

## Escaping Saigon

“are these seats taken?”  
thus began conversation  
we told our stories:

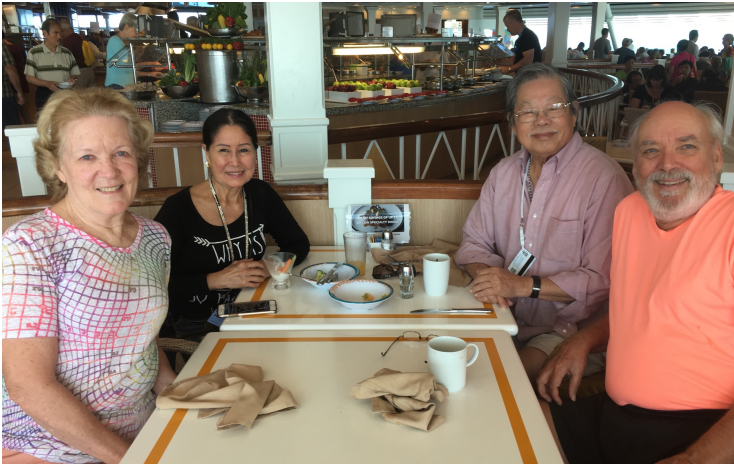
*as Saigon collapsed  
he was Nguyen Cao Ky's pilot  
to a U.S. ship\**

*she came with three kids  
among the last to escape  
on later chopper*

*a sailor saved them  
son vowed to thank him, when grown  
lives hung by a thread*

two rapt hours later  
we bid them, “have a good day”  
my story was quick

\* USS Blue Ridge, April 30, 1975



Aboard Seattle-to-Sydney cruise, October 16, 2017  
Press photo of the mom, her kids, and the sailor

