

Peter Cullen, Optimus Prime of Voice Acting, Passed Away at the Age of 85

Legendary voice actor Peter Cullen has died at his LA home at the age of 85, after years of contributing his remarkable voice to numerous timeless characters like Optimus Prime.



Los Angeles, California Aug 28, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Peter Cullen is one of the most talented and celebrated voice actors in Hollywood who has given his commanding voice to Optimus Prime for Transformers as well as Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh. Unfortunately, the legend passed away at the age of 85, and the fans are in deep grief. Loved by people of all generations, his death will also leave a void in Hollywood and the entertainment industry, where he contributed to many fascinating characters.

Cullen died at his home in Los Angeles on Wednesday, and the news has been confirmed by his agent Kevin Motley. His family shared a statement that said that Cullen “passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family and held in the hearts of his many friends and countless fans worldwide,” and further asked fans to honor this while sharing gratitude for their support. They want “that you honor his remarkable legacy by serving your communities and leading others with compassion, integrity, and loyalty and always remember ‘be strong enough to be gentle.’ ”

Peter Cullen is one of the most prolific and versatile voice actors who has worked in various fields of

entertainment, including movies, television shows, video games, theme park rides, and many others. His professional career includes more than 200 credits, and the list includes the villainous vehicle KARR from the “Knight Rider” TV series, King Kong from “King Kong (1976),” as well as the clicks and alien sounds of Predator from the first movie of ‘Predator’. He is best known for some of the most memorable cartoon characters from childhood, which includes a big list from the 1980s and ‘90s. It goes without saying that the Transformers franchise would not have grown without Cullen’s voice as Optimus Prime. He often talked about the character and how he developed that voice from his older brother Larry, the true hero in real life. Cullen and Larry’s inspiration shall make every generation strong enough to be gentle.

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