



## **Pat Carroll, Emmy-Winning Actress and Voice of Ursula in 'The Little Mermaid,' Dies at 95.**

The Emmy Award winning actress who was best known for her voiceover as the villainous Ursula the Sea Witch in Disney's "The Little Mermaid" died at her home in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, on Saturday after a brief illness of pneumonia. The gregarious Emmy Award winning comedian was a known television personality for decades before transitioning her career into voiceover. She was 95 years old.

Carroll's eye-catching personality, screwball wit, and her impeccable timing made her a great star. Red Buttons, Jimmy Durante, Mickey Rooney, Steve Allen, and Charley Weaver were among those who called her to make their shows funny and amusing to the audience. Her antics on Caesar's Hour earned her an Emmy Award in 1957, where she was also nominated for her mind blowing performance in the classic variety show the following year.

*It was for the animated series The Super 6 in 1966 she first entered a recording studio. Her voiceover career took off in the 1980s, where her voice could be heard on cartoons such as Yogi's Treasure Hunt, Galaxy High School, Foofur, Pound Puppies, and Superman.*

But her most memorable role was undoubtedly of Ursula, the villainous Sea Witch in the 1989 Disney film "The Little Mermaid". It turned out to be one of her favorite characters that she had performed. Carroll's enthusiasm gave the octopus-like character a distinctive personality, and Ursula became one of Disney's most memorable villains. However, she was the only cast after a lengthy search by the studio.

Throughout the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, she appeared on various television shows like "The Danny Thomas Show," "She's the Sheriff," "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," and "Laverne & Shirley." In 1957, she won an Emmy Award for her sizzling performance on the variety show "Caesar's Hour."



Later she embarked on her voiceover journey in the 1960s, lending her voice to some of the acclaimed cartoon series like "Yogi's Treasure Hunt," "Pound Puppies," and "Superman," to name a few before landing the role of the tentacled villain in the Disney classic animated film in 1989. "Doing a Disney film was indeed a lifelong ambition of mine" she stated author Allan Neuwirth during an exclusive interview for the book Making' Toons: Inside the Most Popular Animated TV Shows and Movies. "So, I was theirs, hook, line, and sinker."

