

## Marie Maynard Daly Clark



Marie Maynard Daly, also known as Marie Maynard Daly Clark, was born on April 16th, 1921 in Corona Queens to Ivan C. Daly and Helen Page. Her father, Ivan Page immigrated to the United States from the West Indies and had been accepted into Cornell University but unfortunately was not able to attend due to financial reasons. In her early life, Marie Maynard Daly inherited a love for books, though she was particularly intrigued by books containing science or scientists. She attributed the start of her love for science to her time reading scientific novels in her grandparent's libraries in her childhood.

After graduating from Hunters College High school, an all-women's school at the time, Daly went on to receive her bachelor's degree from Queen's College, then her master's degree from NYU, and eventually became the first Black woman to receive a PhD in Chemistry from Columbia University.

With her numerous credentials, Daly went on to make large bounds within the field of nutrition, and even went on to teach at Howard College and Columbia University. Additionally, Daly went on to honor her father by creating a scholarship for minority students to study science at Queen's College.

Marie Maynard Daly is widely known today for her large role in our modern understanding of protein synthesis and nutrition, her role as an educator, and her work with extremely reputed organizations such as the American Cancer association and the American Heart association. Daly, refused to let the social standards of her time hinder her mind and the minds of other minority students, for that she truly represents black excellence.