



QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022

A pillar of duty and devotion

Britain had braced, but end still came as a shock

BY WILLIAM BOOTH AND KARLA ADAM

LONDON — On the morning of her father's death, on the day she would become queen, 25-year-old Elizabeth was perched in a treehouse in Kenya watching a herd of elephants at a watering hole. Because of the distance and difficulty of communication, it took hours for her to get the news.

On Thursday, in just one marker of how much the world changed during her 70-year reign, the news of her own sudden illness and death spread in milliseconds, via the royal family's Twitter account. Flight tracking data revealed the paths of her children rushing to her bedside at Balmoral Castle. By the time the royal household staff posted the black-bordered death notice on the gates of Buckingham Palace, everybody knew. The BBC news anchors were already dressed in black.

It was still a shock, in its stunning, mortal rapidity.

As the only monarch the vast majority of Britons have ever known, she has been a constant in people's lives — her profile on the currency, on the stamps. She was there in times of celebration and sorrow and fear. As she aged, she became more and more a grandmotherly figure of warm and fuzzy affection, even for those who don't especially like the institution.

Her son Charles, Britain's longest-serving monarch-in-waiting, is now finally King Charles III. His wife, Camilla, will be known as "queen consort."

The ruddy-cheeked 73-year-old Charles, who has spent his life advocating organic farming and railing against modern architecture while wearing immaculately tailored pinstripes, will now become the 21st century's most

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Timeline of transition

The monarch's death, on what becomes known as D-Day, sets in motion a scripted series of events.

D-Day+1: A council meets to begin the transition to King Charles III.

D-Day+2: The queen's body will be taken to Buckingham Palace, where she will lie in state.

D-Day+10: A state funeral is likely to be held at Westminster Abbey.



Queen Elizabeth II in 1960 in Buckingham Palace. The monarch, who ascended to the throne in 1952 and had the longest reign of any ruler in Britain's thousand-year royal line, served as a constant and reassuring figure in Britain and on the world stage.

70-year reign was symbol of stability in a shifting world

BY ADRIAN HIGGINS

Queen Elizabeth II, the seemingly eternal monarch who became a bright but inscrutable beacon of continuity in the United Kingdom during more than seven decades of rule, died Sept. 8 at Balmoral Castle, her estate in the Scottish Highlands. She was 96.

Her death, of undisclosed causes, was announced by Buckingham Palace.

In her reign, which began in February 1952 after the death of her father, King George VI, Elizabeth served as a constant and reassuring figure in Britain and on the world stage as she helped lead her country through a period of profound shifts in geopolitical power and national identity.

The designs of postage stamps and bank notes changed through the decades, but they all depicted the same, if aging, monarch. The British national anthem now shifts to "God Save the King," but most Britons have known only the other version, for the queen.

Her son and heir, Charles, summed up the power of her constancy in a rare television documentary aired in 2012 to mark her 60th year as queen. "Perhaps subconsciously," he said, "people feel encouraged, reassured by something that is always there."

Her last major constitutional action came on Tuesday, when she accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Boris Johnson and asked his successor, Liz Truss, to form a new government.

In a monarchy dating back to at least the 10th century with King Athelstan, Elizabeth's reign was the longest. In 2015, she broke a record once thought unassailable, surpassing the 63-year rule of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria. While Victoria retreated from her regal duties after the early death of her husband, Prince Albert, Elizabeth — with her outwardly stern demeanor, iron constitution and abiding handbag — remained fully engaged in her queenly duties for most of her life, and true to a pledge she made on her 21st birthday.

Then a fresh-faced princess on tour with her parents in South Africa, she broadcast to British Empire listeners around the globe: "I declare before you all

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Jan. 6 probe widens to include Trump PAC

Justice Dept. seeks files on fundraising in wake of his false 2020 claims

BY JOSH DAWSEY AND ISAAC ARNSDORF

The Justice Department is seeking details about the formation and operation of Donald Trump's post-presidential political opera-

tion, according to three people familiar with the probe, sending a raft of subpoenas in a significant expansion of the criminal investigation of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

A federal grand jury sent subpoenas on Wednesday to a wide range of former campaign and White House staffers asking for information about the Save America PAC, according to the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing

probe. They described the subpoenas as broad, seeking all documents and communications about opening the PAC and every dollar raised and spent.

At least one of the subpoenas also demanded information about the plan to submit slates of phony electors claiming Trump won pivotal states, including all communications with several key lawyers

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Tennis ace is new pride of Pr. George's

BY DANIEL WU

Michael Glass Jr. had no idea that Frances Tiafoe, the swaggering 24-year-old tennis player belting forehands across the bar's TV screen, was from Hyattsville, just like him. He was finishing work at a Riverdale bar Wednesday afternoon when a man came in and asked the bartender to flip to the U.S. Open. Someone local was playing.

A Prince Georgian? In the

quarterfinals?

"We've got to put that on," Glass said, and he watched, hooked, as the Marylander closed in on a historic win — for Tiafoe, and for the county he'd represented on American tennis's biggest stage.

Glass rattled off a list of famous Prince George's athletes. Kevin Durant. Michael Beasley. Now, they have another one — this time in tennis — after Tiafoe beat Russian Andrey Rublev, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-0), 6-4, to advance to

Friday's semifinals.

"He's exemplifying the standard of what Prince George's County is," Glass said.

Tiafoe already has his fans in the county where he was born and raised. In College Park, dozens of players gathered at the Junior Tennis Champions Center to watch the tennis academy's most famous alumnus.

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