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If Tobacco Killed Them Before 60, Why Can't It Kill You Too?



Patrick Swayze, Smoker, Dead at 57

Patrick Swayze, star of "Dirty Dancing" and "Ghost" died on September 14, 2009, after a two year battle with pancreatic cancer. According to Johns Hopkins University's [Pancreatic Cancer Research Center](#), "cigarette smoking is one of the biggest risk factors for developing pancreatic cancer ... associated with a 2-3 fold increased risk." A heavy smoker, Patrick openly admitted his belief that smoking "[probably](#)" [contributed](#) to his cancer. But even after being diagnosed he continued smoking, with each puff adding additional [nicotine](#) and [polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons](#), which promote pancreatic cancer. If smoking robbed us of Patrick, why can't it rob us of you?



Recent Passing - February 10, 2010



[Captain Phil Harris](#) - age 53 - "Deadliest Catch" crab boat skipper * [stroke](#)

Fame Struck Down By Nicotine Dependency

[Bill Hicks \(YB\)](#), 32, comedian * [pancreatic cancer](#)

[Lorraine Hansberry](#), 34, playwright (Raisin in the Sun) pancreatic cancer

[Luiz Jose Costa](#), 36, Brazilian music star * lung cancer

[Carrie Hamilton](#), 38, actress, [Carol Burnett's daughter](#) * lung cancer

[Wilhelmina Cooper](#), 40, modeling pioneer * lung cancer

[Eric Carr](#), 41, musician (Kiss drummer) * heart and lung cancer

[Carolina Knapp](#), 42, author (Pack of Two/The Hunger) * lung cancer

[Judy Holliday](#), 43, actress * throat cancer



[Chris "Punch" Andrews](#), 43, popular Toronto radio DJ * lung cancer

[Nat "King" Cole](#), 45, singer * lung cancer

John Cipollina, 45, guitarist * emphysema

Nancy Gore Hunger, 46, sister of V.P. Al Gore * lung cancer

Lon Chaney, 47, actor/director * lung cancer

[Graham Chapman](#) 48 comic ("Monty Python") * throat cancer

Mary Wells, 49, singer ("My Guy") * larynx cancer

Jack Cassidy, 50, actor * died in a fire from smoking in bed

Errol Flynn, 50, actor * heart attack

[Jim Varney](#), 50, comedian (Ernest) * lung cancer

[Roger Maris](#), 51, baseball player (N.Y. Yankees) * lung cancer

[Wayne McLaren](#), 51, "Marlboro Cowboy" * lung cancer

Robert Shaw, 51, actor (Jaws) * heart attack

[Rod Serling](#), 51, director (Twilight Zone) heavy smoker * heart disease

Carl Wilson, 51, musician (Beach Boys) * lung cancer

Lloyd Haynes, 52, TV actor (General Hospital) * lung cancer

Eddie Kendrick, 52, singer (Temptations) * lung cancer

Roy Orbison, 52, singer ("Pretty Woman") * heart attack

[Captain Phil Harris](#), 53, "[Deadliest Catch](#)" crab boat skipper * [stroke](#)

Jimmy Dorsey, 53, musician, band leader * lung cancer

Jerry Garcia, 53, musician (Grateful Dead) * [heart attack](#)

Lindley ("Spike") Jones, 53, band leader * emphysema

Babe Ruth, 53, baseball player * oral cancer

William Talman, 53, actor (Perry Mason's adversary) * lung cancer

Jack Wild, 53, actor (Artful Dodger in Oliver) * mouth cancer

Mark Belanger, 54, baseball shortstop Orioles * lung cancer

Michael Landon, 54, actor - heavy smoker * pancreas and liver cancer

[Larry Gilbert](#), 55, PGA golfer * lung cancer

Susan Hayward, 55, actress * lung cancer

Lee Remick, 55, actress * lung and liver cancer

Ian Fleming, 56, James Bond creator * heart attack

King George VI, 56, Father of Queen Elizabeth II * lung cancer

Betty Grable, 56, "pin-up" girl, actress * lung cancer

Doug McLure, 56, TV actor (The Virginian) * lung cancer

Roger Miller, 56, [singer/songwriter](#) * lung/throat cancer

Eddie Rabbitt, 56, singer/song writer * lung cancer

Patrick Swayze , 57, actor ("Dirty Dancing" "Ghost") * pancreatic cancer

Humphrey Bogart, 57, actor ("Casablanca") * esophagus cancer

Wolfman Jack, 57, music disk jockey * heart attack

Edward R. Murrow, 57, reporter * lung cancer

Will Thornbury, 57, modeled for Camel TV ads * lung cancer

George Harrison, 58, musician (The Beatles) * lung cancer

R.J. Reynolds, 58, tobacco company founder * emphysema

R.J. Reynolds, III, 59, tobacco company heir * emphysema

Clark Gable, 59, actor ("Gone With The Wind") * heart attack

Anne Ramsey, 59, actress (Goonies - Mama Fratelli) * throat cancer

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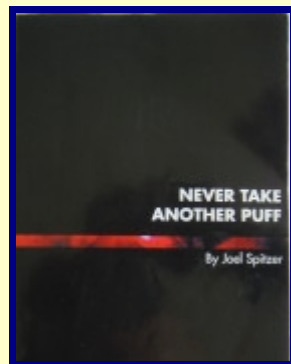


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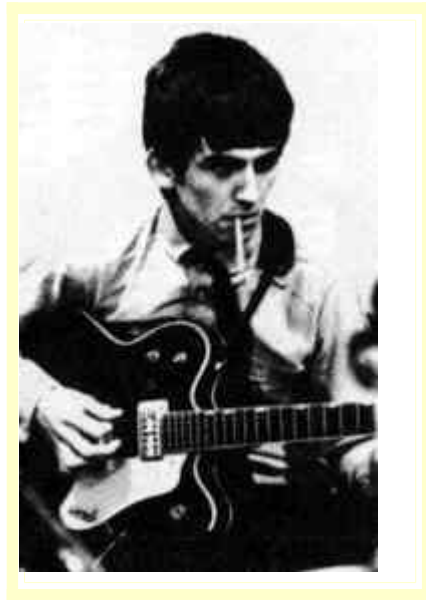
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We Miss You George!

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