



## Frank Howell

### One of the most Talented American artists of Native American Portrayals

Frank Howell was born in 1937 and was the oldest of three children. He grew up in Iowa and Texas. Already an ex-marine at the young age of eighteen, Frank decided to try going to college. He enrolled in the University of Northern Iowa and studied ceramics and jewelry making but did not take any classes in painting. After college, Howell turned his efforts toward writing and stopped painting completely. It was at this time however that Frank was able to get in touch with the motivating force from within that he felt was the key to his success as an artist.

After this time away from painting, Frank Howell returned to his love of painting. For the next 11 years he worked at teaching others about the art of painting and he taught art at both the high school and college level. In 1968, he left teaching behind and moved to Colorado where he devoted his life to his love of painting, sculpting and printmaking.

During this creative period of his life, Frank became very well known in the U.S. and Mexico. Frank held over 30 one man shows and was profiled on radio, tv, the newspapers and magazines. His lithographs were on display at the Museum of Modern Art in Guadalajara, Mexico.

In 1975, he created a drawing series, titled "Past Winds" that was viewed in many galleries, museums and universities throughout the United States.

His style of painting has been described as a linking between both the physical and the spiritual worlds. There is a sense off evolving between the past, present and future when viewing his work. He felt his work was realistic but also could be very explosive and expansive at the same time. Subtle earthy colors and sensitive draftsmanship were used to create his art and as he developed his talent, he felt his style was more in keeping with the qualities conducive to lithography. His subjects were largely Native American portrayals and landscapes.

There is a magical quality to his work and viewing them is sure to bring pure pleasure to the viewer. Frank Howell passed away in 1997 at the age of 60 yrs. old and the world lost a very talented artist.