



EUGENE A. WILSON

1913 Born in Remer, MN. Lived in Coleraine, MN until retiring from U.S. Steel as a technician.

1923 Started his ski jump interest, during a flu epidemic closing the local schools! He was encouraged and trained under Olaf Mangseth, also of Coleraine, MN, giving the drive to improve his performance and style which stayed with him.

1933-1963 The span of three decades in his ski sport career against a long list of outstanding jumping competitors. Won many different place awards throughout this time period exhibiting national competitive championship stature!

He was a strong contributor to the new apparently effortless ride in which he seemed to virtually float through the air. This was the forerunner to ski flying, which is practiced on our new large ski slides.

1936 First place National Champion Class B; moved into Class A

1940 Member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Jumping Team

1941 First place Minnesota State Champion

Named in Who's Who in Minnesota

1947 Finished in the top three places in 69 or 80 major jumping meets this season.

1950 Captain of the US Ski Team

1953 Entry into Senior (veterans) class of jumping competition

1978 Dedication of the Wilson Memorial Hill, a 50 meter ski jump, in Coleraine, MN. Gene was the opening rider.