

Star Trek creator to become part of space archive

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Remains of Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry, his wife and the actor who played Scotty will get a final resting place in the "Final Frontier" under plans announced Thursday to launch a space archive.

The project is being developed by the Houston company Celestis, which for years has offered a service that takes partial remains into space and then brings them back.

Celestis announced the new project a day before a launch from [Spaceport America](#) takes its 1,000th capsule into space. Ashes from the Roddenberrys have been on previous flights.

But this time they will stay in space. Plans call for the archive to be launched with a large experimental [solar sail](#) planned by NASA next year. The public can pay to have digital files, photos and [DNA samples](#) included. Also on the mission will be hair from science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke.

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