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Don Momosaki

Mo

In the obituary, it said
you died suddenly ...
and left a son
and several grandchildren
behind ...
it also said
that you loved scuba diving,
the ocean, and
going to the beach....
There is something
of the beachgoer
in the accompanying
photograph ...
of the attractive,
middle-aged woman
with the light-
colored hair—
although, in it,
you bear little
resemblance to
the petite beauty
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I first spotted
near the entrance
of Reading Memorial
High School—
in the fall of
1971 ...

I only spoke to you
once—outside
the principal's office
two years afterwards—
both of us saying
hello ...

Goodbye, Mo.

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Watching Football

Now, at sixty-eight ...
I know why
old men like to sit
on their sofa recliners,
drinking beer and
staring at the TV ...
watching football games
lasting throughout—
long, lonely golden
autumn afternoons.

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Leonine Dreams

Iron bars
for elephant grass ...
concrete hills,
asphalt trees,
and upright, two-legged
zebras, gazelles,
impala and wildebeest ...
inaccessible—until
nightfall ...
when the zoo closes,
and its amber-
colored eyes—un-
blinking earlier—
close, too.