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Remembering Al Jonsen

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ABSTRACT

The author, editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Clinical Ethics*, recalls the contributions of Albert R. Jonsen, PhD, one of the founding members of the editorial board of the journal.

When I first contacted Al Jonsen to ask him to be one of the founding members of the editorial board of *The Journal of Clinical Ethics*—along with Ed Pellegrino, Mark Siegler, William Winslade, and others—I experienced Al's engag-

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ing and from-the-heart humor and charm. He modeled for us how to look to the literature and then go beyond it, on our own, as we needed. He did this in an article written for *JCE*, for example, that involved a Jehovah's Witness patient. The article presents a paradigm toward which we should all aspire.¹

I recall seeing Al not long ago at an annual meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. He indicated his ongoing, avid interest in contributing to the journal. During a reception for the meeting in an exhibit hall, it seemed as though of all those attending stopped by to chat, throughout the evening. So fortunate we could do that then.

We are fortunate to have known him.

NOTES

1. A.R. Jonsen, "Commentary: Jehovah's Witnesses and Blood," *The Journal of Clinical Ethics* 1, no. 1 (Spring 1990): 63-5.

**In Memoriam
Albert R. Jonsen
4 April 1931-October 2020
We mourn the death of
our long-standing friend and colleague.**