



## Tom Tierney (1928-2014)

Tom Tierney was born in Beaumont, Texas on October 8, 1928. Tierney began freelance fashion illustration while in high school for local department stores in his home town and continued doing freelance illustration in Austin, Texas while attending the University of Texas at Austin. He graduated from UT in 1949 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, majoring in painting and minoring in sculpture. Upon graduation from college, he became a fashion illustrator for Scarborough's department store and later, Goodfriend's specialty shop in Austin.

In 1951 he entered the United States Army, serving until 1953, as a recruiting artist. After serving in the Army, Tom moved to New York where he continued his career as a fashion illustrator and as a freelance artist. In addition to fashion illustration for large department stores such as J.C. Penny's, Macy's, and Sear's, Tierney has also illustrated a number of film posters for the Shorlane Bennet Agency, painted a number of portrait commissions, and did some nightclub singing in the Upstairs at the Duplex in Greenwich Village amongst other things.

His first paper doll book, *Thirty from the 30's*, was published in 1976, and its success has subsequently led to the publishing of over 350 paper doll books, as well as a number of self-published works. He has illustrated children's books, numerous Barbie and Jem books, and an array of commercial art. He was so prolific that chances are you have seen Tom Tierney's art many times in your life and never even realized it! He has a worldwide following of art enthusiasts and collectors. During his life, he always expressed how truly lucky he felt to be able to make a living doing what he loved most.

Since Tierney's death in 2014, his family has been sorting and "rediscovering" Tom's artwork. In 2017 Tom Tierney Studios was born and it is our goal to share with the world the amazing art Tom Tierney produced during his 60+ year career as an artist. We hope you enjoy seeing the many facets of Tom Tierney!

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