

WARDNEY C. CRITES

**Knight of Hickory Hill
West Virginia
Inducted 1989**

Wardney Crites, Knight of Hickory Hill, began jousting in 1954. He has participated and won in many of West Virginia's tournaments, including Elkins, Mathias, and Poultry Festival in Moorefield.

Wardney had participated in the National Tournament for several years but never placed. That did not dampen his jousting spirit in the least. Winning was not the most important reason for riding. It was the fun and thrill of the sport where everyone from his friends and family to complete total strangers could all come together on one day and have a really good time.

He held the office of Secretary in his local club known as the "Knight of South Branch Valley" club. He never held any National office.

Mr. Crites helped truck horses to tournaments and helped younger riders by encouraging them and sharing his skills in the training of a jousting horse. He was an excellent rider and displayed jousting abilities in expert fashion.

Wardney C. Crites may no longer be on this earth with us but his memory will be in our hearts forever. It is with great honor that we induct Mr. Wardney Crites, from Rig, West Virginia, to the National Hall of Fame.

