

# THE TOLL OF BLACK LUNG CONTINUES

## Chester Fike

Born Feb. 3, 1952

Died Dec. 18, 2012

A victim of black lung, Chester died four months after undergoing a double lung transplant.

It is time to end this preventable disease

**76,000**

deaths since 1968

**\$45 billion**

spent in federal compensation

**New cases**

being diagnosed, including in young miners

A new rule issued by the U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration will greatly improve the protection of America's coal miners from this debilitating disease. The rule is the centerpiece of MSHA's initiative to End Black Lung – Act Now! To learn more, visit [www.msha.gov/endblacklung](http://www.msha.gov/endblacklung).



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