



Kevin Peter Hall

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Kevin Peter Hall (May 9, 1955 – April 10, 1991) was an American actor best known for his roles as the [title character](#) in the first two films in the *Predator* franchise and the title character of Harry in the film and television series, *Harry and the Hendersons*. He also appeared in the television series *Misfits of Science* and *227*, along with the film *Without Warning*.

Early life

Hall was born in [Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania](#). His parents were of above-average stature; his father, Charles Hall, was 6 ft 6 in (1.98 m) and his mother, Sylvia Hall, was 6 ft 2 in (1.88 m). At 7 ft 2 in (2.18 m) tall,^[1] he was the tallest of seven brothers, all over 6 ft 5 in (1.96 m).

During his high school years at [Penn Hills High School](#), he was a star [basketball](#) player. He subsequently attended [George Washington University](#) in [Washington, DC](#), where he played for its basketball team and majored in Theatrical Arts.^[2]

After graduation, Hall moved to [Venezuela](#) to play professional basketball.

Career

Due to Hall's height, he was often cast in monster roles. He made his acting debut in the 1979 horror film *Prophecy*. He appeared as the alien in the 1980 horror film *Without Warning* and as Gorvil in the 1982 television movie *Mazes and Monsters*. In 1985, he co-starred in the short-lived series *Misfits of Science*. He guest-starred on the sitcom *Night Court* as a huge but gentle mental patient who humorously towered over bailiff Bull Shannon, played by [Richard Moll](#), who is 6 ft 8 in (2.03 m), and a fellow mental patient, played by [James Cromwell](#), who is 6 ft 7 in (2.01 m). The next year, Hall portrayed yet another monster in the horror film *Monster in the Closet*, followed by the role of Harry in *Harry and the Hendersons*.

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Born	May 9, 1955 <div> Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.</div>
Died	April 10, 1991 (aged 35) <div> Hollywood, California, U.S.</div>
Cause of death	AIDS-related pneumonia
Education	Penn Hills High School
Alma mater	George Washington University
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1978–1991

In 1986, Hall was cast as the main antagonist in *Predator*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. During its developmental stages, the *Predator* was going to be played by Jean-Claude Van Damme, who played the *Predator* for the first few scenes, but was not billed in the end credits. The producers decided to recast the role with Hall so that the *Predator* could more convincingly dominate the film's human characters with its greater size. Hall would go on to reprise the role in the 1990 sequel.

Known for	 The Predator
Height	7 ft 2 in (218 cm)
Spouse	Alaina Reed Hall (m. 1988–1991)

Following his role in *Predator*, Hall appeared in the feature film *Big Top Pee-wee* (1988) and had a guest spot on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*; Hall had been one of the actors considered for the role of Geordi La Forge on the latter, before the role went to LeVar Burton.^[3] From 1989 to 1990, he had a recurring role on the NBC sitcom *227*. In 1990, Hall reprised his role as Harry in the television series *Harry and the Hendersons*, based on the 1987 film of the same name. He died during the series' first season.

Personal life and death

Hall met actress Alaina Reed while taping a guest role on the television show *227*. The couple would marry both on the show and in real life.^[4]

While working on the TV series *Harry and the Hendersons*, Hall announced that he had contracted HIV from a blood transfusion.^[5] He died from AIDS-related pneumonia on April 10, 1991,^[6] a month short of his 36th birthday.^[6]

Honors

Hall was posthumously inducted into the Penn Hills Hall of Fame as part of the inaugural class on May 8, 2009.^[7]

Filmography

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1979	<i><u>Prophecy</u></i>	Mutant bear	Uncredited
1980	<i><u>Without Warning</u></i>	The Alien	Credited as Kevin Hall
1982	<i><u>One Dark Night</u></i>	Eddie	
1982	<i><u>Mazes and Monsters</u></i>	Gorvil	Television Movie
1984	<i><u>The Wild Life</u></i>	Bouncer	Credited as Kevin Hall
1984	<i><u>E/R</u></i>	Donald Haines	Episode: "Mr. Fix-It"
1985	<i><u>Night Court</u></i>	Wendell Martin	Episode: "Nuts About Harry"
1985	<i><u>The Dukes of Hazzard</u></i>	Floyd Malone	Episode: "Opening Night at the Boar's Nest"
1985–1986	<i><u>Misfits of Science</u></i>	Dr. Elvin "El" Lincoln	16 episodes
1986	<i><u>Monster in the Closet</u></i>	Monster	
1987	<i><u>Harry and the Hendersons</u></i>	Harry	
1987	<i><u>Predator</u></i>	The Predator / Helicopter pilot	
1988	<i><u>Big Top Pee-wee</u></i>	Big John	
1989	<i>Rodney Dangerfield: Opening Night at Rodney's Place</i>	Richard Small	Television special
1989	<i>Shannon's Deal</i>	Harry	Television movie
1989	<i><u>Star Trek: The Next Generation</u></i>	Leyor	Episode: " <u>The Price</u> "
1989–1990	<i><u>227</u></i>	Warren Merriwether	11 episodes
1990	<i><u>Predator 2</u></i>	The Predator / Elder Predator	
1990–1991	<i><u>Harry and the Hendersons</u></i>	Harry	4 episodes
1991	<i><u>Highway to Hell</u></i>	Charon	(final film role)

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