



Don Rickles

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Donald Jay Rickles (May 8, 1926 – April 6, 2017) was an American stand-up comedian, actor, and author. He is widely regarded as being one of the best insult comics of all time. His prominent film roles included *Run Silent, Run Deep* (1958) with Clark Gable and *Kelly's Heroes* (1970) with Clint Eastwood, and beginning in 1976 he enjoyed a two-year run starring in the NBC television sitcom *C.P.O. Sharkey*.

He received widespread exposure as a popular guest on numerous talk and variety shows, including *The Dean Martin Show*, *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* and *Late Show with David Letterman*, and later voiced Mr. Potato Head in the *Toy Story* franchise. He won a Primetime Emmy Award for the 2007 documentary *Mr. Warmth: The Don Rickles Project*.

Early life

Donald Jay Rickles was born to Jewish parents in New York City, on May 8, 1926.^[1] His father, Max Rickles (1897–1953), emigrated in 1903 with his Lithuanian parents from Kaunas^[2] (then in the Russian Empire), and his mother, Etta (*née* Feldman) (1898–1984), was born in New York City to Austrian immigrant parents.^{[3][4][5]} Rickles grew up in Jackson Heights.^[1]

After graduating from Newtown High School, Rickles enlisted in the United States Navy and served during World War II on the motor torpedo boat tender *USS Cyrene* (AGP-13) as a seaman first class. He was honorably discharged in 1946.^[6] Two years later, intending to be a dramatic actor, he studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and then

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Rickles in 1973

Born	May 8, 1926 <div> <u>New York City, New York, U.S.</u></div>
Died	April 6, 2017 (aged 90) <div> <u>Beverly Hills, California, U.S.</u></div>
Resting place	<u>Mount Sinai Memorial Park Cemetery</u>
Medium	<u>Stand-up</u> , <u>film</u> , <u>television</u> , <u>books</u>
Nationality	<u>American</u>
Years active	1943–2017
Genres	<u>Insult comedy</u> , <u>observational comedy</u> , <u>musical comedy</u> , <u>improvisational comedy</u>
Subject(s)	<u>American culture</u> , <u>racism</u> , <u>self-deprecation</u> , <u>everyday life</u> ,

played bit parts on television. Frustrated by a lack of acting work, Rickles began performing comedy in clubs in New York, Miami, and Los Angeles. He became known as an insult comedian when he responded to his hecklers. The audience enjoyed these insults more than his prepared material, so he incorporated them into his act.^[7]

	<u>religion</u> , <u>current events</u>
Spouse	Barbara Sklar (m. 1965)
Children	2, including <u>Larry Rickles</u>
Website	<u>www.donrickles.com</u> (<u>http://www.donrickles.com</u>)

When he began his career in the early 1950s, he started calling ill-mannered members of the audience "hockey pucks".^[8] His style was similar to that of an older insult comic, Jack E. Leonard, though Rickles denied Leonard influenced his style.^[9] During an interview on *Larry King Live*, Rickles credited Milton Berle's comedy style for inspiring him to enter show business.^[10]

Career

1950s–1960s

While working in the "Murray Franklin's" nightclub in Miami Beach, Florida, early in his career, Rickles spotted Frank Sinatra and remarked to him, "I just saw your movie *The Pride and the Passion* and I want to tell you, the cannon's acting was great." He added, "Make yourself at home, Frank. Hit somebody!"^{[1][11]} Sinatra, whose pet name for Rickles was "bullet-head", enjoyed him so much that he encouraged other celebrities to see Rickles' act and be insulted by him. Sinatra's support helped Rickles become a popular headline performer in Las Vegas.^{[11][12]} During a *Dean Martin Celebrity Roast* special, Rickles was among those who took part in roasting Sinatra,^[13] and Rickles, too, was also roasted during another show in the series.^[14]

Rickles earned the nicknames "The Merchant of Venom" and "Mr. Warmth"^{[7][15]} for his poking fun at people of all ethnicities and walks of life. When he was introduced to an audience or on a television talk show, Spanish matador music, "La Virgen de la Macarena", would usually be played, subtly foreshadowing someone was about to be metaphorically gored. Rickles said, "I always pictured myself facing the audience as the matador."^[9]

In 1958, he made his film debut in a serious part in *Run Silent, Run Deep* with Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster.^[15] Throughout the 1960s, he often appeared on television in sitcoms and dramatic series. Rickles guest-starred in *Get Smart* as Sid, an old war buddy of Max who comes to stay with him. In an episode of the 1960s drama series *Run for Your Life*, Rickles portrayed a distressed comedian whose act culminates when he strangles a patron while imploring the patron to "Laugh!" Rickles took a dramatic turn in the low-budget Roger Corman film *X: The Man with the X-Ray Eyes* as a carnival barker out to exploit the title character (portrayed by Ray Milland).^[16]

Rickles appeared in the *Beach Party* film series. He recalled in his 2007 memoir that at a White House dinner, Barbara Bush teased him about his decision to appear in those films.^[17] Rickles' agent, Jack Gilardi, was married to Annette Funicello when Rickles was cast in the *Beach Party* films. He subsequently began appearing more frequently on television talk shows, first appearing on *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* in 1965.^[7]



Rickles and Lorne Greene on *The Don Rickles Show* in 1968

He became a frequent guest and guest host, appearing more than 100 times on *The Tonight Show* during Carson's era. An early Carson-Rickles *Tonight* highlight occurred in 1968 when, while two Japanese women treated Carson to a bath and massage by foot, Rickles walked onto the set.^[18] He also made frequent appearances on *The Dean Martin Show* and became a fixture on *The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast* specials.^[15]

In 1968, Rickles released a live comedy album *Hello, Dummy!*, which reached #54 on the *Billboard* 200 album chart.^[19] The same year he starred in his own variety show on ABC, *The Don Rickles Show*, with comedy writer Pat McCormick as his sidekick. The show lasted one season. During the 1960s, Rickles made guest appearances on *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, *The Munsters*, *The Addams Family*, *The Mothers-in-Law*, *Gilligan's Island*, *Get Smart*, *The Twilight Zone*, *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Gomer Pyle* and *I Dream of Jeannie*.

1970s–1980s

In 1970, Rickles had a notable role as Crapgame in *Kelly's Heroes*, sharing the marquee poster with co-stars Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas, Donald Sutherland and Carroll O'Connor. In 1972, he starred in *The Don Rickles Show* with comedy writer Pat McCormick as his sidekick, which lasted for 13 episodes.^[20] He also starred in a series of television specials. In his memoir, Rickles acknowledged a scripted sitcom was not well-suited to his ad-lib style of performing.^[21]

Starting in 1973, he became a popular comedian appearing on *The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast* specials. In 1976–1978, he starred in *C.P.O. Sharkey*, which lasted two seasons.^[21] The series is primarily remembered for the cigarette box incident when Johnny Carson did an impromptu surprise visit during an episode's taping because he was "incensed" Rickles broke his cigarette box while he chatted with Bob Newhart (who was sitting in for Carson as the guest host of *The Tonight Show*) on the previous night's show. The incident was often replayed in *Tonight Show* retrospectives and was considered a highlight of the 1970s era of the series.^[22]

Rickles occasionally appeared as a panelist on *Hollywood Squares* and was depicted in comic book form by Jack Kirby during his work on the *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* series (part of Jack Kirby's Fourth World).^{[23][24][25]}

1980s–1990s

In the early 1980s, Rickles began performing with Steve Lawrence in concerts in Las Vegas. In 1983, the duo co-hosted *Foul-Ups, Bleeps & Blunders*, an imitation of *TV's Bloopers & Practical Jokes*. In 1985, when Frank Sinatra was asked to perform at Ronald Reagan's Second Inaugural Ball, he insisted that Rickles be allowed to perform and do it unrehearsed.^{[26][27]} Rickles considered this performance the highlight of his career.^[28]



Rickles and Louise Sorel in *The Don Rickles Show*

In 1990, he appeared in the second season of *Tales from the Crypt* in "The Ventriloquist's Dummy." In 1992, he was cast in *Innocent Blood*, directed by John Landis. In his memoir, Rickles wrote that he recalled that Landis was a "Production Assistant" to Brian G. Hutton during the filming of *Kelly's Heroes*. During the filming of *Innocent Blood*, Rickles would kid Landis by ordering him to get coffee or to run other errands befitting his one-time "gofer" status.

In 1993, Rickles starred in another short-lived sitcom *Daddy Dearest*, with Richard Lewis. In 1995, he portrayed Billy Sherbert in *Casino* and voiced Mr. Potato Head in the 1995 Disney movie *Toy Story* and reprised the role in its 1999 sequel *Toy Story 2*.^[29] Rickles starred as George Wilson in 1998's *Dennis the Menace Strikes Again*. In 1998, he portrayed a film theater manager in *Dirty Work* and voiced Cornwall, one of the heads of a two-headed dragon, in *Quest for Camelot*.



Rickles on stage at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City on January 12, 2008

2000s–2017

Rickles made a cameo appearance as himself in a recurring dream sequence in "Sub Conscious," an episode of *The Unit*, which aired in February 2007.^[30]

A memoir titled *Rickles' Book* was released on May 8, 2007 by Simon & Schuster. *Mr. Warmth: The Don Rickles Project*, a documentary about Rickles directed by John Landis, made its debut on HBO on December 2, 2007. Rickles won a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program, besting a number of notable comics, including David Letterman, Jon Stewart, and Stephen Colbert. Rickles remarked, "Stephen Colbert's a funny man, but he's too young. He has got plenty of time to win awards, but this may be my last year and I think that I made it count. On second thought it was probably just a mercy award for an old man."^[31] Rickles reprised his role of Mr. Potato Head for the Toy Story Midway Mania! attraction at Disney California Adventure Park, Disney's Hollywood Studios^[32] and the 2010 film *Toy Story 3*. He was reported to reprise his role for *Toy Story 4* but died

before recording any dialogue. Josh Cooley said they will use unused archive recordings of Rickles for the film to honor him.

In 2009, Rickles appeared on *Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List* and met Griffin's mother Maggie to fulfill one item on Maggie's "bucket list". In 2010, he appeared in a commercial during Super Bowl XLIV as a talking rose and appeared on the 37th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards on CBS TV on June 27, 2010. In 2011, Rickles reunited with his *Casino* co-star Joe Pesci in a Snickers advertisement highlighting the actors known for their "short fuses."^[33] Rickles also portrayed the late husband of Elka (Betty White) on *Hot in Cleveland*— a "surprise" because his character was thought to be dead.^[34]

On May 28, 2014, Rickles was honored by Spike TV's "One Night Only: An All-Star Comedy Tribute to Don Rickles". Recorded live at New York City's Apollo Theater, Jerry Seinfeld was the master of ceremonies for the two-hour special, with live monologues by Johnny Depp, Martin Scorsese, Robert De Niro, Jon Stewart, David Letterman, Tracy Morgan, Brian Williams, Regis Philbin, Amy Poehler, and Tina Fey. Recorded segments included bits from Bob Newhart, Bill Cosby, Jimmy Kimmel, and Eddie Murphy.^[35]

"The camaraderie and the comedy made the show a cross between a traditional roast and a dignified lifetime achievement award, spanning emotions ranging from admiration and gratitude to, well, degradation. And as the evening reached its climax, when Rickles got his say after all that had said about him and his nearly 60-year-long career, fittingly, he had the last laugh." – TV Week^[36]

He was still a frequent guest on late night talk shows, including *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, among other late night shows during the later months of his life. On May 11, 2015, Rickles appeared as a guest on one of the final episodes of *The Late Show with David Letterman*. He also made a cameo appearance in *Grandfathered*.^[37]

In a 2014 interview, Rickles dismissed thoughts of retiring, saying: "I'm in good health. I'm working better than I ever have. The audiences are great. Why should I retire? I'm like a fighter. The bell rings and you come out and fight. My energy comes alive. And I still enjoy it."^[38] Until his death in 2017, despite being impeded by multiple surgeries following a bout with necrotizing fasciitis in 2013, Rickles continued touring across the United States.^[6]

Personal life

On March 14, 1965, Rickles married Barbara Sklar of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He admitted having a very difficult time romantically in his 20s and 30s, finally meeting Sklar through his agent when he was 38 years old and falling for her when she failed to get his sense of humor.^{[39][40]} They had two children, Mindy and Larry Rickles.^[41] According to Rickles' memoir, his grandchildren Ethan and Harrison Mann are much more impressed by his role as Mr. Potato Head than by any of his other achievements.

He befriended mobster "Crazy" Joe Gallo following a performance at the Copacabana in 1972. Gallo, whom Rickles had ribbed mercilessly during his set despite being warned not to do so, accepted Rickles's ribbings in good humor and invited him to Umberto's Clam House after the show. Rickles declined the offer. That night, a gunfight erupted at Umberto's, killing Gallo.^[42]

Rickles performed at the inaugurations of Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush with his friend Frank Sinatra,^[43] although Rickles himself was a "lifelong Democrat".^[44]

He considered comedian Bob Newhart to be his best friend, and their wives were also close friends.^[45] Rickles and Newhart appeared together on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* on January 24, 2005, the Monday following Johnny Carson's death, reminiscing about their many guest appearances on Carson's show. The two also appeared together on the television sitcom *Newhart* and for previous episodes of *The Tonight Show*, where Newhart or Rickles were guest-hosts. They and their wives often vacationed together.^[45]

Death

Rickles died of kidney failure on April 6, 2017, at his home in Beverly Hills, California.^[46] He was interred at Mount Sinai Memorial Park Cemetery.^[47]

Tributes

For Rickles' 88th birthday in 2014, a number of stars helped celebrate it with a televised special titled *One Night Only: An All Star Tribute to Don Rickles*.^[48] Those involved who gave tributes to Rickles included David Letterman, Jon Stewart, Jerry Seinfeld, Robert De Niro, Martin Scorsese, Nathan Lane, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, Tracy Morgan, Johnny Depp, Brian Williams and Regis Philbin. Those who appeared in pre-taped bits include Bob Newhart, Eddie Murphy, Jimmy Kimmel, and Bill Cosby.^[49] Seinfeld described him as a part of the "Mount Rushmore of Stand-up Comedy" with George Carlin, Richard Pryor, and Bill Cosby.^[50]

Upon hearing of Rickles' death, a number of television hosts paid tribute to his comedy talents. Jimmy Kimmel, Jimmy Fallon, Stephen Colbert, Seth Meyers, and David Letterman all paid tributes.^[51]

Barbra Streisand, Tom Hanks, Billy Crystal, Mel Brooks, Whoopi Goldberg, Ron Howard, Conan O'Brien, Chris Rock, Patton Oswalt, Jim Carrey, Ricky Gervais, all paid their respects on twitter.^[52]

Bob Newhart said in a statement, "He was called 'The Merchant of Venom,' but in truth, he was one of the kindest, caring and most sensitive human beings we have ever known. We are devastated, and our world will never be the same. We were totally unprepared for this."^[53]

Martin Scorsese, who directed him in *Casino* in 1995, stated: "Don Rickles was a giant, a legend ... and I can hear his voice now, skewering me for being so lofty. I had the honor of working with him on my picture *Casino*. He was a professional. He kept me doubled over with laughter every day on the set—yet he was a complete pro."^[54]

The Academy Awards honored Don Rickles in the In Memoriam segment.

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1958	<i><u>Run Silent, Run Deep</u></i>	Quartermaster 1st Class Ruby	
1959	<i><u>The Rabbit Trap</u></i>	Mike O'Halloran	
1960	<i><u>The Rat Race</u></i>	Nellie	
1963	<i><u>X: The Man with the X-ray Eyes</u></i>	Crane	
1964	<i><u>Muscle Beach Party</u></i>	Jack Fanny	
	<i><u>Bikini Beach</u></i>	Big Drag	
	<i><u>Pajama Party</u></i>	Big Bang The Martian	
1965	<i><u>Beach Blanket Bingo</u></i>	Big Drop	
1967	<i><u>Enter Laughing</u></i>	Harry Hamburger	
	<i><u>The Money Jungle</u></i>	Harry Darkwater	
1969	<i><u>Where It's At</u></i>	Willie	
1970	<i><u>Kelly's Heroes</u></i>	Staff Sergeant "Crapgame"	
1971	<i><u>The Love Machine</u></i>	Announcer	Uncredited cameo
1990	<i><u>Keaton's Cop</u></i>	Jake	
1992	<i><u>Innocent Blood</u></i>	Emmanuel "Manny" Bergman	
1995	<i><u>Casino</u></i>	Billy Sherbert	
	<i><u>Toy Story</u></i>	<u>Mr. Potato Head</u>	Voice
1997	<i><u>Redux Riding Hood</u></i>	The Boss	Voice Short film
1998	<i><u>Quest for Camelot</u></i>	Cornwall	Voice
	<i><u>Dirty Work</u></i>	Mr. Hamilton	
	<i><u>Dennis the Menace Strikes Again</u></i>	<u>George Wilson</u>	<u>Direct-to-DVD</u>
1999	<i><u>Toy Story 2</u></i>	Mr. Potato Head	Voice
2004	<i><u>The J-K Conspiracy</u></i>	Himself	
2010	<i><u>Toy Story 3</u></i>	Mr. Potato Head	Voice
2011	<i><u>Hawaiian Vacation</u></i>		Voice Short film
	<i><u>Zookeeper</u></i>		Voice
	<i><u>Small Fry</u></i>		Voice
2012	<i><u>Partysaurus Rex</u></i>		Voice Short film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2019	<i><u>Toy Story 4</u></i>		Voice; Posthumous release

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1955	<i><u>Stage 7</u></i>	Announcer	Episode: "A Note of Fear"
1955–1956	<i><u>Cavalcade of America</u></i>	Commentator	2 episodes
1956	<i><u>Chevron Hall of Stars</u></i>	Announcer	
	<i><u>Four Star Playhouse</u></i>		
1957	<i><u>M Squad</u></i>	—	Scenes deleted Episode: "Pete Loves Mary"
1959	<i><u>The Thin Man</u></i>	Eddie	Episode: "The Cat Kicker"
1959–1960	<i><u>The DuPont Show with June Allyson</u></i>	Reporter / Newscaster / Announcer	3 episodes
1961	<i><u>The Twilight Zone</u></i>	Bettor	Episode: " <u>Mr. Dingle, the Strong</u> "
	<i><u>Wagon Train</u></i>	Joe Carder	Episode: "Wagon to Fort Anderson"
	<i><u>Hennesey</u></i>	Chief Petty Officer Ernie Schmidt	Episode: "Professional Sailor"
1962	<i><u>The Dick Powell Show</u></i>	Newscaster	Episode: "Seeds of April"
	<i><u>Cain's Hundred</u></i>	Dave Molloy	Episode: "Blood Money"
1963–1965	<i><u>Burke's Law</u></i>	Swiftly Piedmont / Frank Cross / Lou Kronkeit	3 episodes
1964	<i><u>The Addams Family</u></i>	Claude	Episode: "Halloween With the Addams Family"
	<i><u>The Dick Van Dyke Show</u></i>	Lyle Delp	2 episodes
1965	<i><u>The Beverly Hillbillies</u></i>	Fred	Episode: "Jed's Temptation"
	<i><u>Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.</u></i>	Sergeant Jim Mason	Episode: "My Buddy, the War Hero"
	<i><u>The Munsters</u></i>	"Doc" Happy Havemeyer	Episode: "Dance with Me, Herman"
	<i><u>The Andy Griffith Show</u></i>	Newton Munroe	Episode: "The Luck of Newton Munroe"
1965–1966	<i><u>Bob Hope Presents the Chrysler Theatre</u></i>	Linny	2 episodes
1966–1967	<i><u>Run for Your Life</u></i>	Willy Hatch / Leo Mazinov	2 episodes
	<i><u>F Troop</u></i>	Bald Eagle	Episode: "The Return of Bald Eagle"
1966	<i><u>The Wild Wild West</u></i>	Asmodeus	Episode: "The Night of the Druid's Blood"
	<i><u>The Bob Hope Show</u></i>	—	October 19
	<i><u>Gilligan's Island</u></i>	Norbert Wiley	Episode: "The Kidnapper"
1967	<i><u>The Lucy Show</u></i>	Eddie Rickles	Episode: "Lucy the Fight Manager"

Year	Title	Role	Notes
	<i><u>I Spy</u></i>	Frank Bodie	Episode: "Night Train to Madrid"
	<i><u>I Dream of Jeannie</u></i>	Kiski	Episode: "My Master, the Weakling"
1968–1969	<i><u>The Don Rickles Show</u></i>	Himself (host)	17 episodes
	<i><u>Get Smart</u></i>	Sid Krimm / Guard	Episodes: "The Little Black Book – Parts 1&2" Episode: "To Sire, with Love – Part 2"
1968	<i><u>The Carol Burnett Show</u></i>	Shoe salesman	Season 2, Episode 7 ^[55]
1972	<i><u>The Don Rickles Show</u></i>	Don Robinson	13 episodes
1973	<i><u>A Couple of Dons</u></i>	Himself	Television Special
1974	<i><u>Sanford and Son</u></i>	Fight Announcer (voice)	Episode: "Once a Thief"
1975	<i><u>Buy This Tape, You Hockey Puck</u></i>	Himself	Stand-up special
1976	<i><u>Medical Center</u></i>	—	Episode: "The Happy State of Depression"
1976–1978	<i><u>C.P.O. Sharkey</u></i>	"C.P.O. Otto Sharkey"	37 episodes
1982	<i><u>Archie Bunker's Place</u></i>	Al Snyder	Episode: "Death of a Lodger"
1983	<i><u>Gimme a Break!</u></i>	Max	Episode: "Nell and the Kid"
1985	<i><u>George Burns Comedy Week</u></i>	Mayor	Episode: "Disaster at Buzz Creek"
1989	<i><u>Newhart</u></i>	Don Prince	Episode: "The Nice Man Cometh"
1990	<i><u>Tales from the Crypt</u></i>	Mr. Ingles	Episode: "The Ventriloquist's Dummy"
1991	<i><u>Hunter</u></i>	Harold Schwan	Episode: "Ex Marks the Spot"
1993	<i><u>Daddy Dearest</u></i>	Al Mitchell	13 episodes
1997	<i><u>The Larry Sanders Show</u></i>	Himself	Episode: "Artie and Angie and Hank and Hercules"
	<i><u>The Single Guy</u></i>	Dr. Dick Sloan	Episode: "Big Baby"
1998	<i><u>Murphy Brown</u></i>	Leonard, Secretary #90	Episode: "Dial and Substance"
2002	<i><u>The Bernie Mac Show</u></i>	Himself	Episode: "The Sweet Life"
2004	<i><u>The Wool Cap</u></i>	Ira	Television film
2005	<i><u>The Catch</u></i>	Roy Kozikowski	Pilot
2007	<i><u>The Unit</u></i>	Himself / Priest	Episode: "Sub-Conscious"
2011	<i><u>Hot in Cleveland</u></i>	Bobby	2 episodes
2013	<i><u>Toy Story of Terror!</u></i>	Mr. Potato Head	Voice Television film
2014	<i><u>Toy Story That Time Forgot</u></i>		
2017	<i><u>Dinner with Don</u></i>	Host	Web series

Video games

Year	Title	Role
1996	<i>Animated Storybook: Toy Story</i>	Mr. Potato Head
1999	<i>Toy Story 2: Buzz Lightyear to the Rescue</i>	
2001	<i>Toy Story Racer</i>	
2003	<i>Toy Story: Buzz Lightyear's Blast Up Together</i>	

Other

Live shows

- *Toy Story: The Musical* – Mr. Potato Head (voice)

Theme park attractions

- *Toy Story Midway Mania!* – Mr. Potato Head

Discography

- *Hello, Dummy!* (1968)
- *Don Rickles Speaks!* (1969)

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Awards and nominations

Year	Award	Work	Result	Ref
2000	<u>Hollywood Walk of Fame</u>		Won	[56]
2008	<u>Primetime Emmy Award for Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program</u>	<i>Mr. Warmth: The Don Rickles Project</i>	Won	[57]
2009	<u>Legend Award</u>		Won	[58]
2012	<u>The Johnny Carson Award</u>	For a lifetime of comedic excellence	Won	[59]
2013	<u>Friars Club</u> Lifetime Achievement Award		Won	[60]

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