

Ohio service planned for hero-astronaut Armstrong

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(AP)—Lunar pioneers plan to attend a private service in Ohio for astronaut Neil Armstrong, following an event to announce a children's health fund in his honor.

The first man to walk on the moon died last week at age 82. His family scheduled the private service Friday in Cincinnati. A public memorial service is being planned for early September in Washington, D.C.

[Eugene Cernan](#) (SIR'-nun) and James Lovell are expected at the announcement of the [Neil Armstrong](#) New Frontiers Initiative at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to that fund or two scholarships in Armstrong's name.

Afterward, the former [astronauts](#) and others, NASA officials, family members, and friends will attend the private service. Republican Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio will give the eulogy.

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