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**Jubitz Family Foundation Announces the Passing of Founding Executive Ray Jubitz**

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Founding Executive Director of the Jubitz Family Foundation, Raymond Guy Jubitz, III passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from complications of leukemia. Instrumental in inspiring its mission of peace, the environment, and early childhood education, Ray headed the Foundation for 15 years, from its inception in 2001 to his retirement in 2016.

Ray is the “father” of the Parkdale Peace Gatherings, where scholars, practitioners and leaders of peace organizations from all over the Northwest and later from the country came together at Parkdale, Mt. Hood, Oregon. These gatherings sparked discussions of complex issues about how peace can be accomplished, how militarism affects societies, and how wars might ultimately be prevented. A true man of peace and committed to nonviolence, Ray always lived up to “[A Promise to Our Children](https://www.fieldsofpeace.org/a-promise-to-our-children/)”, seeking to be "the power that is peace.” Ray had been active in the peace movement of the 1970s and the Beyond War movement beginning in the 1980s. He remained an important voice for the Foundation well after retirement, including as a Senior Advisor to the War Prevention Initiative, a program of the Jubitz Family Foundation ([www.warpreventioninitiative.org](http://www.warpreventioninitiative.org))

Ray and his wife Nansie spent 11 years living abroad, mostly in Africa. They encountered communities torn apart by war, and people – especially children – who were injured physically and emotionally by violence. Returning to Portland, Ray inspired his cousin Al Jubitz to get involved in peacebuilding activities with an emphasis on providing viable alternatives to war and violence. In addition, his passion for protecting Oregon’s natural beauty became another bedrock for the Foundation’s focused giving.

The Jubitz Family Foundation was created in 2001 by M. Albin (Al) Jubitz, Jr and his wife Nancy. Trustees include Al Jubitz of Portland, OR; Betsy Sayler of Spearfish, SD; Kathy Jubitz Hawley of Hood River, OR; and Sarah Jubitz of Boston, MA.