

HISTORY OF THE REUNION VIKING SHIP

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A friend of mine had died and he had always said he wanted a Viking funeral. He was indeed a real character. As you know a true Viking funeral is not practical in this day and age. A close friend of his and I built a ship my wife painted it and we set out for lake Erie where he had spent his summers. About 75 friends and family members were present and after numerous eulogies and grog the sun set, we placed his ashes in the ship set it out under sail and lighted it. Rockets were fired in the air to simulate flaming arrows. The ship burned to the water line and she went under in the wind. He was happy!

The committee asked if I would build one for the class. I did not have the time but was fortunate enough to find this one completed in a ships store in Florida. Who's ashes will he use this time? He will probably select someone who did not attend the reunion?