

I am known as  
The Kicker  
Of  
Elves

THE  
**DRINK**  
**TANK**

I am also  
Known as  
the Angel  
Crusher

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James  
'Scotty'  
Doohan,  
dead at  
85

There's  
a part of me  
which always  
knew this day  
would come,  
and another  
part which  
always de-

nied it. Scotty, the most lovable of the original Star Trek crew, dead. I've always loved Scotty, and I got a few chances to meet him over the years.

The first time I was about ten and my Pops took me to a Creation Con at Ricki's Hyatt. He was there and answering questions and I asked if he would recite the captain's opening from the original Trek series as Scotty. He did and the room went nuts. Then he did it in his imitation of Shatner and I've never heard a Trek crowd go more nuts.

When I was con-crashing, I made my way into one of the Creations in Boston and actually managed to get to the Green Room by posing as a Hotel employee looking into the catering needs. I only stayed for a few minutes, but I did get to talk to James for a bit, including getting his autograph on a

paper plate.

Despite being forever known as Scotty, Doohan was a fine Canadian actor whose TV credits were long even before Star Trek (Space Command, several of the old anthology shows) and a lot of TV after Star Trek. He did get pigeonholed into the SF genre for the most part after Trek, but he did have a few series that he managed to be a part of. He did some voice-over work, which was perfect for Doohan as he was a master of dialects. He played several computer voices over the years.

Often forgotten about Doohan is the fact that he was a WWII vet with the Royal Canadian Artillery Division. He lost part of his middle finger in the D-Day invasion. I know he was fairly well-decorated for his part. He was hit six times with machine gun fire, and the reason he lived to tell the tale was a silver cigarette case that he carried with him that stopped a bullet that would have pierced his chest.

And so, another legendary TV performer is gone. I'll always remember him as the reason I loved so much of Star Trek.

























