

Stanley Back
Knight of Churchville
Inducted 1991

Stanley Back was born on August 23, 1925. He is presently living in Churchville, Virginia. Obviously he has been a well-known jousting to the local fans during the Natural Chimneys Jousting seasons, riding as the Knight of Churchville. He is an Honorary Member of the Natural Chimneys Jousting Club.

Mr. Back did most of his riding in the late 40's and early 50's. His wins include 1st place at Natural Chimney in 1943, 4th place in Lewisburg, WV, 3rd place in Churchville. He placed numerous times in McDowell, VA and Moorefield, WV, Augusta, VA and Marlinton, WV.

Stanley Back was initiated into jousting by his brother, Charles Back. He helped his other brother, Galen Back, to participate in the sport of jousting. Here again, we have the attestation that jousting is certainly a family sport and to some, a family tradition. Along with his brothers, Mr. Back has two sons, Tommy and Kenny riding with him. His nephews learned the skills and enjoyments of jousting with his help and encouragement from their uncle.

Mr. Back has certainly done all he can to keep the sport of jousting alive in his family. He has contributed a great deal of heart to this wonderful sport and continues to show enthusiasm in its continuation.