Eugène "Gene" Rhéaume. (b. 1932)

Gene was born on December 12, 1932 at High Prairie, Alberta. A Metis, he was a Progressive Conservative politician, insurance agent and social worker. He took his BA at the University of Saskatchewan and completed a BSW at University of British Columbia in 1956. Eugène first ran for the House of Commons in Northwest Territories the 1962 federal election against Isabel Hardie; he lost the election by only 300 votes. He faced Hardie again just a year later in the 1963 election, this time defeating her.

Eugène served in the House of Commons for one term, before being defeated in the 1965 election. He attempted a comeback in the 1974 running in the Saskatoon-Humboldt electoral district in and was defeated by incumbent Otto Lang.

Compiled by Lawrence Barkwell
Coordinator of Metis Heritage and History Research
Louis Riel Institute