

Queen Elizabeth II



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■ **1992:** “Annus horribilis” – marriages of three of Queen’s four children end, and fire guts Windsor Castle. Public outcry over cost of repairs amid recession prompts Queen to agree to pay tax on private income

■ **1997:** **Diana, Princess of Wales** dies in car crash in Paris. Following public criticism, Queen pays tribute to Diana on eve of her funeral



■ **2002:** **Queen Mother** and Princess Margaret die at start of Elizabeth’s **Golden Jubilee** year



■ **2011:** Makes historic visit to Ireland – first visit by British monarch since Irish independence

■ **2015:** Becomes Britain’s longest-serving monarch

■ **2021:** Amid Covid regulations, Queen is pictured mourning alone at funeral of **Prince Philip**, who dies at age 99 after 73 years of marriage



■ **Sep 8, 2022:** **Queen Elizabeth** dies peacefully at her **Scottish residence, Balmoral Castle, at the age of 96, surrounded by her family. Her eldest son becomes King Charles III**

■ **Apr 21, 1926:** **Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary** born in London to Duke and Duchess of York – **Prince Albert** and **Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon**

Princess Elizabeth aged 3-4 ▶

■ Elizabeth and younger sister **Princess Margaret** educated at home by governess **Marion Crawford (Crawfie)**

■ **1936:** **King George V** dies. Eldest son becomes **Edward VIII** but abdicates to marry U.S. divorcee **Wallis Simpson**. Elizabeth’s father accedes as **King George VI**



Princess Elizabeth (centre) at her father’s coronation in 1937

■ **1940:** Elizabeth makes first public radio broadcast, aged 14, to children separated from parents in World War II

■ **1945:** Elizabeth enlists in **Auxiliary Territorial Service**, training as motor mechanic

■ **1947:** On her 21st birthday, Elizabeth pledges to dedicate her whole life, “whether it be long or short”, to service of Commonwealth

■ **Nov 20:** Princess Elizabeth marries **Lt. Philip Mountbatten**



■ **1948:** **Prince Charles**, first child and heir to throne, is born

■ **1950:** **Princess Anne**, Elizabeth and Philip’s only daughter, is born



■ **1951:** Elizabeth represents her father on various state occasions as king’s health enters serious decline

■ **Feb 6, 1952:** George VI dies of cancer. Elizabeth, visiting Kenya during Commonwealth tour, is told by Philip that she is now Queen

■ **Jun 2, 1953:** **Queen Elizabeth II** is crowned at Westminster Abbey. Coronation is first to be broadcast on television



■ **1960:** **Prince Andrew** is born

■ **1964:** **Prince Edward** is born

■ **1965:** Trip to West Germany is first visit on German soil by British monarch since before World War I

■ **1977:** **Silver Jubilee** celebrates 25 years of Queen’s reign