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## Dedications

To my late grandfather, Clyde E. Mears, who suffered a stroke in 2000 and lived with the effects of nonfluent aphasia and apraxia of speech for over a decade. I hope you're speaking freely now. MRB

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