

Darrell Wayne McCracken '77



Darrell Wayne McCracken came to SHSU after graduating from Klein High School in 1973. He was in ROTC his first two years at SHSU and then went into the USMC PLC program. He graduated and was commissioned in USMC in 1977.

In 1978, he went to the Basic Officer Training and the Strategic Armed Forces Intelligence School. From 1979 to 1981 he was S2 and Scout Sniper Platoon Commander for 1BN 2ND Marines and 2ND BN 2ND Marines. From 1981 to 1983 he was S2 4TH Recon BN, USMC Reserve and was promoted to CPT.

He was worked for TDCJ since 1983, and resided in Huntsville, TX at the time of his death.

Below is a newspaper clipping from the Huntsville Item of Darrell receiving recognition from the City Council along with another former SHSU ROTC Cadet Marcus Luttrell (before he was famous).



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From left, Derrick Birdsall, Tamsy George, Marcus Luttrell and Darrell McCracken receive a standing ovation during Tuesday's city council meeting. They were recognized for trying to save the life of a Houston police officer who had collapsed during an October road race in Huntsville.

Council honors four for their rescue efforts

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Four Huntsville residents who tried to save the life of New Waverly resident and Houston police officer Gary Price were honored for their heroic acts at Tuesday's meeting of the City Council.

Ken Johnson, president of Seven Hills Running Club, presented plaques and thanks on behalf of Huntsville Memorial Hospital, the running club, Mrs. Price and police officers from the Houston Police Officer's Running Club to Derrick

Birdsall, Darrell McCracken, Marcus Luttrell and Tamsy George of Huntsville.

Price, 45, who was a 20-year member of the Houston Police Department and an experienced runner, suffered a massive heart attack in front of a shopping center on Ave. 1 in Huntsville during the last leg of the 20th Annual Huntsville Half and Quarter Marathon on Oct. 4.

McCracken, who served as a race official during the event went to Price's aid after he collapsed. McCracken and the 3 other honorees administered CPR to Price until medical emer-

gency teams arrived, but Price was pronounced dead on arrival at HMH.

Mrs. Price attended the council meeting and thanked each of the honorees personally for their efforts to save her husband, as did an officer from the Houston Police Department.

Johnson, who introduced the honorees, commended their efforts and expressed gratitude for the family of friends of Price. "There heroic people gave unselfishly in their efforts to resuscitate Mr. Price prior to EMS arrival," said Johnson.

If you have further information or would like to share a memory, please send to shsumsac@gmail.com