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Music legend David Bowie dies at 69 after 18-month battle with cancer

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227 famous people who died because they smoked...

Look at this list of 'famous' people who died from smoking related illnesses, Look how old they all were as well.

Allen, Gracie, 58, actress; heart attack (August 27, 1964)

The Burns and Allen Show

Allen lived with an George Burns, an inveterate cigar smoker, for 38 years; she had a long history of heart problems.

Ambrose, Stephen E., 66, historian; lung cancer (October 13, 2002)
Band of Brothers, The Good Fight, Nothing Like it in the World

Armstrong, Louis, 74, musician, heart attack (July 6, 1971)
Armstrong, a smoker, advertised Camels.

Arnaz, Desi, actor, lung cancer (December 2, 1986)



[Lucy & Desi plug Philip Morris](http://www.tvparty.com/tv/ilovelucy1.ram) Check out the Philip Morris commercial at:
<http://www.tvparty.com/tv/ilovelucy1.ram>

Astor, Mary, 81, actress; emphysema (September 24, 1987)
The Maltese Falcon

Baldwin, James, 63, author, esophageal cancer.(November 30, 1987)
Go Tell it on the Mountain; The Fire Next Time

Ball, Lucille, actress, aortic aneurism (Helen Gurley Brown claims cause of death was “smoking-induced lung cancer”)

I Love Lucy Lucy & Ricky [Call for Philip Morris](#)

See the “I Love Lucy” entry at the [Female Celebrity Smoking List](#)

Bankhead, Tallulah, 65, actress; lung cancer or emphysema (December 12, 1968)
The Blue Angel

Barger, Carl, President, Florida Marlins; aortic aneurysm (December 9, 1992)

Barker, George Granville, 78, English Poet; emphysema (October 31, 1992)

Basie, William “Count”, 79 Band Leader; pancreatic cancer (1984)
smoker; advertised camels

Becaud, Gilbert, 74 Singer; cancer (December 17, 2001)
Et maintenant (What Now My Love?)

Bel Geddes, Barbara, 82, Actress; lung cancer (August 8, 2005)
First “Maggie” in “*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*” on Broadway; Miss Ellie Ewing, “*Dallas*”

Benson, Renaldo “Obie”, 69, Singer; lung cancer (July 1, 2005)

The lung cancer was discovered when he had a leg amputated several weeks before because of circulation problems

The Four Tops “Baby I Need Your Loving,” “Reach Out (I’ll be There),” “I Can’t Help Myself,” “Standing in the Shadows of Love.” Wrote

☒ “What’s Goin’ On?” **Benny, Jack,** 80, comedian/violinist; pancreatic cancer (December 26, 1974) **Benaderet, Bea,** 62, TV actress; emphysema/lung cancer (October 13, 1968)
Beverly Hillbillies, Burns & Allen, Petticoat Junction, Betty Rubble’s voice in The Flintstones **Bernstein, Leonard,** 72, composer, conductor; heart attack due to lung failure (October 14, 1990)

Blake, Amanda, 60, actress; throat cancer complicated by a type of viral hepatitis brought on by AIDS, according to her physician, Lou Nishimura. (August 16, 1989)

Miss Kitty on Gunsmoke;

At 48, Blake, once a 2-pack a day smoker, had a malignant tumor removed from her tongue; she re-learned how to speak, toured for the American Cancer Society, and fought oral cancer until her death 12 years later. President Reagan presented her with the ACS’s “Courage Award” in 1984. Dr. Nishimura contributed his information in a 1991 UPI item.

Blakey, Art, 71, jazz drummer and band leader; lung cancer (1990)

Blass, Bill, 79, fashion designer; throat cancer (June 12, 2002)

Brand, Neville, 71, actor; emphysema (1992)

Bogart, Humphrey, 57, actor; cancer of the esophagus (January 14, 1957)



Boone, Richard, 64, actor; throat cancer (January 10, 1981)
Have Gun, Will Travel; The Kremlin Letter

Brand, Neville, 69, actor; decorated WWII soldier; emphysema (April 16, 1992)
D.O.A., Stalag 17, That Darn Cat!

Brinegar, Paul, 77, actor; emphysema (March 27, 1995)
Wishbone, Rawhide

Bryunner, Yul, 65, actor; lung cancer (October 10, 1985)
The King and I
Diagnosed in 1983, Bryunner made a memorable anti-smoking commercial.

Buck, Frank, 66, writer/adventurer, lung cancer (1950)
Bring 'Em Back Alive

Butler, John, 56, General Manager of the San Diego Chargers football team, lung cancer (April 11, 2003)

Caen, Herb; SF columnist; lung cancer (February 1, 1997)

Calhoun, Rory, 76, actor; emphysema (April 28, 1999)
TV: *The Texan*, Capitol Calhoun's Chesterfield ad is PM Bates# 2023238532

Caldwell, Erskine, 83, author; lung cancer (April 11, 1987)
Tobacco Road, God's Little Acre

Candy, John, 43, actor; heart attack (March 4, 1994)
Second City TV; Planes, Trains and Automobiles

Cantineflas (Mario Moreno Reyes), 81, popular Mexican comedian; lung cancer (April 20, 1993)

Carson, Johnny, 79, talk show host; emphysema (January 23, 2005). Carson also had heart problems, including a bypass operation in 1999.
The Tonight Show

Carr, Allen, 72, British-based, world-wide quit-smoking guru; lung cancer (November 29, 2006).
Allen Carr's Easyway

Carver, Raymond, 50, author; lung cancer (August 2, 1988)
What We Talk About When We Talk About Love, Fires: Essays, Poems, Stories

Caruso, Enrico, 48, opera singer; abscesses from pleurisy of the lungs (August 2, 1921)
Smoked 2 packs of Egyptian cigarettes a day.

Cassidy, Jack, 50, actor; died in a fire from smoking in bed (December 12, 1976)
Father of Patrick, Shaun and David Cassidy

Cervone, Ed, 56, artist; lung cancer (2001)

Cipollone, Rose, 58, housewife; lung cancer (1984)

Clooney, Rosemary, 74, singer, actress; lung cancer (June 30, 2002)

MOVIES: *White Christmas* SONGS: *Come on-a My House*

Cobb, Ty, 74, baseball player; cancer, diabetes, chronic heart disease (July 17, 1961)

Cole, Nat "King", 45, singer, first African-American TV show host; died after surgery for lung cancer (February 15, 1965)

The Christmas Song, Unforgettable

Cooper, Wilhelmina Behmenburg, 40, model; lung cancer

Connors, Chuck, 71; actor; lung cancer (November 10, 1992)

The Rifleman

Coward, Noel, 73, playwright, entertainer; heart attack (March 26, 1973)

Cooper, Gary, 60, actor; lung cancer (May 13, 1961)

High Noon, Sgt. York Advertised *Chesterfields*

Cooper, Wilhelmina Behmenburg, 40, modeling agency pioneer; throat cancer (1980)

Crawford, Victor, 63, tobacco lobbyist-turned-tobacco-control-advocate; lung cancer (March 2, 1996)

Coined the phrase, "Health Nazis" I used the oldest trick in the book — when there's no way you can attack the message, attack the messenger. There was no way I could attack anything advocates said about health and addiction and win. It wasn't even an option. So I'd always say, 'Well, the jury's still out on the health stuff, but that's not the real issue. The real issue is freedom of choice, freedom of choice, and these health Nazis want to take it away!'"

Crosby, Gary, 61, author, son of Bing Crosby; lung cancer (August 24, 1995)

Going My Own Way (1983)

Davis, Bette, 81, stroke (1989)

Davis, Jr., Sammy, 64, entertainer; throat cancer (May 16, 1990)

Dederich, Charles E., 83, addiction counselor, heart and lung failure (March 4, 1997)

Founder and head of Synanon, Dederich in 1971 decided not only to stop supplying his community of ex-heroin addicts cigarettes without charge but also to ban smoking on Synanon property. The next year is one of the most tumultuous in Synanon's history to that point. About 100 people left. At least one member told the New York Times that quitting tobacco was much harder than quitting heroin.

Desmond, Paul, 52, musician, composer, bon vivant; lung cancer (May 30, 1977)
Alto saxophone; *Take Five* with Dave Brubeck quartet

Dewhurst, Colleen, 67, actress, lung cancer (1991)

Diamond, Selma, 64, actress; lung cancer (May 14, 1985)
Night Court, *My Favorite Year*, *It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World*

Disney, Walt, 65, animator, producer; lung cancer (acute circulatory collapse following an operation to remove a tumor) (December 15, 1966)

Dorsey, Jimmy, 53, musician, bandleader; lung cancer (June 12, 1957)
So Rare, *Tangerine*

Downey, Morton, Jr., 67, talk show host, actor ("The Mouth"); lung cancer (March 11, 2001)
The Morton Downey Jr. Show.

Duisenberg, Wim, 70, heart attack, July 31, 2005
Former European Central Bank chief who helped create the euro currency. Duisenberg "died a natural death, due to drowning, after a cardiac problem."

Eliot, T.S., 76; author, poet; emphysema (January 4, 1965)
The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, *The Hollow Men*, *Murder in the Cathedral*

Faria, Mimi, 56; singer, activist; complications from lung cancer (July 18, 2001)
Reflections in a Crystal Wind, *Bread and Roses* founder; sister of Joan Baez, wife of Richard Faria

Ellington, Duke, 75; composer/band leader; lung cancer/pneumonia (May 24, 1974)
Sophisticated Lady, *It Don't Mean a Thing if It Ain't Got that Swing*

Fenneman, George, 77; announcer, actor; emphysema (May 19, 1997)
Groucho Marx sidekick, *You Bet Your Life*

Finks, Jim, 65; football team president/manager; lung cancer (1993)
Much-admired New Orleans Saints football team president and general manager. Credited with helping to bring about the return of the Chicago Cubs and New Orleans Saints. *From Tobacco News*, 6/10/93: There is no smoking anymore on the grounds of the New Orleans Saints' mini camp. Signs went up on orders of owner Tom Benson, after . . . Jim Finks was diagnosed with lung cancer April 30. "There's no smoking anywhere on the Saints property," Coach Jim Mora said. "And I mean anywhere."

Fitzgerald, F. Scott, 44, writer; heart attack (December 21, 1940)
The Great Gatsby

Fleming, Ian, 56, author; heart attack (August 12, 1964)
James Bond novels

Flood, Curt, 59, baseball player/free agent advocate; throat cancer (January, 1997)

Flynn, Errol, 50, actor; heart attack (October 14, 1959)
Robin Hood, Captain Blood
Sidelight: In his youth, Flynn ran a tobacco plantation in New Guinea

Fosse, Bob, 60, dancer/choreographer, smoked 4 packs a day; heart attack (1987)

Freud, Sigmund, 83, cancer of the jaw (1939)

Gable, Clark, 59, actor; heart attack (November 16, 1960)
The Misfits

Gainsbourg, Serge, 63, poet, pop singer-songwriter, actor and director; heart attack (March 2, 1991)
Je t'aime... moi non plus

Gargan, William, 73, actor; heart attack (February 17, 1979)
50s TV detective series, Martin Kane
Gargan would hang out at Happy McMann's Tobacco shop, touting his sponsor's products. His career ended when he lost his larynx to cancer in 1960. He became the spokesman for the American Cancer Society, speaking out against smoking.

Gassman, Vittorio, 77, Actor, author; heart attack (June 29, 2000)
Bitter Rice, Mambo, Scent of a Woman (1974)
"Suffering chronically from emphysema, bronchitis, high blood pressure and depression, the cigar-smoking Gassman abandoned stage acting in February, telling his final audience ruefully: 'Death does not obsess me—it disgusts me.'"—LA Times, 7/1/00

Giamatti, Bart, 51, baseball commissioner; heart attack (1990)

Godfrey, Arthur, 80, radio/TV entertainer; emphysema (diagnosed with lung cancer in 1959, then recovered after surgery) (March 16, 1983)
Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts "Smoke 'em by the carton"; also advised people not to smoke, but if they did, to smoke Chesterfields. For a classic medical claim, see, <http://roswell.tobaccodocuments.org/pages/godfrey.htm>

Goizueta, Roberto, 65, Coca-Cola CEO, lung cancer (October 18, 1997)

Gotti, John, 61, Mafia Don, throat cancer (June 10, 2002)
The once-powerful boss was 100lbs when he died, and hadn't eaten solid food in a year.

Grant, General Ulysses S., 63, throat cancer (July 23, 1885)
18th President of the US

Grable, Betty, 56, "pin-up" girl, actress; lung cancer (July 2, 1973)
How to Marry a Millionaire

Gray, Les, 57, singer, heart attack. (February 21, 2004)
The lead singer of 1970s chart topping band "Mud" had been battling against throat cancer, and had opted for chemotherapy over removal of his voice box.

Gzowski, Peter, 67, Radio host ("The Voice of Canada"); COPD/emphysema (January 24,, 2002)
Morningside

Guardino, Harry, 69, actor; lung cancer (July 17, 1995)

Hamilton, Carrie, 38, writer, producer; lung cancer (January, 2002)
Daughter of Carol Burnett

Hammett, Dashiell, 67, writer; lung cancer (January 10, 1961)
The Maltese Flacon; The Thin Man

Hansberry, Lorraine, 34, playwright; lung cancer (1965)
A Raisin in the Sun, To Be Young, Gifted, and Black

Harrison, George, 58, musician; lung cancer (November 29, 2001)
The "Quiet Beatle." He had been battling various forms of the disease for at least three years: In 1998, he underwent radiation therapy for throat cancer, which he attributed to years of smoking.

Haynes, Lloyd, 52, TV actor; lung cancer (December 31, 1986)
General Hospital, Mr. Dixon in Room 222

Hayward, Susan, 55, actor; lung cancer metastized to her brain (March 14, 1975)
I'll Cry Tomorrow, I Want to Live!

Heckart, Eileen, 82, actress, cancer (December 31, 2001)
Butterflies Are Fee, Bus Stop, Somebody Up There Likes Me

Hellman, Lillian, 79, author; lung cancer (June 30, 1984)
The Little Foxes, The Children's Hour

Henderson, Joe, 64, jazz tenor saxophonist; heart failure following a long bout with emphysema. (June 30, 2001)

Hobbs, Elsbeary, singer; throat and lung cancer (May 31, 1996)

Bass singer with *The Drifters*

Under the Boardwalk, On Broadway, There Goes My Baby

Holliday, Judy, 43, actress; throat cancer (June 7, 1965)

Born Yesterday

Humphrey, Hubert, Vice-President under Johnson, 66, bladder cancer (1978)

Huntley, Chet, actor, news commentator; lung cancer (1974)

Huston, John, 81, director; emphysema/pneumonia (1987)

Howard, Mo, 77, actor; lung cancer

The "boss stooge" of *The Three Stooges*

Ives, Burl, 85, actor; oral cancer (April 14, 1995)

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof; The Big Country

James, Dennis, 79; announcer, actor, game show host; lung cancer (June 5, 1997)

Voice of Old Gold Cigarettes when they danced died of lung cancer 30 years after quitting smoking. Had spurned lucrative tobacco contract after SG's report.

Jennings, Peter, 67, newscaster; lung cancer (August 7, 2005)

Anchorman, *ABC's World News Tonight*

Jones, Lindley Armstrong ("Spike"), 53; comedic composer/band leader; emphysema (May 1, 1965)

Smoked 5 packs a day

Jones, Etta, 72; singer; lung cancer (Oct. 16, 2001)

Karloff, Boris, 81, actor; heart and lung disease (emphysema) (February 2, 1969)

Frankenstein; Targets

Kaufman, Andy, 35, lung cancer (1984)(Kaufman only smoked in-character, but played for years in smoky clubs.)

Kieslowski, Krzysztof, 54, film director; heart attack (March 13, 1996)

Blue, White, Red

Retired to a house in 1994: "There is a veranda and a chair. I'll have lots of books, lots of cigarettes, lots of coffee. Don't you sometimes dream of the same thing?"

King Edward VII of England, 69, pneumonia; he suffered for years from a series of heart attacks, chronic bronchitis and emphysema. (May 6, 1910)

As the Prince of Wales he helped make smoking, and particularly cigar smoking, fashionable. He smoked twelve large cigars and twenty cigarettes a day. In 1876, he gave Benson & Hedges its first royal warrant. Edward VII became king on the death of Queen Victoria in 1901, at the age of 59. Legend has it that he said to his friends in Buckingham Palace upon his mother's death: "Gentlemen, you may smoke."

King Edward VIII of England, 77, throat cancer. May 28, 1972

Later titled as: Duke of Windsor when he abdicated the throne to marry Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson.

King George V of England, 70; he suffered from bronchitis and numerous lung problems; his death was thought to be from a viral respiratory infection. (January 20, 1936)

King George VI of England, 56; a lung cancer sufferer who had had part of his lung removed, he died of a massive heart attack. (February 6, 1952)

Father of Queen Elizabeth II

Keaton, Buster, 71, deadpan silent film actor; lung cancer (February 1, 1966)

The General

Kendrick, Eddie, 52; singer; (1992)

The Temptations

Asked kids not to smoke.

Knapp, Caroline, 42; writer; lung cancer(2002)

Drinking: A Love Story; Appetites

In "Drinking," she attends a stop-smoking session, but decides alcohol is her real problem; is puzzled when her dying mother asks her to give up smoking."Appetites" does not address smoking at all.

Knotts, Don 81,actor; lung cancer (February 24, 2006)

"The Andy Griffith Show," "Three's Company," "The Incredible Mr. Limpet" (1964), "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken" (1966)

Kovacs, Ernie, 43; TV personality; skull fracture from an automobile accident caused while he was trying to light his trademark cigar (January 11, 1962)

L'Amour, Louis, 80, author; lung cancer. (June 10, 1988)

High Lonesome, Comstock Load, Hondo, Sackett

Landon, Michael, 54, actor, smoked 4 packs a day; cancer of the pancreas and liver (July 1, 1991)

Bonanza, Little House on the Prairie; I Was a Teenage Werewolf (1957)

Lerner, Alan Jay, 67, playwright, lyricist; lung cancer. (June 14, 1986)

My Fair Lady, Brigadoon, An American In Paris, Gigi, On a Clear Day You Can See Forever, Camelot

London, Julie, 74, singer, actress; complications from stroke (October 18, 2000)

Cry Me a River (1956), Emergency (70s TV series), "The Marlboro Song" (early 60s)

Marchand, Nancy, 71, actress; lung cancer (June 18, 2000)

The Sopranos, Lou Grant

Maris, Roger, 51, baseball player; lung cancer [disputed; some say he died of lymphoma].

The home-run record holder appeared in Camel ads in the 60s

Martin, Dean, 78, singer; acute respiratory failure. (December 25, 1995)

Ocean's Eleven

Marvin, Lee, 67, actor; heart attack. (August 29, 1987)

Cat Ballou

Marx, Groucho, 86, actor/entertainer; lung cancer. (Aug. 19, 1977) (Disputed: cause of death may have been pneumonia. Groucho had been ailing since he had a heart attack and several strokes in 1971)

A Day at the Races; You Bet Your Life

Matthau, Walter, 79, actor; heart attack. (June 30, 2000)

The Fortune Cookie, The Odd Couple, Grumpy Old Men

While making "The Fortune Cookie" in 1966, he suffered a serious heart attack. His doctor attributed it to smoking three packs a day and constant worry about gambling and told him to give up both. Matthau stopped smoking. In 1976, he underwent heart bypass surgery.

Maxwell, Marilyn, 49, actress/performer; "heart attack brought on by high blood pressure and a pulmonary ailment"—IMDB (March 20, 1972)

McLaren, Wayne, 51; model; lung cancer (Summer, 1992)

"Marlboro Cowboy". At a Philip Morris shareholders meeting, he asked the company to limit their advertising.

McLean, David, 73; Former TV "Marlboro Man," actor/model; lung cancer (Oct. 12, 1995)

McLure, Doug, 56; TV actor; lung cancer (February 5, 1995)
The Virginian

McQueen, Steve, actor; lung cancer [McQueen Viceroy commercial](#)

Meadows, Audrey, 71, actress; lung cancer (Feb. 3, 1996)
The Honeymooners

Mercouri, Melina, 68, actress; lung cancer (March 6, 1994)
Never on Sunday

Merrill, Gary, 74, actor; lung cancer (March 5, 1990)
All About Eve, Dr. Gillespie on Young Dr. Kildaire Husband of Bette Davis

Millar, David, model; complications from emphysema.
According to his sister, Millar was the first Marlboro Man.

Mitchum, Robert, 79, actor; emphysema, lung cancer (July 1, 1997)
The Night of the Hunter, Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison, Cape Fear, The Big Sleep, That Championship Season

Moore, Gary, 78, game show host; emphysema, November 28, 1993
I've Got a Secret, To Tell the Truth

Moorehead, Agnes, 73, actress; lung cancer (April 30, 1974)
TV: *Bewitched Movies: Citizen Kane, The Magnificent Ambersons, Show Boat* (1955)

Morton, Gary, 74, actor, stand-up comic, producer; lung cancer (March 30, 1999)
"The Lucy Show" (1962-8); "Here's Lucy" (1968-74); "Life with Lucy" (1986)

Muller, Heiner, 66, playwright; throat cancer (Dec. 30, 1995)
Revered German playwright, poet, director, translator

Murrow, Edward R., 57, newscaster; lung cancer. (April 27, 1965)
Host of The Camel News Caravan

Nixon, Pat, 81, First Lady of the US, 1969-74; multiple conditions. (June 22, 1993)
The wife of Richard M. Nixon suffered strokes in 1976 and 1982. Had mouth cancer, emphysema and lung cancer.

Nye, Carrie, 69, stage actress; lung cancer (July 14, 2006)
Wife of Dick Cavett, who said, "she tried to quit a couple of times [but smoking] became part of her early persona; perhaps based on Tallulah Bankhead or Marlene Dietrich."

Oliver, Susan, 53, actress, author; lung cancer (May 10, 1990)
[Vina the slave girl in the first episode of Star Trek](#)

Orbison, Roy, 52, singer, heart attack (December 6, 1988)
Crying, Only the Lonely, Pretty Woman

Onassis, Jackie, 64, First Lady 1961-63; non-hodgkins lymphoma (May 19, 1994)
Reputedly a 3-pack-a-day chain-smoker (variously reported as Salem, Newport, L&M, Pall Mall, Marlboro and Merit), who concealed the habit from the public, and quit when she received the cancer diagnosis. <http://smokingsides.com/asfs/K/Kennedy.html>

O'Neal, Patrick, 66, actor; lung cancer (August, 1994)
The Kremlin Letter

Owens, Jesse, 66, track star; lung cancer
1936 Gold Medal winner at the Berlin Olympics; first cigarette pitchman to target blacks (Lucky Strike)

Palladin, Jean-Louis, 55, chef; lung cancer (November 25, 2001)

Palmer, Robert, 54, British rock star; heart attack (September 26, 2003)
Addicted to Love (1986)

Parks, Bert, 77, actor/singer; lung cancer (February 2, 1992)

Patchett, Jean, 75, fashion model; emphysema (January 22, 2002)

Patterson, Jennifer, 71, TV cook; lung cancer (August 10, 1999)
Two Fat Ladies (UK)

Peppard, George, actor; "complications arising from the treatment of cancer"; Peppard had smoked 2 packs a day until 1993, when he had a cancerous tumor removed from his lung (May 8, 1995)
Breakfast at Tiffany's, A-Team

Powell, Dick, 59, actor; lung cancer (1963)

Price, Vincent, 82, actor; lung cancer (October 26, 1993)
The Tangler, The Fall of the House of Usher

Puccini, Giacomo, 65, opera composer; throat cancer (1924)
La Boheme, Tosca, Madame Butterfly

Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowden, 71, UK Royal Family; stroke/heart attack (February 9, 2002)

During her life, she suffered migraines, laryngitis, bronchitis, hepatitis and pneumonia. In 1985, tissue taken from her left lung proved to be benign. This did not stop her smoking; nor did the fact that four monarchs – Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII and the Princess's own father, George VI – died of smoking-related illnesses. Within months of the biopsy operation she was smoking 30 cigarettes a day. She had apparently given up smoking when she suffered her first, mild stroke in 1998.

Ramsey, Anne, 59, actress; throat cancer (August 11, 1988)

Throw Mama from the Train

Rand, Ayn, 78, author/philosopher; heart failure/lung cancer (March 6, 1982)

The Fountainhead, Atlas Shrugged

Rawls, Lou, 72, singer; lung cancer (January 6, 2006)

Ray, Aldo, 64, actor; complications from throat cancer, pneumonia (March 27, 1991)

Reasoner, Harry, newscaster; lung cancer, pneumonia (August 6, 1991)

60 Minutes

Reese, Pee-Wee, 81, baseball player; lung cancer (August 14, 1999).

Brooklyn Dodgers shortstop

Reeve, Dana, 44, actress, singer, author, motivational speaker, advocate; lung cancer (March 6, 2006).

Many news reports noted that the nonsmoking widow and caregiver of actor Christopher Reeve had spent a lot of time performing in smoky nightclubs.

Remick, Lee, 55, actress; lung and liver cancer (July 2, 1991)

A Face in the Crowd, The Long Hot Summer, Anatomy of a Murder

Reinach, Jacquelyn, 70, writer; lung cancer (September 30, 2000)

Sweet Pickles (Children's book classic); Know the Facts: Keep Your Power A young person's anti-smoking program which won an Emmy in 1993

Reynolds, R.J. Sr., 67, founder of RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co., pancreatic cancer (1916)

Reynolds, R.J. Jr., 58, emphysema

Reynolds, R.J. III, 60, emphysema, (1994)

Richards, Ann, 73, Texas Governor, esophageal cancer (September 14, 2006)

Ripken, Cal Sr., 83, baseball coach, lung cancer(1994)

Rogers, Stan, 33, Canadian folksinger, airliner fire caused by smoking(1983)

"Northwest Passage," "The Mary Ellen Carter." This incident was instrumental in the later ban on airplane smoking. See http://www.rambles.net/one_warm89.html

Ruff, Patsy, 56, one of the world's first successful double-lung transplants, kidney failure (October 21, 2000)

After her 1987 transplant, Ruff worked for the American Lung Association, warning about smoking. . . the anti-rejection drugs Ruff took led eventually to kidney failure.

Rugova, Ibrahim, 61, writer, first President of Kosovo (2002-2006); lung cancer (January 21, 2006)

Chain-smoking fighter for ethnic Albanians, and equal rights for Kosovo province with Serbia; opposed Yugoslavian President Miloscevic.

Ruth, Babe, 53, baseball player. Naso-pharyngeal cancer. (August 16, 1948)

Sartre, Jean-Paul, 74, philosopher (existentialism), author; After 2 heart attacks (1971, 1973), his health was never the same; his sight failed almost totally and his production diminished; In March of 1980, he was hospitalized for edema of the lungs, and died a few weeks later. (April 13, 1980)

1964 Nobel Prize in Literature No Exit, Nauseau, St. Genet

Sayre, Nora, 68, author; emphysema (August 8, 2001)

"Sixties Going on Seventies" (1973), "Running Time: Films of the Cold War" (1982), "Previous Convictions: A Journey Through the 1950s" (1995), and "On the Wing: A Young American Abroad" (2001) "Known for her chain-smoking and irascible personality"

Schiavelli, Vincent, 57, actor (December 26, 2005)

Popular droopy-eyed character actor. "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Ghost"

Schippers, Thomas, 47, conductor, musical director; lung cancer (December 16, 1977)

Co-founder of the Spoleto arts Festival

Scott, George C., 71, actor; ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm (September 22, 1999)

Scott suffered several heart attacks over the years. He claimed he got his gravelly voice from "smoking too many cigarettes."

Patton, Dr. Strangelove, The Hustler, Anatomy of a Murder, The Hospital

Scotti, Vito, 78, actor; lung cancer (June 5, 1996)

The Aristocats, The Godfather, Get Shorty

Serling, Rod, 51, writer/director; smoked 4 packs a day; heart disease. (June 28, 1975)
The Twilight Zone (1959-64)

Seyrig, Delphine, 58, actress; lung disease (October 15, 1990)

Shaw, Robert, 51, actor; heart attack (August 28, 1978)
Jaws, *From Russia With Love*, *The Sting*

Shirley, Anne, 75, actress; lung cancer (July 4, 1993)
Anne of the Green Gables, *Stella Dallas*

Sinatra, Frank, 82, singer, heart attack (May 14, 1998)
Sinatra was also suffering from bladder cancer, early Alzheimer's and the effects of a stroke.

Shamseddine, Ayatollah Mohammed Mehdi, 64, spiritual leader of Lebanon's Shiite Muslims and a staunch advocate of Christian-Muslim coexistence; lung cancer (January 10, 2001)

Shostakovich, Dmitri, 69, composer; lung cancer (August 9, 1975)

Smith, "Sonic" Fred, 45, rock musician; heart failure (November 4, 1994)
Guitarist with MC5

Soo, Jack, 63, actor; cancer of the esophagus (January 11, 1979)
Barney Miller

Stander, Lionel, 86, actor; lung cancer (November 30, 1994)
Mr. Deeds Goes to Town, *Max in Hart to Hart*

Stanwyck, Barbara, 82, actress; congestive heart failure (January 20, 1990)
Stella Dallas, *Double Indemnity*

Stevens, Woody, 84, horse trainer (August 22, 1998)
Trained winners in all three Triple Crown races, including five straight Belmont winners during the 1980s.

Sullivan, Ed, 72, entertainer; lung cancer (1974)

Taglioni, Fabio, 80, Ducati motorcycle engineer and designer; throat cancer (July 18, 2001)

Talman, William, actor; lung cancer (August 30, 1968)
D.A. Hamilton Burger, *Perry Mason TV Series*
When He came down with lung cancer, He was the first actor to do a [TV commercial on the danger of smoking](#). (Internet Movie Database) He died before the commercial aired.

Tarbox, Barb, 42; former Canadian model became a tobacco control activist, lung cancer (May 18, 2003/968)

You are all so much above this. You're intelligent. You're energetic. You have the world before you in the palms of your hands. Any dream you have is possible. But if you walk the path I walked, this is the path you will walk. And I don't want any of you ever to walk this walk.

Taylor, Robert, 57, actor; lung cancer (June 8, 1969)

Quo Vadis, Magnificent Obsession, Broadway Melody of 1938, Saddle the Wind

Thaw, John, 60, actor; throat cancer (February 21 2002)

The Loneliness Of The Long Distance Runner, The Sweeney, Inspector Morse

Thomas, Ross, 69, author; lung cancer (December 19, 1995)

Espionage author; wrote the screenplay for Bad Lieutenant, his Briarpatch won the Edgar Award for Best Mystery Novel (1985)

Thornbury, Will, 57, model; Lung Cancer (1992)

Modeled for Camel TV ads

Tierney, Gene, 70, actress; emphysema (November 6, 1991)

Laura, Leave Her to Heaven

The squeakiness of her voice in her first film, "The Return of Frank James," impelled her to take up smoking cigarettes.

Tone, Franchot, 63, actor; lung cancer (September 18, 1968)

Mutiny on the Bounty, Lives of a Bengal Lancer

Tracy, Spencer, 66, actor; lung congestion; heart attack (June 10, 1967)

Captains Courageous (1937), Boys' Town (1938), San Francisco (1936), Father of the Bride (1950), Bad Day at Black Rock (1955), Old Man and the Sea (1958), Inherit the Wind (1960), Judgment at Nuremberg (1961), Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967)

Tubb, Ernest, 70, singer; emphysema (September 6, 1984)

"The Texas Troubador"—Waltz Across Texas, I'm Walking the Floor over You

Tucker, Forrest, 67, actor; lung cancer and emphysema (October 25, 1986)

Sands of Iwo Jima, The Yearling, Gunsmoke

Tucker, Sophie, 78, entertainer; lung cancer (February 9, 1966)

Turner, Lana, actress; throat cancer (June, 1995) TV: *Falcon Crest*. Movies: *Imitation of Life (1959), Madame X (1966), Peyton Place (1957), The Postman Always Rings Twice (1946)*

Vander Pyl, Jean, actor; lung cancer (April 13, 1999)

Voice of Wilma Flintstone, *The Flintstones* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5pA1k0JBI>

Video of Fred & Wilma's Winston ad

"Everybody on the Flintstones smoked and all of them ended up dying of smoking-related diseases. . . That little cute laugh that Betty and Wilma did with their mouths closed? They came up with that because when they normally laughed, because they were smokers, they coughed."

— Michael O'Meara, son of Jean Vander Pyl. See Benaderet, **BeaVaughan, Sarah**, singer; lung cancer (1990)

Broken-hearted Melody

Varney, Jim, 50, actor; lung cancer (February 10, 2000)

"Ernest P. Worrell"

Though hopelessly hooked on cigarettes, he wouldn't allow himself to be photographed smoking, for the sake of all the kids who loved Ernest. And, though he entertained them by clowning, sprawling, grinning and cutting up, the talented Mr. Varney had one last message for those kids: Don't smoke. —Lexington Herald-Leader 2/11/00

Walker, Nancy, 69, actress; lung cancer (March 25, 1992)

Wayne, John, 72, actor; After exposure to nuclear radiation, cancer took a lung in 1963; had many battles with heart disease and other cancers. (June 11, 1979)

Stagecoach; Red River; Fort Apache; Rio Grande; She Wore a Yellow Ribbon; The Searchers and this Camel commercial: <http://www.tvparty.com/q2c/waynecamel.ram>

Wells, Mary, 49, singer; larynx cancer (1992)

My Guy

Wheeler, Bert, 72, comedian; emphysema (January 18, 1968)

Wilcoxon, Henry, 79, actor; cancer and COPD (March, 1984)

Cleopatra (1934), Crusades, Greatest Show on Earth, The Ten Commandments, That Hamilton Woman, Mrs. Miniver, Man in the Wilderness, Last of the Mohicans (1935), Unconquered, Caddy Shack

Wild, Jack, 53, actor; oral cancer (March 1, 2006)

The Artful Dodger in Oliver! (1968); HR Pufnstuf.(TV)

Wilson, Bill, 76, founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, emphysema (1971)

Wilson, Carl, 51, musician (*Beach Boys*); complications from lung cancer (February 6, 1998)

Williams, Tex, country-western singer; lung cancer (October 13, 1985)
[Smoke! Smoke! Smoke! \(That Cigarette\)](#) (1947)

Wolfman Jack, 57, radio personality, actor; heart attack (July 1, 1995)
American Graffiti

Woodbury, Joan, 74, actress; COPD, lung cancer (February, 1989)
Anthony Adverse, Algiers, Hit the Deck, Latins From Manhattan, The Ten Commandments, Bride of Frankenstein. Other westerns with William Boyd (Hoppalong Cassidy), Tex Ritter, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry. Made over 70 "B" films: Boston Blackie, Charlie Chan, etc. She was the original Brenda Starr.

Yennimatas, George, Greek National Economy Minister, 55; complications from lung cancer (April 25, 1994)

Yennimatas was one of Greece's most beloved politicians. When he presented the 1994 budget to reporters in November, he announced a new tax on tobacco, saying the revenues would be earmarked for an anti-smoking campaign.

York, Dick, 63, actor; emphysema (1992)

Young, Faron, 64, country-western singer; self-inflicted gunshot wound. (Dec. 10, 1996). Young "had been depressed recently about emphysema and other health problems"—*NY Times*, 12/11/96.

Goin' Steady; Sweet Dreams; Live Fast, Love Hard, Die Young

Young, Coleman A., 79, Detroit, Michigan's longest-serving mayor. Emphysema. (November 29, 1997)

Zevon, Warren., 56, singer/songwriter. Mesothelioma (an asbestos-related lung cancer; smoking greatly increases the risk) (September 7, 2003)
Werewolves of London.

Famous Tobacco Victims: Heart Disease

- [Louis Armstrong](#)
- [Leonard Bernstein](#)
- [John Candy](#)
- [Noel Coward](#)
- [F. Scott Fitzgerald](#)
- [Ian Fleming](#)
- [Errol Flynn](#)
- [Clark Gable](#)
- [Walter Matthau](#)

The toxins in cigarette smoke cause plaques to form in the arteries of smokers, leading to atherosclerosis, also known as hardening of the arteries. Smoking can also cause [sudden heart attacks](#), even in people who have never had a cardiac event before. Smokers have two to three times the risk of nonsmokers of dying from cardiovascular disease.

Smoking and Cancer

Once inhaled, the [toxins in cigarette smoke](#) reach virtually every organ in a smoker's body, putting them at risk for numerous forms of [cancer](#).

The second cause of death in the United States today, approximately 30% of all cancer deaths are linked to tobacco use.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death and also the most preventable, with 87% of lung cancer deaths being related to smoking.

Smoking-related cancer risk goes up with the number of [pack years](#) reached.

Famous Tobacco Victims: Cancer

- [Stephen E. Ambrose](#)
- [Desi Arnaz](#)
- [James Baldwin](#)
- [Count Basie](#)
- [Barbara Bel Geddes](#)

- [Renaldo "Obie" Benson](#)
- [Art Blakey](#)
- [Bill Blass](#)
- [Humphrey Bogart](#)
- [Rosemary Clooney](#)
- [Ty Cobb](#)
- [Nat King Cole](#)
- [Wilhelmina Behmenburg Cooper](#)
- [George Harrison](#)
- [Paul Newman](#)
- [Patrick Swayze](#)
- [John Updike](#)

Smoking and Respiratory Disease

Smoking is directly linked to most types of chronic lung disease. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease ([COPD](#)), which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the third leading cause of death in the United States today, claiming a life every 4 minutes.

Twelve million people have been diagnosed with COPD and it's estimated another 12 million have it who haven't been diagnosed.

Famous Tobacco Victims: COPD

- [Mary Astor](#)
- [Tallulah Bankhead](#)
- [Johnny Carson](#)
- [Arthur Godfrey](#)
- [Boris Karloff](#)