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4/15/23

A final kiss to a cold-pressed version
of you surrounded by more flowers
than I could've ever given you;
I'm riddled with guilt
looking at them and the
contagious smile they would've
given you as they surround
the last smile of you I captured
while pondering a eulogy
before empty chairs in a parlor.

4/18/21

Our walk to the park:
you told me you loved
the kind of walks without
plans—
the best kind of plans
are of the moment.
You saw an ice cream truck
and ordered two chocolate popsicles
and after eating yours,
remarked that it was the best
one you ever had.
I agreed.

5/20/19

We just came from the doctor's office:
"On average, two years,"
as the color from your face faded
like you would eventually come
to know.
You already left
but knew before I did.

5/1/19

I felt your skin and flesh;
we exchanged smiles like it was
the first time. You were next to
me and I cradled you with
a smile. Nothing was wrong
and everything was right.
We talked about our
children and what we would call them
as we had already promised

ourselves to each other
before God
without knowing His plans for us.
The sheets told me more
about the love we had
for each other than
the hate I had for everyone else.

4/15/18

The first time we exchanged a smile
and set in place a few of the best
years, thinking we
would have plenty of them—
and we did.