

Q: I know travel4seniors.com offers all kinds of travel solutions, so maybe you can suggest a personal one for me. I'm divorced, in my late 50s. When we met on a singles cruise, the guy said he was widowed. We hit it off very well. By the end of the week, we were in love. At least that's what I thought.

When the cruise ship docked, we exchanged email addresses. Then he left for New York, and I went home to Baltimore. We made all kinds of promises to see each other again, but that's the last I heard from him. I'm old-fashioned and believe he should be the first to make contact. What do you suggest? *PBL, Baltimore MD* 

A: Hey, whadda ya think our site is, a lonely hearts column? OK, seriously, too often the old term shipboard romance means just that. It ends with the cruise, and the temporary lovers return to their lives, too often their wives and husbands. However, there's no rule that you can't just send him a breezy email. It should jog his memory about what a great person you are. If he responds and you want to see him again, book a trip to New York, and meet for a drink or lunch. If he declines, then you know he has a life that doesn't include you.

Then, the disappointed, but with a positive attitude, book yourself another singles cruise. Remember: if at first you don't succeed, try, try to find a guy who doesn't lie.