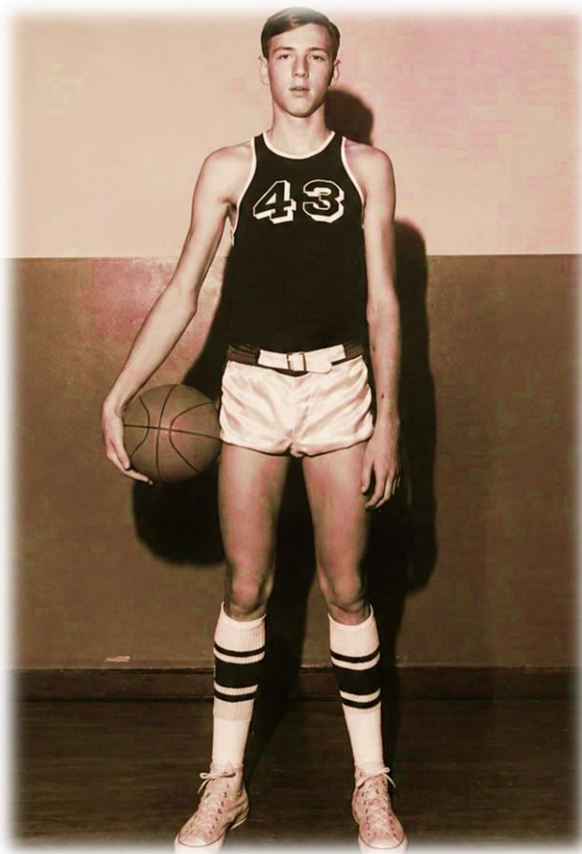


# Darrell



# Hearne



A lifelong Bulldog, Darrell attended Millsap schools for all 12 years, beginning in 1958. His athletic journey started early, competing in junior high football and basketball.

In high school, Darrell earned four varsity letters in both basketball and baseball. As the starting pitcher, he helped lead the Bulldogs to back-to-back district baseball championships during his junior and senior seasons.

While he excelled in multiple sports, basketball was his true passion. His size, standing 6'6", skill and competitive spirit earned him recognition as one of the greatest players to ever wear maroon and white.

Over time, he developed into a premier offensive player increasing his scoring average from 13 as a sophomore to an elevation of 22 points and 17 rebounds per game in his final season. His outstanding play helped the Bulldogs capture district championships during his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons, losing only one district game over that three year span.

In his final season, he helped lead his team to a 30-3 record, which is still the best winning record for any MHS boys team over fifty years later. His outstanding play on the court earned him all-district, all-tournament an impressive 7 times and was selected to play in the prestigious All-Star game. His dominance also attracted the attention of college recruiters from across Texas as well as other states.

Following graduation, Darrell continued his basketball career at Abilene Christian University where he earned a full athletic scholarship. Darrell quickly made an impact as he led the freshman team in scoring before becoming a part-time starter as both a sophomore and junior. As a senior, he served as either a regular starter or the team's sixth man and was selected as a team captain. He also ranked among the Lone Star Conference leaders in field goal percentage, shooting an outstanding 53 percent from the floor.

In 1975, he graduated with a degree in education and for the next 32 years, Darrell devoted his life to teaching and coaching. He spent 22 years as a varsity girls' and boys' basketball coach, compiling an outstanding 343 career victories. He also served eight years as a junior high and varsity assistant coach.

Today, Darrell and his wife, Maricia, make their home in Granbury. Together they have a wonderful blended family of five children, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. In retirement, he enjoys camping with family in their fifth wheel, playing golf and spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.