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Every life, long and short, is filled with moments,
moments that happen only once.

Though two moments may seem similar,
or three or four or five or six,
they are not the same. The purple flowers
that rested atop my dad's grave were
not the purple flowers I got for my mom on
Mother's Day when I was 13 years old. Yes,
they were both lilacs, but they were not
arranged the same and they did not have the
same number of petals and the
stems were not the same length.

My dad only died once.

My thirteenth Mother's Day only happened once.

Each bunch of lilacs
only existed *once*.

And I will never live those purple moments
again.