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The albums
Were the only things that
He left for us.

The covers range from
Cracked, stained leather
To the latest in high
Quality plastic, but it is what
Can be found inside them
That make them so special.

Windows to a life that was,
A collage of memories that
We can only guess at,
But can never really know.

The oldest are the easiest,
Ancient, black and white images
Fixed to black cardboard made gray
With the passage of time,
Each picture carefully labeled
In white ink. The newest,
The windows to the recent past,
Have not yet been labeled, and
Would be unidentifiable,
If we were not in so many.
We will have to label these, just
So we do not forget.