

## **Robert C Ellis**

### **Class of 1942**

**Ellis joined the United States Coast Guard in 1942, and serviced until 1946. He attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and the New School for Social Research in New York where he received a B.F.A. in Art in 1950. At various times from 1947-53, Ellis lived and studied among the Tarahumara Indians of Mexico's Sierra Madre, eventually moving to Mexico to live and paint. He returned to Taos, New Mexico in 1966, and had many one-man shows and invitational competition and group exhibitions throughout the world.**

**Ellis, who signed himself "El Pinto Norteamericano," was the owner of the American Arts and Crafts of the Western Hemisphere shop in Taos. He died of a heart attack on February 17, 1979 in Albuquerque.**