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Marcia Clark, 82, Raised Her Children and Started a Business in Darien

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Marcia Stanley Clark passed away on Sept. 27. She was 82.

She was born on June 4, 1935, in Charlotte, N.C., to Verner and Jennie Stanley.

After graduating from Salem College in Winston-Salem, N.C., she moved to New York City with friends. There she worked for such magazines as Progressive Grocer and Seventeen (where her job included answering letters from the lovelorn).

In 1960, she married Junius R. "Sandy" Clark, and they raised their family in Darien.

— *This obituary, from the National Cremation and Burial Society in Sarasota, Fl., was [previously published](#) in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune.*

When her children were still young, Marcia was founder and president of Phantom Cooks of Darien, a catering business that provided wonderful meals that clients could present as their own creations. Phantom Cooks was later the inspiration for [a number of mystery novels](#).

In addition, she worked in the direct mail industry and found the time to develop the skills that led to her achieving the rank of Life Master in duplicate bridge.

After she and Sandy relocated to Sarasota, Fl., Marcia continued to take pleasure in bridge and books as well as working on freelance editorial projects. She looked forward to visits with her family, especially her twin grandsons.

In addition to her husband, Marcia is survived by her children, Jennifer Clark of Charlotte; Junius Clark IV of Norwalk; Meg Clark of Shelton; Cyrus Clark of Darien; grandsons Miles and Jeremy Clark and their mother Lindsey Johnson Clark of Darien; and her brothers Verner Stanley (Anna) and David Stanley (Kathy) of Charlotte.

There will be a private memorial in Sarasota in October and an open celebration of life at a later date in Darien.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Marcia Clark's memory to the [Dravet Syndrome Foundation](#). Both of Marcia's grandsons are afflicted with this rare and dangerous form of epilepsy.