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Tom Gill grew up on a small farm in South Georgia near the city of Blackshear. His father was a sharecropper. Like most tenant farmers, his family moved frequently to other farms throughout the county, trying to make improvements in their daily life, and standard of living. Although poor in material possessions, he was raised by Christian parents who showed him love and taught him a strong code of ethics that served him well at home and the twenty-three years in the U. S. Army. After graduating from High School in 1956, Gill immediately joined the U. S. Army where he discovered that there was a better way of earning a living then cropping tobacco in the hot sun in the summer time. He was assigned to a communications school as an enlisted soldier and later received a direct appointment to Warrant Officer. His military assignments included tours of duty in Korea, Philippines, and Germany. When he returned to Georgia after his tour of duty with the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam was completed, he was selected for...



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