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This is a story of a labor of love,
of old Grandpa and some help from the Lord.
It was a great surprise when he took on the duty
as unofficial guardian of Southwest Mall.

There was plenty of security around the center,
but Dad had a need to be of service.
He found a uniform, we never knew where,
but it looked official and he wore it proudly!

He was an expert at his various jobs;
for general information he was a wizard.
He gladly helped parents with lost children,
and cleaned up after the arts and crafts mess.

Grandpa became a man for all seasons,
filling in for a Santa or Bunny replacement,
and when they had an old car show
there wasn't a model Pa didn't know.

All the merchants became dependent on him
to bring the news and the latest forecast.
Whatever the weather Grandpa was there
as unofficial guardian of Southwest Mall.