

JON SPEYER



No one had an inkling when Jon Speyer arrived on the MBA campus in 1987 to teach Bible, that a 44-year father/son Speyer legacy would be created. Jon's father, Fred, taught Bible here for 20 years from 1968–1988. Jon taught from 1987–2012. Jon was a four-year senior at Monterey Bay Academy, graduating in 1975.

It was Jon's career ambition and passion to be a Bible teacher—to educate teenagers on the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. He wanted them to understand the gift of grace that God has given to each of us.

An avid reader and researcher, he was always studying and learning for himself to better impart to and encourage others. He created

impressionable *Speyer-isms* that remained with his students as evidenced by all the Facebook posts and emails during the week following his stroke and long after his death on December 31, 2012. Students and former students had not forgotten his simple and practical words—*Speyer-isms* such as "You must have a relationship with the Ruler, before you worry about the rules."

A powerhouse ministry that Jon began years ago was the drama group he named *Impressions*.

Jon left behind the spiritual thumbprint of Jesus on the MBA campus.

Jon and his wife, Kinzie (Yoder) '76, met at MBA and began dating at Pacific Union College. They married and had three sons, Ryan '00, Brandon '03, and Jordan '06. Their family now includes three 'daughters'—Kirsten, LaShell, and Mady—and five (soon-to-be six) grandchildren.

MBA is proud to recognize Jon's spiritual influence in leading thousands of students to the foot of the Cross. He left us *IN-SPEYER-ED* for years to come.