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EVERYONE loves Peter Boyle!

The 70-year-old "Everybody Loves Raymond" star has been in and out of the hospital this summer - and friends are praying he'll recover from a debilitating heart ailment. He suffered a mild heart attack in 1999, and a stroke in 2000 kept him from talking for months. Now the actor is bedridden, and friends are rallying around him.

Peter has been seen by the top cardiologists in New York City, but it seems there's only so much they can do for him," a close source told THE ENQUIRER.

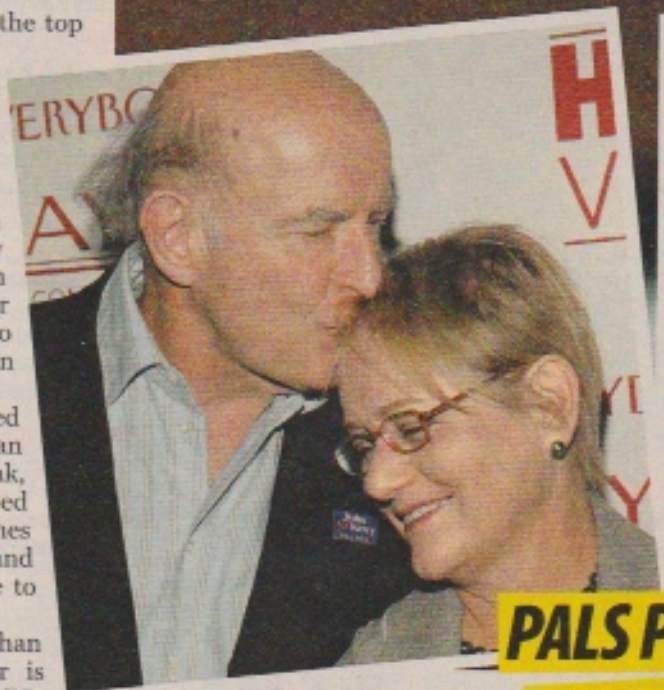
The general consensus is that he's too old and in poor health to qualify for a donor heart - and even if they found a heart for him, they are afraid he is too frail to undergo major open heart surgery."

THE ENQUIRER reached Peter at his Manhattan home, and he sounded weak, out of breath, and dropped the phone several times while claiming he was fine and he had "nothing more to

say." His publicist, Meghan O'Connell, denied the actor is in bed. Telling THE ENQUIRER: "Peter was pulled out of a benefit in New York because he had the flu." He has to be repped by his

source insists that his friends and former cast members, including Ray Romano, James Van Der Beek, Fred Willard and

'RAYMOND' STAR BRAVELY BATTLES HEART DISEASE



PALS PRAYING FOR RECOVERY

Doris Roberts, have been rallying around him, showering him with love and attention, and praying that he'll recover soon.

"But it's becoming very worrisome, because sometimes you call, and are told that he's too weak and tired even to talk on the phone."

Peter lives in New York with his wife of 29 years, Loraine Alterman.

Boyle - who won raves as the monster in 1974's cult classic

"Young Frankenstein" - commuted to L.A. during the sitcom's run from 1996 to 2005. He still has a strong connection with everyone from the show.

"Peter's such a sweet, generous man - truly one of the most loved actors around," said the source. "Everyone is pulling for him."