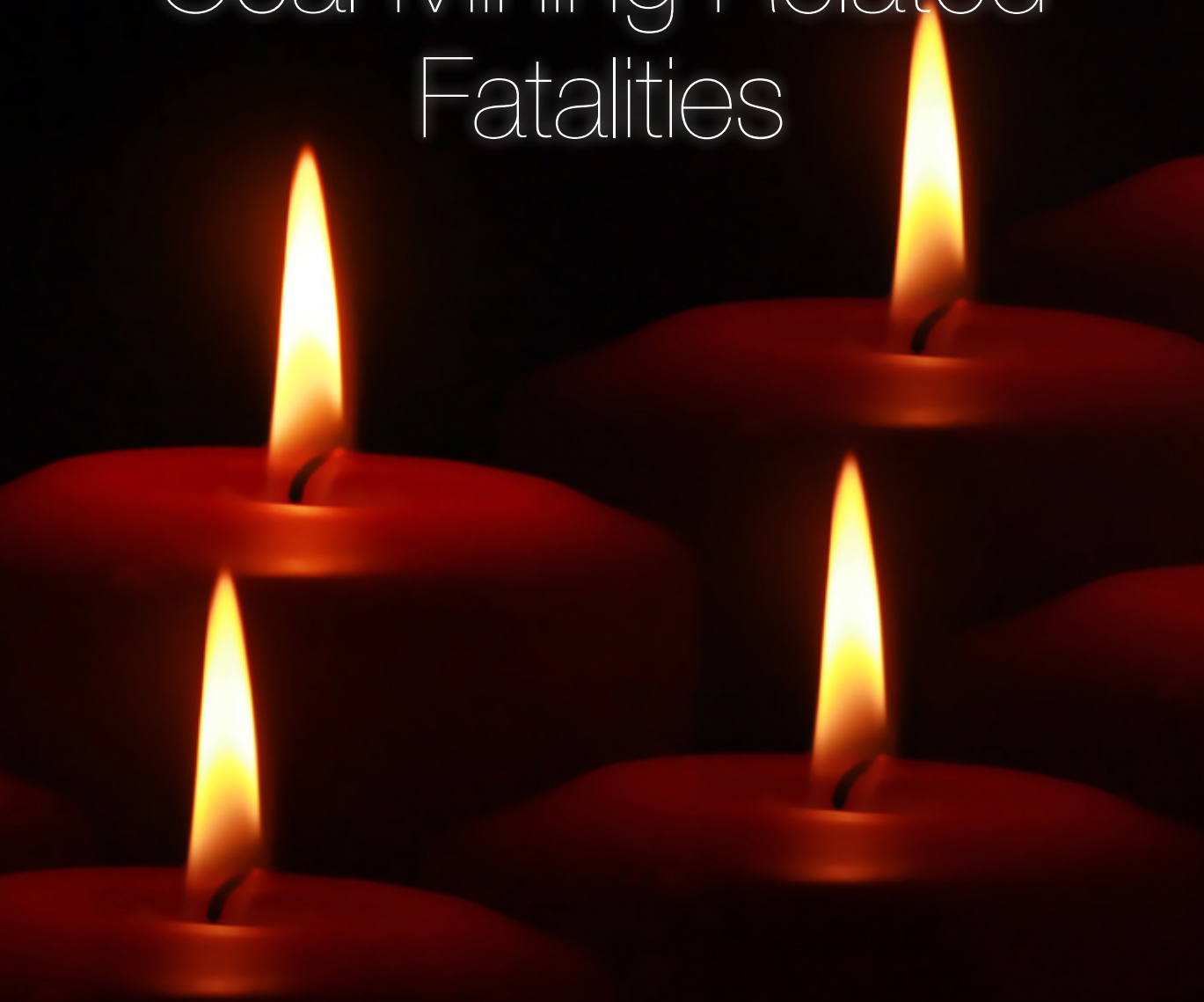


# 2016 U.S. Coal Mining Related Fatalities



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## ***PETER DALE SPROUSE***

*February 09, 1962 ~ January 04, 2016*

*(age 53)*

*Coronado, LLC*

*Peter Dale "Pete" Sprouse, 53, of Clear Fork, WV, went to be with our heavenly father on Monday, January 4, 2016, after a fatal coal mining accident.*

*He was a coal miner for over 35 years and loved the men he worked with throughout his coal mining career. He was a hard worker who took pride in his job. Pete loved motorcycles, four-wheelers, parasailing, camping, boating and working. He was a fearless man and was respected and loved by so many people in his community. He truly lived his life to the fullest and always put others before himself.*

*He was born on February 9, 1962, in Columbus, OH, a son of the late Arthur and Emma Jean Collins Sprouse. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by a baby brother Steven W. Sprouse.*

*Survivors include his loving wife of 33 years Rita Lynn Sprouse; two children Tabatha Frazier and husband Matthew of Beckley and Trinity Sprouse and wife Jenny Hatfield of Oceana; four grandsons Landon Frazier, Dylan Frazier, Elijah Sprouse and Noah Sprouse; his siblings Linda Lambert, Jim Sprouse, Debbie Cline, Mary Damron, Danny Sprouse, Randy Sprouse and Sandra Sprouse; his stepfather Bert Carlson; best friend whom he loved like a brother Steve Cox; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and co-workers.*

## ***MATTHEW BOYD DAVIS***

*September 23rd 2016,  
(age 46)*

*Alpha Natural  
Resources, Inc.*



**JEREMY  
RICHARD  
NEICE**

*November 30, 1984 ~  
January 16, 2016  
(age 31)  
GenPower Holding, LP*

*Jeremy Richard Neice, 31, of Morgantown, West Virginia passed away Saturday, January 16, 2016 at the Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia. Jeremy was the son of the late Corbett Neice and Sherry Miller Neice.*

*Surviving is his wife: Jenny Polly Neice; 3 children: Abigail, Alexis, and Blaine all of Home; 2 half brothers: Johnathon Neice of Edinburgh, Virginia and Shaun Miller of Hazard; grandmother: Patsy Miller of Isom and Corbett Neice of Indiana.*



**ERIC MEDDINGS**

*1965 ~ May 16th 2016, (age 50)  
Arch Coal, Inc*

*Eric Clinton Meddings, 50, of Aurora, died suddenly on Monday May 16, 2016 at Grafton City Hospital, Grafton, WV.*

*The son of Nancy Wilson and husband Cliff of Southside, WV and Earl Meddings and wife Joyce of St. Albans, WV, he was born October 31, 1965 in Charleston, WV.*

*He graduated from East Preston High School in the class of 1983. He worked at Leer Mining Complex in Grafton and was a proud Coal Miner. Eric was an avid hunter and outdoorsman.*

*In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Brenda Meddings; a sister, Lori; his coal mining family and many friends. He enjoyed hunting so much that we wanted to include a clipping that Brenda found in his wallet:*

*Words From the Wise*

*"Hunting provides the one logical escape for Man's frustrations in a culturally degenerate society.*

*While all the world is threatening collapse around me, I can find one solace, one natural outlet, one reasonable escape, that which comes only through hunting.*

*...James B. Whisker in  
"The Right To Hunt"*



**MARK WAYNE  
FRAZIER**

*October 15, 1967 ~ March 25,  
2016 (age 48)  
Arch Coal, Inc.*



Mark Wayne Frazier, 48, of Linefork passed away Friday, March 25, 2016 at Evarts, Kentucky. Mark was the son of Beatrice Polly Frazier and the late Fred Frazier. Surviving other than his mother is his wife: Jennifer Caudill Frazier; 2 sons: Mason Keith Frazier and Matthew Allen Frazier both of Home; 3 daughters: Sasha Nicole Engle of Sandlick, Ashley Rowena Perkins of Linefork, and Katelyn Makayla Caudill of Linefork; 2 brothers: Fred Allen Frazier of Gordon and Norman Keith Frazier of Pineville; 1 sister: Rowena Boggs of Cornettsville; 3 grandchildren: Layla Shyanne, John Mark, and Hunter Wayne.



**NATHAN GABRIEL PHILLIPS**

*January 19, 2016 (age 36)  
Alliance Resource Partners LP*

Surviving are his wife, Duska Daugherty Phillips; son, Jeffery Phillips; daughters, Katie, Tuesday, and Gabriella Phillips; and grandparents, Jim and Carolyn Phillips.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Phillips family, Webster County Coal asks that you join us in extending support to Nathan's family and his fellow Dotiki miners during this extremely difficult time," said David Ross, Webster County Coal's Vice President of Operations.

"I am greatly saddened to hear of the loss of this young man's life," Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Charles Snively said in a release. "The safety of all of our Kentucky miners is our top priority and even one accident or fatality is one too many."





**ROBBIE E.  
CLARK**

*June 6th 2016,  
(age 34)*

*The American Coal  
Company*



*Robbie E. Clark, 34, of Eldorado, was taken from this life, Monday, June 6th of 2016 due to a tragic mining accident.*

*Robbie was born July 2, 1981 in Harrisburg to Robert and Alane Clark. Robbie was a huge sports fan and had spent the last ten years of his life as a coal miner.*

*He is survived by his parents; the love of his life, Jaime Lynn Shaw; his daughter, Kailyn Madison Clark who was his world and best friend; one brother, Preston Wayne Clark; two sisters, Ashley Dawn Clark and April Jean Murrow.*

*He is also survived by his father and mother-in-law David and Connie Dishman, who he thought the world of; his maternal grandmother, Flora Lampert and paternal grandfather, William Clark; two Aunts, Vanessa Berlin and Jennifer Clark; three uncles, David Lampert, Bill Clark and Jeff Berlin; two nieces, Miah Murphy and Lilli Shaw; three nephews, Jaxon Murphy, Connor and Blakeley Watt; many cousins; friends; and fellow coal miners.*

*Robbie was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Lee Clark.*

**YUJUN QIAN**

*December 2nd 2016,  
(age 36)*

*Oak Grove Resources, LLC*



**DONALD  
"DUCK"  
EUGENE  
WORKMAN**

*August 4th 2016,  
(age 58)*

*Alpha Natural  
Resources, Inc*



*Donald "Duck" Eugene Workman, 58 of Verner, WV went to be with the Lord on August 4, 2016 following a tragic mining accident. He was at Cabell Huntington Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Donald was born at Man Hospital on August 13, 1957 to the late Foley & Bessie Workman.*

*In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by two sisters: Phyllis Jean Workman and Freda Fields; one brother: Randy Workman. Donald was a 1975 graduate of Gilbert High School and was also a member of the Masonic laeger Lodge # 148 AF & AM. He was a chief electrician at Road Fork, Alpha Mines. He worked in the mines for 38 years and made many lifelong friends. Donald loved tinkering in his garage and riding his motorcycle, but most of all he loved his wife, children & grandchildren. He attended church at the Bruno Church of God.*

*Those left to love and cherish the memory of Donald and to mourn his passing include the love of his life whom he was married to for 24 years Sherry Ann Workman of Verner, 3 daughters: Melissa (Johnny) Simpkins of Smith Mountain Lake, Va., Valerie (Anthony) Perry of Verner, Melissa (John) Morgan of Coal Mountain; one son: Dustin (Mary) Dunigan of Verner; four granddaughters: Serena Maynor, Destiny Workman, Katie Morgan and Chloe Dunigan; five grandsons: Derick Ray, Donald Perry, Austin Morgan, Ethan Morgan and Liam Dunigan; four sisters: Barbara (Robert) Lupia, Judy (Jim) Wilhelm, Peggy (Albert) Metz all of New Jersey, and Elizabeth (Tim) Roberts of WV; three brothers: Larry Workman of WV, Jim (Brenda) Workman of NC, Roger (Linda) Runyon of SC; he has a village full of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and a multitude of friends and co-workers who will surely miss him. He has reached the end of his rainbow and has finally collected his reward.*

