

Marcia Chambers, 78, Who Exposed Discrimination in Golf, Dies

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Marcia Chambers, a longtime legal affairs reporter who in the 1990s turned to writing groundbreaking articles and a book that examined discrimination against women and black people at private golf clubs, died on Friday at a hospital in New Haven. She was 78.

Barbara Marks, a close friend, said the cause was complications of uterine leiomyosarcoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

Ms. Chambers's tenacity while covering criminal justice for The New York Times and The Associated Press proved helpful when she began writing about golf, mostly for Golf Digest.

In what she described as her most difficult work, she examined the exclusionary practices at private golf and country clubs that prevented African-Americans from joining and denied women the voting rights, weekend tee times and equity interests that men — including their husbands — had. Her work was an early element of the long campaign to admit women at the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, home of the Masters, in 2012.

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