

**Norman Peterson
Tree Dedication 1992
Presented by Al Steinke**

Norman Peterson was born in 1919 at Arnegard, North Dakota. His father, Peter Olaf Peterson was one of several brothers who immigrated to America from Norway. The name was originally Stette. His father took the name Peterson when he came to America. Norman's mother grew up in the Arnegard area. Her maiden name was Sakariason.



Norman served in the army during World War II and spent two years with an Engineering Corp. in the South Pacific and Philippines. This was followed by four years at NDSU and graduate work at the University of Minnesota during his career with the North Dakota State Health Department.

Norman was instrumental in the development of water quality standards for the State of North Dakota and for North Dakota's first water pollution control laws in 1967, during his career with the State Health Department.

Norman Peterson received the following recognition awards:

North Dakota Water Wheel Award

In recognition of distinctive leadership and perseverance in motivating the development of the state's water resources.

An Award from the North Dakota State Department of Health

For 32 years of outstanding service

Water Pollution Control Association

Honored as a Life Member of the North Dakota Association

And the Arthur Sidney Bedell Award

For extraordinary personal service in the water pollution control field – 1970

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Tribute of Appreciation

For outstanding contributions in Protection of the Environment

Norman Peterson served on the Board of Regency for Professional Engineers 1979-1984 and served as a member of the International Red River Pollution Board.

Thelma and Norman joined Sons of Norway in 1971 and remained with Sverdrup lodge even after they retired to their lake home in Minnesota in 1982.

Norman was president of Sverdrup Lodge in 1980, and usually entertained us at the social meetings with a story about "Prairie Dog Torgerson".

Norman helped in the construction of the Stabbur. Thelma and Norman usually managed to come back to Bismarck to work at the annual Sons of Norway Lutefisk Dinner after they had moved to Minnesota.

Thelma and Norman visited Norway in 1987 where they met several of his first cousins who lived in the Aalesen area.

It is fitting and proper that we dedicate this tree and plaque today in the memory and honor of Norman Peterson.

Thelma Peterson, pictured the day of the tree dedication.

