



**Homer “Hal” Scott Cutlip**  
**Major, USMC**  
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**1968-69**

The following is from his obituary

Born: February 28, 1935  
Died: September 25, 2015

SLIDELL, La. -- Major Homer Scott Cutlip, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, age 80, of Slidell, Louisiana, formerly of Clarksburg, WV, passed away Sept. 25, 2015, in Slidell, Louisiana.

He was born Feb. 28, 1935, to the late Nester Senate and Retta Gay Cutlip.


He is survived by his wife, Pamela Brooks Cutlip; one son, Ronald Cutlip; three daughters, Rhonda Pilcher, Robin Cribb and Reelynda Robinson; two stepdaughters, Sherri and Debbie; 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Betty Cutlip Curtis, Bridgeport, WV, and Virginia Cutlip Schmidt, Clarksburg, WV; several nieces and nephews; and his first wife, Betty June Cutlip Coakley, Mississippi.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Ranease Cutlip; three brothers, Nester Senate Cutlip Jr., Thomas Cutlip and Robert Cutlip; and one sister, Martha Ann Cutlip.

Moving to Clarksburg at an early age, he attended Towers Grade School, East View Grade School and Broadway Junior High, where he played basketball and football, and Roosevelt-Wilson High School.

He was employed by Home Dairy, Clarksburg, WV, before enlisting in the U.S. Marines on May 5, 1953. He became a commissioned officer and achieved the rank of Major before retiring Oct. 1, 1978, with more than 25 years. He served





his country with honor in the Vietnam Conflict. He was a decorated Vietnam War veteran having been awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Soldiers Medal, the highest non-combat award for heroism for risking his life to save others. He was one of the very few Marines ever awarded this U.S. Army medal for heroism.

Following his retirement from the Marine Corps, he was employed at the Pendleton Methodist Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, serving as director and vice president. He retired from the hospital in 2002 after 22 years.

He was an avid sports fan, especially the Georgia Bulldogs. He had a great love for his dogs, and enjoyed coming back to visit West Virginia.

Interment was held Sept. 29, 2015, in the Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, Mississippi, with full military honors.

Honaker Funeral Home, Slidell, Louisiana, is in charge of arrangements.

