

**Eugene Weekes**  
**Tree Dedication May 15, 2011**  
Given by Otto Bervik



It is an honor to be asked to place in dedication a tree in our park for Eugene Weekes. I have known Gene for over 50 years; he was instrumental in my employment, working with him at the State Land Department for several years.

Gene was born and raised on a ranch near Flasher, North Dakota and received his formal education there, as well as ranching with his family.

Gene married his childhood sweetheart, Eunice Benson. They had two children. Eunice and Gene ranched in the area until 1957 when they moved to Bismarck and he worked for the State Land Department in several areas, including being Deputy Commissioner for several years. In 1965 he left the department and started the Midwestern Real Estate Company which he and his family operated until he partnered up with Century 21 Landmark in 2009, where he is still employed. During his working years he has done a lot of land appraising and sales.

Gene joined the Sons of Norway in 1971 and served in many capacities. He was president in 1977, served on the auditing committee, served two terms as a trustee and worked on many lutefisk suppers. He also worked with Meals on Wheels, and the Salvation Army Bell Ringers.

Gene and his son Perry own a ranch near Flasher which they purchased in 2004, they have several horses and it is a good place to relax and to hunt.

It gives me great pleasure to have this tree dedicated to Eugene Weekes.