

Elegy for eulogies

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Sometimes we were surprised  
or not  
but always we felt bad  
to hear  
there'll be no funeral  
no kind  
of memorial service  
no way  
to celebrate those lives  
beyond  
a pixelated program on  
a screen.

All of us did our best  
but still  
it seemed like standing at  
the graves  
of souls forever marked  
*Unknown.*