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My dad's dad died when I was six.
My dad cried, so I cried.

My dad's eyes turn bloodshot
when he holds back tears.
It happened in a February
golden hour hospital room
and it happened eating
microwaved leftovers
the night before I moved away.

My dad's mom died thirteen years later.
This past August.

I'd been waiting to lose someone.

Now I know my eyes don't turn bloodshot,
but my mouth twitches instead.

I'm not even sure if angels are real but
I took her pillbox red fleece from the Goodwill bag
to keep her from disappearing all the way
and I wear it like they are.