

Mary Ethel Clarke

Non-rider

Hollywood, Maryland

Inducted 1986

Mary Ethel Clarke was a non-riding member of the Maryland Jousting Tournament Association, Inc. She became interested in jousting in 1950 when she met Philip A. Clarke, the Knight of Little Red Wagon, and was crowned by him as Queen of the tournament at a southern Maryland joust.

After her marriage to Phil, she became devoted to the sport, attending all the jousts with him. In addition, she served on numerous committees, was the Point System Award Chairperson and kept the records of all the Maryland riders for many years.

Ethel wrote articles for the local papers concerning jousting, spoke at school programs, always baked cakes for the raffle at the annual MJTA banquet and made crowns for the different tournaments. She also assisted on the judge's stand, registration table or the refreshment booth whenever needed.

She often sang the Star Spangled Banner at the opening ceremonies of many of the jousting tournaments. Her most outstanding contribution was writing of the Maryland Jousting Son. Both words and music were written by Ethel and the piece has been copyrighted. She often sang this song during opening ceremonies at the jousts in Maryland.

Mary Ethel Clarke passed away in 1985. She will be sorely missed, but fondly remembered by all of us in the sport of jousting.

