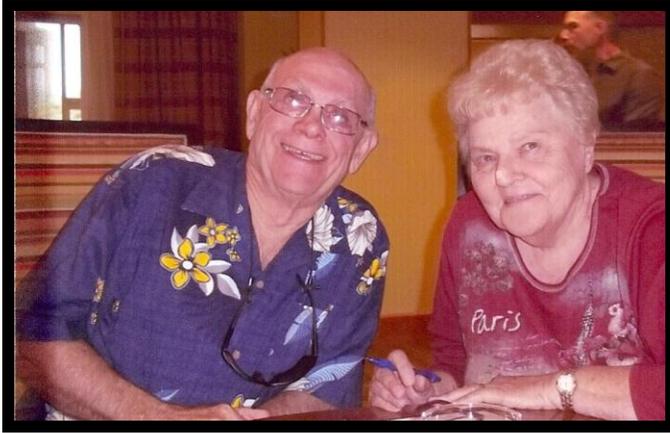


## *Hall of Faith*

### Fred and Arladell (Nelson) Speyer



Fred and Arladell (Nelson) Speyer's contributions to the MBA campus are immeasurable. They have affected students' lives spiritually, emotionally, and academically—both during their tenure and still to this day.

Fred taught Bible and pastored at MBA from 1956 to 1988. He, also with the help of alumni and the administration at MBA, played a substantial role in building MBA's church (which was completed in 1980).

Arladell served as a choral teacher at MBA for 30 years, where she built upon the reputation of the Oceanaires, directing *The Messiah*, and incorporating MBA's orchestra into the performance. She also was instrumental in leading the Oceanaires at local service clubs and organizations including Elks, Kiwanis and Watsonville Women's Club.

Garnering respect from students and alumni alike, both Fred and Arladell have enjoyed significant professional accomplishments during their time working for the Adventist Church.

Accolades Fred has received include:

- Recognition by *Who's Who* in American Colleges and Universities
- Selected as 1999 MBA *Alumnus of the Year*.

Arladell has also received a variety of awards, including:

- The *Zapara Award* for excellence in teaching in 1992.
- The *Paul Harris Fellow* award from the Rotary International Foundation for "significant assistance for better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world."
- The *Alumna of the Year* in 2000 for Lodi Academy.
- A Nomination in 1991 for *Adventist Woman of the Year*.

Fred and Arladell met in 1968 at MBA. At the time, both they and their spouses worked on the campus and the two families became very close. After the death of their spouses, several years ago, friendship turned to romance. They have been married for two years.

Arladell retired in 1998—Fred in 2001. The Speyer's reside in Cool, CA and between the two of them have 6 sons, 23 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

MBA is proud to recognize Fred and Arladell Speyer for their 50 years combined immeasurable influence in the lives of MBA's alumni.