



**Queen
Elizabeth II**





In Honour and Recognition of

Queen Elizabeth II

This book is respectfully dedicated to the remarkable life and service of Queen Elizabeth II.

We currently have a book on our website called “Regally Yours”, which is about the life story of Queen Elizabeth II. We have updated it and are now offering this updated version as a free download. Please print and share with anyone who would like to participate in discussions about an inspirational woman who reigned as a remarkable, loving Queen for 70 years.

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Many years ago, two golden-haired princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, lived with their parents in London, England. They were special little girls who received their education at home. Why? Because their beloved grandfather was, at the time, King George V, the King of England.

When Elizabeth's and Margaret Rose's grandfather, King George V died, their uncle was expected to become King Edward VIII. However, he did not want to be the king. Since their father was next in line to the throne, their father, King George VI, became the King of England. This meant that at ten years of age, Elizabeth was destined to be the future Queen of the United Kingdom.

Elizabeth and Margaret Rose had school lessons with a governess. Elizabeth also had a special teacher for British history. Her father taught her about the responsibilities she would have as Queen. Elizabeth was very mature at a young age and was eager to learn.

The princesses saw their parents take part in many official ceremonies. They observed how their mother was at ease with the public. She was an excellent role model for Elizabeth.

Fairy tales that start with the words “Once upon a time” usually end when the prince appears and marries the princess. This story of the future Queen Elizabeth becomes more interesting when the prince arrives on the scene.

When Princess Elizabeth was 13 years old, she met Prince Philip Mountbatten, an officer of the Royal Navy. Philip was from Danish and Greek royal ancestry. At 13 years of age, however, she was too young to date. She would have to wait.

Shortly after Princess Elizabeth met Philip, World War II started, and it lasted six years.

Princess Elizabeth joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service when she was 18. She learned to repair cars and trucks, but she never forgot the tall, blonde, handsome prince who was on active duty. When the war ended, she and Prince Philip met again. She was now old enough to date.

Romance blossomed and Elizabeth married Philip on November 20, 1947. Crowds cheered the bride as she rode to Westminster Abbey in a royal coach. With the war behind them, the beautiful bride, in her lovely silk wedding gown, symbolized a new life for England.

The royal couple had four children. Prince Charles was born in 1948. Since he was their first child, he was the first in line to be the next King: King Charles III. Princess Anne was born in 1950, Prince Andrew in 1960 and Prince Edward in 1964.

During her early years of married life, Elizabeth continued to learn the art of governance from her father King George VI while Prince Philip commanded a ship in the Mediterranean Sea.

In 1951, Elizabeth and Philip had plans to fly to Canada and the United States for their first royal tour. Large crowds met them at every stop. King George VI was ill at the time, but they decided not to cancel their plans.

Sadly, a year later, during their 1952 trip to Australia and New Zealand, they received the news that King George VI had died. Elizabeth, who was only 25 years of age, returned to England as Queen of the Commonwealth.

She accepted her duties with deep and sincere dedication. She said, “I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service...”

The new young Queen agreed that her coronation should be televised. Those with a television could watch this historic ceremony and see her beautiful dress, her crown and the stunning royal robes.

Following the ceremony, Elizabeth settled down to one of the most unusual jobs in the world. She was now a Queen.

As Queen, she had a very busy schedule. Each day the Queen read state papers from parliament. She normally met with the Prime Minister once a week to discuss the business of government. At the opening of each new parliament the Queen, accompanied by Prince Philip, read the speech from the throne.

Every Christmas Queen Elizabeth would broadcast a special message to the people of Great Britain, the Commonwealth, and to the world. Many people looked forward to hearing this special greeting from the Queen.

The Royal couple made state visits to many countries. They came to Canada 22 times.

Queen Elizabeth has taken part in many Canadian ceremonies, including the 1959 opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. In 1982 the Queen came to Ottawa to sign the Canadian Constitution.

Queen Elizabeth was a working mother, and over time also enjoyed being a grandmother and great grandmother. There are many stories about the beautiful relationship she has had with each of them.

Did you know that Queen Elizabeth II knew how to drive? AND did you know she is the only person in the United Kingdom permitted to drive without a license?

Who would have thought that Queen Elizabeth would reign for 70 years – the longest reign in history? She met with royalty, Presidents, Prime Ministers and with ordinary folk. She always had a smile and a kind word. She was both respected and adored by many.

Queen Elizabeth had a delightful sense of humour. She even allowed herself to be filmed having a pretend tea party with Paddington Bear, a story book character. Imagine how her grandchildren felt when they saw that!

Queen Elizabeth loved animals, particularly her Corgis. She had more than 30 Corgis over her lifetime. There are many pictures of the Queen with her small, cute Corgi dogs at her side. She also loved her horses and was an accomplished rider.

The Queen's favourite palace was the Balmoral castle in Scotland, where she spent summer holidays with her family. Perhaps that was a favourite place because her mother was Scottish.

At Balmoral Castle, Queen Elizabeth and her family lived life like the rest of us, cooking meals and cleaning up after themselves, often without servants. In fact, Prince Philip could be 'king' - of the barbecue in their own castle.

Queen Elizabeth lost her handsome prince when he died in 2021, after 75 years of marriage.

Queen Elizabeth continued to reign with a commitment to her people. She devoted her life to the service of her country, as she had promised to do, many years ago. She had said she would serve faithfully whether her life would be long or short, and fortunately for all of us, she lived for 96 years and reigned for 70 years.

Queen Elizabeth died in her beloved Balmoral castle on September 8, 2022. The world was deeply saddened by her death.

People everywhere fondly remember the Queen's remarkable life. She was clearly adored and respected by her family, the people of Great Britain, the commonwealth and the entire world.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II, let's reflect on the moments we remember and embrace the memories that will live on in our hearts forever.

When people think of Queen Elizabeth they often think of her royal wave. Can you wave like the Queen?

Have you ever listened to the Queen's Christmas message?

What is your favourite story about the Royal Family?

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