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**GEORGE McMILLAN,**

74, a free-lance writer who covered civil rights in the South and also wrote books about James Earl Ray, who assassinated the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and about the 1st Marine Division in World War II, died Sept. 1 at his home at St. Helena Island, S.C. He had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Mr. McMillan, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., lived in the Washington area in the 1930s and 1940s. He worked for the Office of War Information during the war and then enlisted in the Marine Corps. He was a combat correspondent in the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific, and this experience led to "The Old Breed," a history of the division that he published in 1949.

In the late 1940s, Mr. McMillan moved to Aiken, S.C. He covered civil rights as a free-lancer and contributed to The Washington Post, The New York Times, the Saturday Evening Post, Look and other publications. He was a writer in residence at Atlanta University in the late 1960s and he lived in Cambridge, Mass., in the 1970s. He had resided at St. Helena Island since 1979.

His marriages to the former Virginia Cocalis and Priscilla Johnson ended in divorce.

Survivors include his wife, Cecily Deegan McMillan, and their son, Thomas Hitch McMillan, both of St. Helena Island; one son by his first marriage, Christopher McMillan of New York City, and one granddaughter.