

## **NORMAN LOPEZ**

Norman Lopez was born and raised in the area of Marianna Springs on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation. He was raised by grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lopez until the age of 11 years old. After the passing of his grandmother, he then was taken to Ignacio Boarding School in Ignacio, Colorado. From the age of 12 to 17, he was shifted back and forth between the public and boarding school within the area.



In 1963, Norman attended Fort Worth Trade School in Fort Worth, Texas, and received a certificate for auto mechanics. He returned to the reservation and worked as a part time mechanic for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe while attending Montezuma Cortez High School. Norman graduated with the class of 1965. He went on to Fort Lewis College, majoring in art. On October 30, 1967, Norman married Glenda Golorow and made their home in the community of Towaoc, Colorado.

Under the administrations of Scott Jacket Sr. and Albert Wing, he served for 8 years as the Community Service Director, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. This was a very influential part of Norman's life. During a period of 13 years, Norman worked in various departments within the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. For thirty-two years, Norman has served the community with commitment and honor.

Today he is the director of the Ute Mountain Ute, Weenuche Smoke Signal Newspaper for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Presently, Norman is a storyteller and flute player at the CU Center in Cortez, Colorado.