The Greatest and the Unnamed

Tom Brokaw coined the name
The Greatest Generation will live forever in fame.

They died on the mountain, plain and beach
No doubts their grasp exceeded their reach.

A grateful nation and you and me
Honor the generation that saved me and thee.

I am one of them, my comrades stood tall
And saved me that I could heed the next call.

Lo, the next call came in Korea, an Unnamed Generation
Though unnamed, still served the nation.

Korea, a land so cold
A warrior fast grows old.

My flowing blood is red
I see it, I am not yet dead.

Iraq One and Iraq Two came and went
Sadly, more of our posterity spent.

And now, the Greatest and the Unnamed
Must leave undone deeds to be claimed.

By our noble young warriors in Afghanistan
By our unsung heroes in Pakistan.

Addendum:

I live to bury my wife
For her, gladly would I exchange my life.

I am at my beloved's grave
Tears I cannot stave.

Forever with her in the bye and bye
Over our graves, bugle taps will fly.

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