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*To the memory of my grandfather Wally J. Oldham,  
the solid foundation in my life,  
and to Richard Sharp . . .  
who will live in my heart forever.*



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