

Our beloved brother and uncle, Neil F. Howe, 57, of Big Bend, began his journey to the spirit world Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at his home.

Neil was born June 20, 1953 in Pierre, SD to Walter and Clara (Sargeant) Howe. Neil attended school in Sioux Falls at the School for the Deaf. While he was there he won numerous awards in track and field.

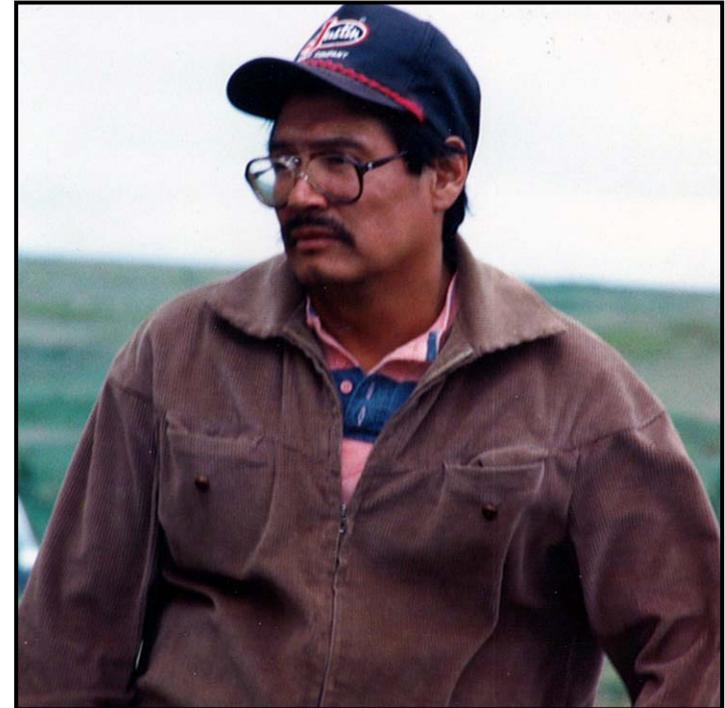
Despite his handicap of being deaf and unable to speak since childhood, Neil always had a cheerful outlook on life by visiting everyone and delivering their mail. He loved drawing and painting, an artist at heart.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are four sisters: Eleanore Dunn of Big Bend, Ella Faye Gibbs of Sapulpa, OK, Judy Rockwood of Fort Thompson, and Jeanette Cain of Panorama City, CA; three brothers: Reynold Howe of Fort Thompson, Arnold Howe of Big Bend, and Burnette Howe of Fort Pierre; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Neil in death were his father, Walter Howe; mother, Clara Howe; sister, Wanda Harris; brothers; Donnie Howe, Leslie Howe, and Dewey Howe; and a nephew, Jason Howe.

Neil was loved by everyone in the community and will be missed by all.

In Loving Memory



Neil F. Howe

June 20, 1953

March 8, 2011



***An Indian Version of the
Twenty-third Psalm***

*The Great Father above a shepherd Chief is. I am
His and with Him I want not. He throws out to me
a rope and the name of the rope is love and He
draws me to where the grass is green and the water
not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am
satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak and
falls down but he lifts me up again and draws me
into a good road. His name is WONDERFUL.*

*Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be long,
long time, He will draw me into a valley. It is dark
there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is in between
those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet
me and the hunger that I have in my heart all
through this life will be satisfied.*

*Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but
afterwards he gives me a staff to lean upon. He
spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods.
He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired"
is gone. My cup He fills till it runs over. What I tell
is true. I lie not. These roads that are "away
ahead" will stay with me through this life and after:
and afterwards I will go to live in the Big Tepee and
sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever.*

Neil F. Howe

June 20, 1953
Pierre, South Dakota

March 8, 2011
Big Bend, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE

7:00 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2011
St. Catherine's Catholic Church
Big Bend, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2011
St. Catherine's Catholic Church
Big Bend, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Father Joe Dean

CASKETBEARERS

Dale Dunn	Chris Rockwood
Craig Howe	Earl Howe
Lee Howe	Brenlyn Howe
Shawn St. John	Jim St. John

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Relatives and Friends of the
Big Bend Community

ORGANIST

Sister Charles

INTERMENT

St. Catherine's Catholic Cemetery
Big Bend, South Dakota