## "WILLIE" HOPKINS

NON RIDER

## MARYLAND

## Inducted 1984

"Willie" Hopkins has been a member of the Maryland Jousting Tournament Association Hall of Fame Committee, Delegate for MJTA to the National Jousting Association, Chairman of the Nonrider Award Committee (MJTA) in 1983, member of the Maryland Jousting Tournament Association Board of Directors since 1983.

Mrs. Hopkins has donated numerous trophies for various tournaments including the Maryland State Championship Trophy each year in memory of her late husband, Fawcett Hopkins, also a member of the Hall of Fame. She also donates the Novice Rider of the Year award annually. She has worked with tournament sponsors to put on jousts for many years. She also appeared in Annapolis before the State Legislature to support jousting as Maryland"s State Sport.

Mrs. Hopkins has been a staunch supporter of the sport of jousting in Maryland for over 50 years. She was born in Anne Arundel County near St. Margaret's Church, and, as a young girl she rode as an aide in the annual tournament at that church. She has continued involvement in that joust throughout her life.

Althoughthey were not jousters, she and her husband traveled many miles to attend and assist in jousting events all over Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C. as well as in Rhode Island. In recent years she has made lovely hand made dolls and photo books for the banquet raffle, and has donated funds in many ways. She has always been a sincere, cooperative and pleasant person who is a true friend to jousting.

