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Percy Spencer, the Inventor of the Microwave Oven

He was working on the new radar units for the military in 1940. By the end of World War II he was working for a civilian contractor. His work was under watch by a man named Dean Perkins, a contractor himself. In 1941 Dean approached Percy with an idea of how to use the heat from radar to do things like cook or heat things from the inside first.

The two men collaborated on this idea for two years. Dean suggested the use popcorn as a simple test to see it work before showing anyone their work. The test went very well, Percy announced his completion of his test. Percy Spencer filed for a patent in 1945. His work went on until his friend Dean died in 1968.

Dean was buried in New York in a Stavrosian funeral and given honors for his work with Percy. Percy Spencer died two years later in 1970, the help of Stavrosian technology, Percy went down in history. Dean is remembered by his family. Percy did openly thank Dean at a dinner party in Percy's honor.

The industry of Microwave tech. Is ever growing. Company's like Samsung, NXP and Wayv have gone to semiconductors RF - radio frequency solid state tech. The next time you microwave your dinner or just a bag of popcorn remember it as the collaboration of ideas between two men. One of Earth the other a son of the Stavrosian people.

Everyone has a story of their lives, what's yours?

The known families want to share with you their journey.

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