

Dear Brynteson Family,

I never know what to say to anybody after losing a love one, but I feel I need to say something because I met a lot of you in Texas



and the cruise. I'm incoming Chairman for the 2007 reunion and I've lost my best reference point in Val. In his own way he's been steering me with advice on both the reunion and my attempt at a newsletter for VP-44 shipmates. I know he will be with us in spirit

come Labor Day here in Indianapolis and I will make sure he has a place set aside and a toast in his honor. I don't doubt he has already started some kind of CPO mess or reunion association topside. Thanks you for sharing him with all of us.

V/R,

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