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Obituaries are plain enough.
Black on white,
white as the doll with the unnatural smile
lying in a silken parlor box.

The metal rectangle
is finally closed.
Thank heaven!
A man on the stand
says over and over
what needs to be said,
and pastel kleenexes emerge
blending well with ever-willing daisies.

A heaving procession
or red-eyed relation
follow the leader
and the rain mixes with their tears.
Rain and tears cover
the already dewy grass
and I wonder,
who will survive the flood?