

Val was a natural leader. I volunteered to help with his reunion



plans and he put me to work immediately.

Before I knew what was happening I was

full speed ahead gathering names addresses

and other information on guys we had not

heard from in 40 years. What a joy that

has become. The reunions we held and the

ones we have yet to plan are a part of Val

Brynteson's legacy. Friendship was a big part of his life. Friends

were a reason to keep going. Hundreds of 40 and 50 year-old

friendships have been re-kindled thanks to Val's persistence.

Permission to go ashore, Val

Ralph