



## The Passing of a Healthcare Legend Albert M. Lapidès (1927 – 2015)

Albert M. Lapidès, the pioneer who led the way for the healthcare equipment service industry to open its doors to an alternate source for replacement parts, died on June 14, 2015, at the age of 87. His foresight in reverse engineering aftermarket parts positively changed the course of servicing and repairing healthcare equipment forever.

More than 43 years ago, Mr. Lapidès co-founded Replacement Parts Industries, Inc. (RPI) with his wife, Sherry, and two other partners after finding that there was a tremendous need for making quality repair parts available as fast as an overnight delivery to biomedical technicians and service companies.

Coming from a background as a mechanical engineer in the aerospace industry, Mr. Lapidès brought a strong engineering focus to RPI. It was his sincere respect for his customers and steady drive for quality that made RPI the leader in medical, dental and hospital replacement parts.

Throughout his career as President of RPI, Mr. Lapidès believed in the strength and power of the healthcare biomedical and service associations. He encouraged both new and seasoned service technicians to never stop learning, and to stay in touch with the industry through its publications and resources.

When Mr. Lapidès decided to semi-retire from RPI in 1999, he was proud to “pass the baton” to his son Ira who is still President and CEO of RPI. Mr. Lapidès remained with RPI as CEO Emeritus and Chairman of the Board until the day he passed away. And his self-named column in the RPI newsletter was titled with much amusement “From the Old Curmudgeon - Still”.