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McIver (Mac) Williamson Edwards, Jr., M'62, a professor emeritus of anesthesia in the Perelman School of Medicine, died on January 13. He was 87.

Born and raised in Darlington, South Carolina, Dr. Edwards left the south (in which he had deep roots) to study biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, graduating in 1956. He served as 1st Lieutenant U.S. Army Chemical Corps at Fort McClellan, Alabama, then completed medical school at the University of Pennsylvania in 1962. After completing an internship at Johns Hopkins University, he joined Penn's faculty in 1968 in what is today the department of anesthesiology and critical care. Dr. Edwards taught at Penn for 39 years, and spent ten of those years as chief of anesthesia at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center.

Outside of Penn, Dr. Edwards loved the outdoors, learning to identify hundreds of varieties of flora and fauna. He volunteered with his wife, Donna, at the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College and the Philadelphia flower show for many years. He was also a woodworking aficionado and captained his family around Norton Pond in Maine on a wooden boat called the Lucille.

Dr. Edwards is survived by his wife, Donna; his children, David McIver Edwards (Theresa) and Susan Edwards Yadgar (Michael); his sister, Rosemary Edwards Sundeen; three grandchildren; and two nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders online or by mailing a check to Doctors Without Borders U.S.A., P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, Maryland 21741.