

GORSON Robert Owen, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2016 at age 92 in Philadelphia, where he was born. A World War II Navy veteran, he was an instructor of radiological physics, Graduate School of Medicine, at the University of Pennsylvania and Director of the Medical Physics Division, Department of Radiology, Thomas Jefferson University. He retired as Professor Emeritus of Radiology (Medical Physics) and Professor Emeritus of Radiation Oncology and Nuclear medicine in 1989. A former president of The American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) he earned several achievement awards and served on other national and international committees. While on the AAPM History Committee, he did 100+ archival video interviews of outstanding medical physicists and other scientists from all over the country, a valuable contribution to his profession. He is survived by his wife of 33 y Joy Peizer Gorson and his two stepdaughters Sharon Howe and Lynn W.G. Hanson. His personal interests included astronomy and meteorology. He loved videotaping and leaves a precious legacy of DVDs of his personal and professional life. A gracious, gentle man, generous of spirit, he will be sorely missed by his family, friends and colleagues. In his honor, donations may be made to The Planetary Society, 60 S Robles Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101.