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Donald Ray Seymour's journey began in April 1962 when he enlisted in the United States Air Force, embarking on a career that would take him across the country and around the world. After completing basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX, Seymour underwent specialized training as an Electronic Digital Data Processing Equipment Repairman at Keesler AFB. Little did he know that this training would set the stage for a lifetime of service and adventure.

His assignments read like a roadmap of military bases, starting with McGuire AFB in New Jersey, where he spent two years honing his skills. From there, he moved to Westover AFB in Massachusetts before heading south to Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. It was during this time that Seymour found love, marrying his high school sweetheart, Kathy, between assignments.

One of the highlights of Seymour's career was a six-month deployment to Nakhon Phanom Royal, Thai AFB, where he played a crucial role in upgrading their IBM equipment. Upon returning to Barksdale AFB, Seymour's journey continued with a brief stint at Chanute AFB in Illinois before a four-year assignment at Minot AFB in North Dakota.

His final assignment brought him to Francis Edward Warren AFB in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he served until his retirement from the Air Force in August 1982. However, retirement didn't mark the end of Seymour's career; instead, it opened a new chapter.

Eventually, Seymour and his family relocated to Tucson, Arizona, where they continued to enjoy the fruits of retirement. Though his days of military service were behind him, Seymour's legacy of dedication, hard work, and commitment to others lived on.

Donald Ray Seymour's story serves as a testament to the transformative power of service and the enduring bonds forged in the crucible of military life. From his humble beginnings as an airman to his second career as an insurance agent, Seymour's journey is a reminder that the path to fulfillment is often found in service to others.