



*Southern Illinois*  
**OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL**

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The Old King Coal Festival Committee is writing to you asking for your help for a fitting memorial stone here in West Frankfort.

On December 21, 1951 a deadly explosion at the Orient #2 mine here in West Frankfort claimed the lives of 119 brave coal miners. The Old King Coal Festival committee is asking for your support.

We plan on honoring these 119 miners with a solid black granite monument. The monument itself is 6 ft. 6 inches tall, 5ft. 6 inches wide, and 9 inches thick. It has a picture of the Orient #2 mine along with the names of the 119 miners who lost their lives all etched in the granite. This fitting tribute will be erected at Coal Miners Memorial Park here in West Frankfort. This needs to be done and we will make sure this gets done in honor these miners on that dreadful "Black Friday".

This beautiful black granite monument comes at a cost of \$40,000. This includes installation at the park for all to view and remember. Would you please help us in supporting this effort with a donation towards their memory? Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Old King Coal Festival Committee

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**Orient #2 Monument Donation**

**Name of Individual or Business** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Old King Coal Festival**

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