an independent consultant. Later he accepted a U.S. Army Air Corps position as a leader in experimental research. In 1963, Hans became chief scientist of Aerospace Research Laboratories and in 1975 chief scientist of Air Force Aeropropulsion Laboratory.

In 1979, he retired from the Air Force, with more than 30 years of service, and joined University of Dayton's Research Institute as senior scientist and became a UD professor in 1984.

Dr. von Ohain has received numerous recognitions and awards, among which are:

Exceptional Civilian Service, 1965; AIAA Goddard Award, 1967; Fellow, AIAA, 1970; Distinguished Member JPA, 1974; Citation of Honor, AFA, 1978; Distinguished Achievement, WINGS, 1980; Distinguished Service DOD, 1980; Member NAE, 1980; Aerospace Hall of Fame, 1982; Lindberg National Air & Space Museum, 1984; Achen & Munich Prize, 1985; E&SHF Enshrinee, 1985; and named FELLOW, Engineers Club of Dayton, 1987.

Hans has served on many important committees and boards, such as NASA, SAB, AEC and NAE, and his many accomplishments have been described in numerous publications, including the Encyclopedia Britannica, as well as in The Dayton Engineer in the February and September 1987 and August 1989 issues.

In September 1992, Hans became quite ill and in January of 1993, Hans and his wife, Hanni, moved to Melbourne, Florida. where Hans has shown steady health improvement.

Dr. Hans von Ohain has more than earned the right to have his name entered into the treasured roll of our precious VALLEY OF THE GIANTS!

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