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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - Forever In Our Hearts

Buckingham Palace announced HRH Queen Elizabeth II passed away on

Thursday 8th September at 96 years of age, in her Scottish estate Balmoral. The Queen lived a colourful long life – not only has she broken records to become the UK's longest serving monarch, but in June 2022 she celebrated her Platinum Jubilee commemorating her 70 years on the throne.



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Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, her eldest son ascended the throne to become King Charles III. An official coronation date yet to be announced. The King will be crowned alongside his Queen Consort, Camilla. The coronation will include the oath required by statute and many of the ceremonies which were seen in the late Queen's service. King Charles will be crowned with the St Edward's Crown, which is made of solid gold and features over 400 gemstones, same one as his late mothers.

As we remember the Queen's long life and tremendous reign, even in her later years,

the Queen displayed a 'Keep Calm and Carry On' motto. Showing even at 96 years of age she refused to sit back and kept working – even if it was from her Windsor Palace home via Zoom.



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On 21st April 1926 Queen Elizabeth was born into royalty as the daughter of the second son of King George V and was named Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary. She spent her early childhood with her sister Princess Margaret living in a five-floor townhouse in Piccadilly. Unlike other children their age, Elizabeth and her younger sister Margaret did not attend school, instead they were taught lessons at home by a governess Marion Crawford and supervised by their mother.



On Queen Elizabeth's 16th birthday, when most girls her age might have received their first lipstick, she was given the honorary title of Colonel of the Grenadier



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When Queen Elizabeth's uncle, King Edward VIII, abdicated the throne in 1936, her father George VI became monarch. He was thrust into a role he had never anticipated and upon death at 56, Queen Elizabeth his daughter became Queen. In 1953 at Westminster Abbey, took place the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty wore the St. Edward Crown and carrying the Sovereign's Sceptre and Rod.



The Queens coronation was groundbreaking as it was the first ever to be

shown on television and was watched by 27 million people in the UK alone and millions of more audiences around the world. The Queen's crown weighs 2.3lbs and the Queen once mentioned "You can't look down to read the speech, you have to take the speech up."



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The Queen and Prince Philip shared four children together. She became a mother following the birth of her first born Prince Charles in November 14, 1948. Then Princess Anne followed in 1950, born 15 August. 10 years later, Prince Andrew was born on 19 February 1960. Their youngest child and third son Prince Edward arrived 10 March 1964 at Buckingham Palace.

The Queen has eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Queen Elizabeth II married Prince Philip on 20th November 1947 the ceremony took

place at Westminster Abbey in London. Philip Mountbatten was her distant cousin and they first met as children in 1934 when Elizabeth was just eight years old.



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Queen Elizabeth was invited to the wedding of Philip's cousin Princess Marina of Greece and Denmark as she was marrying Elizabeth's uncle Prince George, Duke of Kent. The Queen of England spent 73 years married to Prince Philip before his April 2021 death, making their marriage the longest one in the history of British royalty.

Their engagement was announced officially on 9 July 1947, then four months later their

wedding was broadcast around the world via radio. The Queen was aged 21 when they married. Queen became the 10th member of the Royal Family to get wed there. Her parents also got married at Westminster Abbey.



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Queen Elizabeth II was an Icon, hero, and grandmother. The Queen was one of the most important figures of the last century, and she inspired people globally.

As the longest-serving monarch in British history, Queen Elizabeth tried to make her reign more modern and sensitive to a changing public while maintaining traditions associated with the crown.

We take a look back at her best moments to celebrate her life and reign.

interesting historical figures in her time. Below is a photograph of The Queen hosting President John F. Kennedy and his wife Jackie Kennedy at Buckingham Palace in 1961.



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Over the course of The Queen's 70 year reign, Queen Elizabeth saw more than a few regime changes in American politics. She spent time with 13 out of the last 14 sitting U.S. presidents.

Her Majesty has reigned over 15 prime ministers, the most recent being Liz Truss, who she appointed on Tuesday, September 6 in Balmoral.

a period of national mourning. The Queen's funeral took place in Westminster Abbey, the church she same in which married Prince Philip.



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The late Queen Elizabeth II was lying in state at Westminster Hall, where thousands of people were queuing through the night to be able to pay their respects to the late monarch, including people from abroad.



EMILIO MORENATTI

Queen Elizabeth II's funeral marks the tenth state funeral in British history. The last state funeral in Britain was held for Winston Churchill in 1965. A state funeral of this scale had not been seen in Britain since 1952 -for King George VI, Queen Elizabeth II's father.



On Monday 19th September 2022, ahead of the funeral, the coffin was taken from the

Palace of Westminster to Westminster Coffin Abbey. The travelled from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch, and from there on to Windsor. 2,000 people gathered to pay their respects to Britain's longest-reigning monarch. King Charles III and members of the royal family and a number of world leaders and dignitaries gathered to pay their final respects to the late monarch. Around 500 world leaders, including US President Joe Biden, Emperor Naruhito of Japan, Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.



Followed by a blessing, the congregation sang the National Anthem once more before leaving the chapel. The Queen's crown, sceptre and orb are taken from the coffin. The Instruments of State, the Imperial State Crown, the Orb and Sceptre that were on the Queen's coffin, were received by the Dean of Windsor, from the Queen's Bargemaster and a Serjeant of Arms, who placed them on the High Altar.

A private burial for the Queen was conducted by the Dean of Windsor in the King George VI Memorial Chapel.

Around 200 pipers and drummers accompanied the coffin as it was carried on

the gun carriage to Westminster Abbey by King Charles, his siblings, his sons Prince William and Harry, and other members of the Windsor family.

The monarch's funeral, which has never been on TV was watched by tens of millions both in Britain and overseas. More than 50 UK channels broadcasted the service, as the nation paused to pay a final farewell to Queen Elizabeth II. For those not invited, big screens were put up in cities across the UK, while some cinemas, pubs and other venues showing the event.



The archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, called the queen "joyful, present to so many, touching a multitude of lives," as evidenced by "the outpouring of love we have seen" this past week.

As King Charles III wishes, the public mourning period continued for Seven more days after the late Queens funeral.



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