

Paul Newman dies at 83

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The screen legend Paul Newman has died at the age of 83 after losing a long battle against cancer.

Newman died yesterday at his farmhouse near Westport, Connecticut, said his publicist, Jeff Sanderson. He was surrounded by family and close friends.

Newman was nominated for an Oscar 10 times, winning a best actor trophy in 1987 for *The Colour Of Money*. The actor with the piercing blue eyes is best known for his leading roles in *The Hustler*, *Cool Hand Luke* and for playing opposite longtime friend Robert Redford in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. He appeared in about 60 films over a period of 50 years.

In May 2007 he said he was giving up acting. "I'm not able to work anymore ... at the level that I would want to," he told the US broadcaster ABC.

"You start to lose your memory, you start to lose your confidence, you start to lose your invention. So I think that's pretty much a closed book for me."

He initially tried to play down concerns about his health after reports that he was having cancer treatment in New York.

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