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George L. Gerstein, an emeritus professor of neuroscience in Penn's Perelman School of Medicine, died in Winter Park, Florida, on March 28. He was 85.

Dr. Gerstein graduated from Harvard with a BA in physics in 1952 and received his PhD there in 1958. He attended MIT for his post-doctoral and remained there from 1958 to 1964, serving as an assistant professor. He was then hired as an assistant professor of physiology and biophysics at the University of Pennsylvania in 1964 and was promoted to full professor in 1969. In 1993, he also became a professor of neuroscience. Dr. Gerstein earned emeritus professor status at Penn in 2003. He was the first laureate of the Nencki Award, established by The Scientific Council of

the Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology. He published more than 130 papers in neuroinformatics and sensory neurophysiology, with several milestones in both areas.

Dr. Gerstein is survived by his children, Mark (Lori) and Eva Gerstein Sheridan (William); his former wife, Linda; and their four grandchildren, Joshua and Maya, and Katherine and Claire Sheridan.