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Facility Guidelines Institute's First Pioneer:
J. Armand Burgun, FAIA, FACHA

On November 10, 2015, the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) bestowed its first Pioneer Award on J. Armand Burgun, FAIA, FACHA. This award honors an organization or individual who has influenced the future of health care facility design and construction through participation in and support of the mission and vision of the Facility Guidelines Institute. The award was presented to Mr. Burgun before 110 of his fellow residents and colleagues at the Galloway Ridge CCRC in Pittsboro, N.C., by members of the FGI Board of Directors.

Armand worked on the Guidelines, and prior to that the PHS Minimum Construction Requirements, for more than half a century and was FGI's first president and the first chair of the Guidelines when it was moved from the federal government to the private sector. His passion for making a difference in how health care facilities are planned, designed, and constructed, focusing on the needs of the patient, continues to be a benchmark many strive to reach. Armand lobbied and fought for more than 30 years to change the regulations from multi-bed patient rooms to single-bed rooms, and in 2006 he saw that change finally adopted as a minimum standard. His other accomplishments within the Guidelines, while not quite as dramatic, were also groundbreaking and instrumental in making health care facilities more welcoming, patient-centered places.

There was much celebration as Armand received FGI's Pioneer Award. However, the joy was short-lived as he passed away on November 18, one day short of his 90th birthday. The FGI Board and everyone who knew him understand that we have lost one of the truly great and compassionate people in our business and the world. Armand lived life to its fullest, even singing in the Galloway Ridge barbershop quartet the day he received his award. We have lost not only a pioneer but a wonderful mentor, colleague, and friend.

About the Facility Guidelines Institute
Founded in 1998, the Facility Guidelines Institute is a not-for-profit corporation founded to provide leadership and continuity to the Guidelines revision process. FGI functions as the coordinating entity for development of the Guidelines series of documents using a multidisciplinary, consensus-based process and for provision of ancillary services that encourage and improve their application and use. FGI invests revenue derived from sales of the Guidelines to fund research and the activities of the next revision cycle.