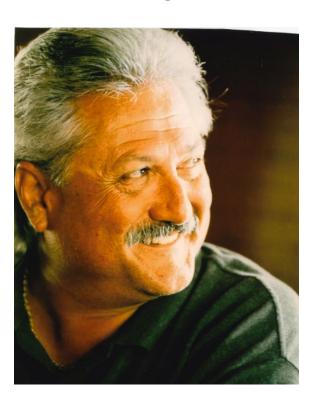


## Mike Villasenor 2014 Inductee

• Licensed Arabian Judge from 1974 through 2012.



## Michael Fidel Villaseñor

Michael Fidel Villaseñor was born on June 17, 1949, in Oxnard, California. Villaseñor's kindness, generosity, and knowledge about the Arabian horse we're legendary. He was a friend and mentor to many, and he was a world renowned judge and trainer of Arabian horses. Receiving his Judges Large R in 1972, Villaseñor judged numerous shows in the United States and in other parts of the world, such as South Africa and Australia.

Between 1971 and 1997 he owned and operated multiple Arabian stables and managed many international auctions. He trained English, Western, Halter and Driving. He also bred Arabian horses, when he co-owned and managed Nabers-Villaseñor Arabians with Richard and Peggy Nabers. Villaseñor helped the Pyramid Society, the Scottsdale Signature Stallion program, the Minnesota Medallion program, the Iowa Gold Star Futurity, he also helped the Horsemen's Distress Fund get started, and so much more. In his early years, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. He had lived in Minnesota since 1997, when he joined Arabian Horse Times as general manager. His position with the Arabian Horse Times allowed him to travel to many different countries and gain admiration and respect of Arabian horse people from all over the world. He was very proud that he had attended every US Nationals competition since the organization's inception in 1955. Villaseñor was not only a very knowledgeable man, but a great friend and an impeccable judge for Arabian horses.