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Former *Journal of Neurophysiology* editor and neuroscience pioneer Vernon Mountcastle died on January 11, 2015 at his home in Baltimore. He was 96.

Widely considered the father of neuroscience, Dr. Mountcastle received nearly every major award in science, including the Albert Lasker Award, the National Medal of Science, and the National Academy of Sciences Award in Neuroscience.

Dr. Mountcastle discovered that cerebral cortex was organized into functional units called "columns." The notion was so controversial that when the *Journal of Neurophysiology* [published the results](#) in 1957, Mountcastle was the sole author.

The current editors of the *Journal of Neurophysiology* are humbled by Dr. Mountcastle's dedication to our journal and his contributions to neuroscience. We are particularly grateful that Dr. Mountcastle's [seminal 1957 paper](#) is included in our archives.

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