

My Relief Generation

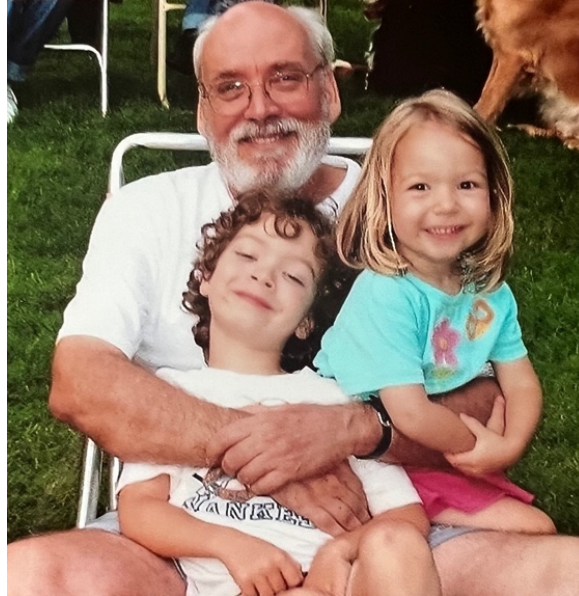
nearing the hand-off
of my lap with the baton
your turn has begun

our story's passed on
distant past to far future
one life at a time

shrouded in folklore
memory's fleeting half-life
decays to nothing

save this slim box of
Papi's memory snippets
for your relievers

as future unfurls
preserve your lap's key moments
—the relay goes on



With Seamus and Claribel in 2006
Dedication to my memoir, *A Life Mostly Lived*

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