

*Being powerful is like
being a lady. If you
have to tell people you
are, you aren't.*

*I usually make up my
mind about a man in ten
seconds, and I very rarely
change it.*

*There can be no liberty
unless there is economic
liberty.*

*You may have to fight a
battle more than once to
win it.*



Margaret Thatcher (1925 - 2013)

Early life:

*Margaret and
her older sister
Muriel*



About parents:



Pharmacist

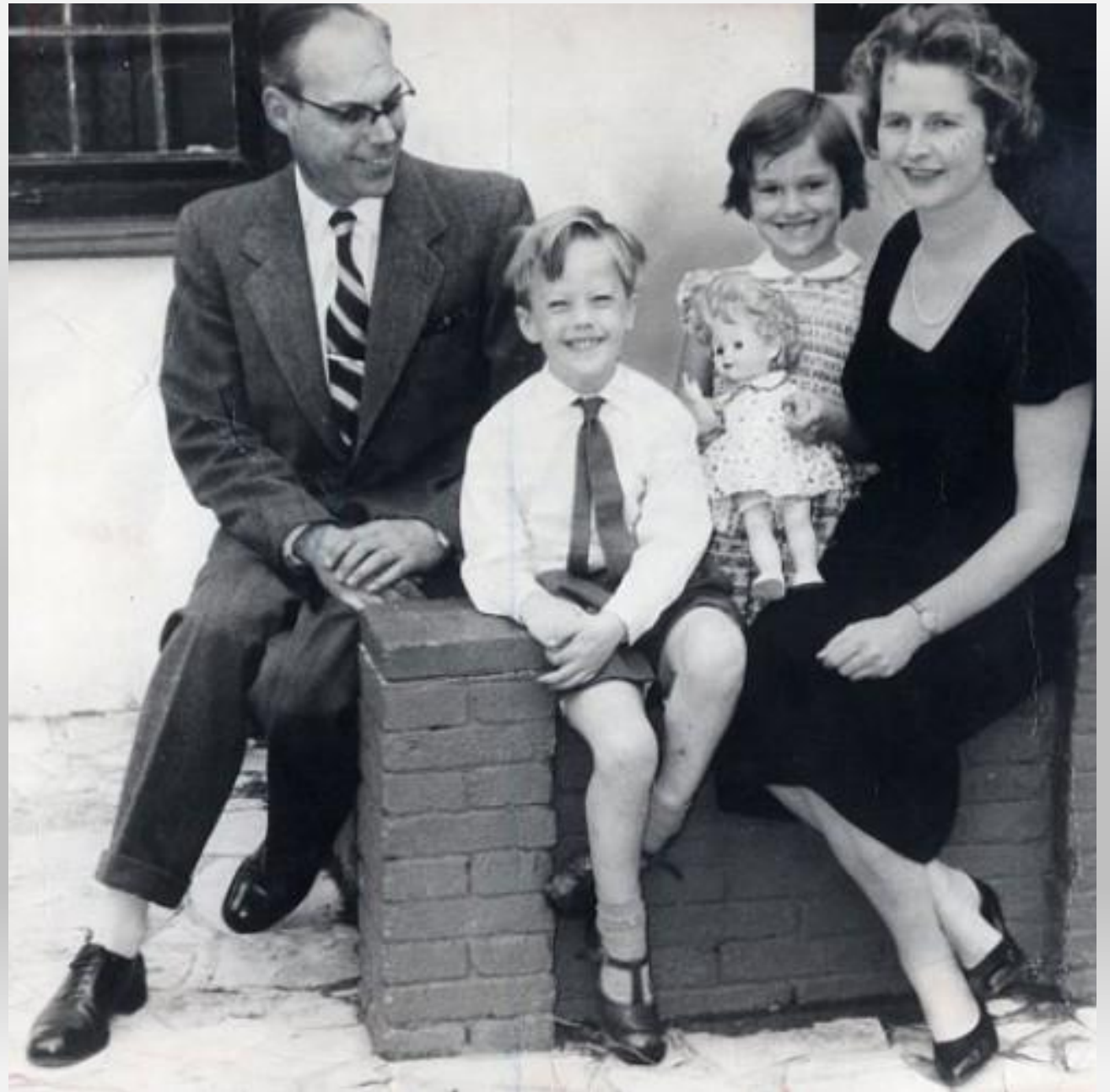
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*Margaret
works in the
laboratory:*



Family

*Denis and
Margaret Thatcher
with children:*



Marriage

Wife and Husband



Early political career

* Member of
Parliament
(1959-1970)
Education
Secretary (1970-
1974)



The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP
Leader of the Conservative Party





The Russians are bent on world dominance, and they are rapidly acquiring the means to become the most powerful imperial nation the world has seen. The men in the Soviet Politburo do not have to worry about the ebb and flow of public opinion. They put guns before butter, while we put just about everything

Iron Lady



Prime Minister

Domestic affairs:

- She lowered direct taxes on income and increased indirect taxes
- She reduced expenditure on social services such as education and housing
- City Technology Colleges were opened
- The policy of privatization
- Thatcher was committed to reducing the power of the trade unions
- The national curriculum were introduced
- The policy of the fight against AIDS

- **Thatcher and FitzGerald signed the Hillsborough Anglo-Irish Agreement, the first time a British government had given the Republic of Ireland an advisory role in the governance of Northern Ireland**
- **Thatcher supported an active climate protection policy**

Foreign affairs:

Thatcher became closely aligned with the Cold War policies of United States President Ronald Reagan, based on their shared distrust of Communism, although she strongly opposed Reagan's October 1982 initiative to



The Falklands War (1982)



Hong-Kong

*Thatcher agreed to hand over Hong Kong's
sovereignty*



Margaret Thatcher and Russia

Thatcher's first foreign policy crisis came with the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. She condemned the invasion, said it showed the bankruptcy of a détente policy, and helped convince some British athletes to boycott the 1980 Moscow Olympics. She gave weak support to American President Jimmy Carter who tried to punish the USSR with economic sanctions. Britain's economic situation was precarious, and most of NATO was reluctant to cut trade ties. It was reported that her government secretly supplied Saddam Hussein with military equipment as early as 1981. At that time she was given the nickname "Cold War Witch".

Thatcher was one of the first Western leaders to respond warmly to reformist Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Following Reagan–Gorbachev summit meetings and reforms enacted by Gorbachev in the USSR, she declared in November 1988 that "We're not in a Cold War now", but rather in a "new relationship much wider than the Cold War ever was". She went on a state visit to the Soviet Union in 1984 . Thatcher was initially opposed to German reunification, telling Gorbachev that it "would lead to a change to postwar borders, and we cannot allow that because such a development would undermine the stability of the whole international situation and could endanger our security". She expressed concern that a united Germany would align itself more closely with the Soviet Union and move away from NATO.



Later Life

- *Thatcher left Downing Street in 1990 and The House of Commons in 1992*
- *Thatcher became the first former Prime Minister to set up a foundation; which was dissolved in 2005 because of financial difficulties.*
- *She wrote two volumes of memoirs, The Downing Street Years (1993) and The Path to Power (1995).*
- *In August 1992, Thatcher called for NATO to stop the Serbian assault on Goražde and Sarajevo to end ethnic cleansing during the Bosnian War*

- *In 1998, Thatcher called for the release of former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet*
- *In 2002, Thatcher encouraged President George W. Bush to aggressively tackle the "unfinished business" of Saddam Hussein's Iraq*
- *In 2003 her husband died*
- *Since 2005 she had a dementia*
- *She died on 8 April 2013*



Awards and Honours

- *Member of the Order of Merit*
- *Lady Companion of the Order of the*
- *A life peerage as Baroness Thatcher*
- *An honorary member of the Carlton*
- *The Presidential Medal of Freedom*
- *The Freedom of the City of London*
- *Grand Order of King Dmitar Lvon*

