



Queen Elizabeth II

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Queen Elizabeth II was born on April 21, 1926, in London, to Prince Albert, Duke of York (later King George VI), and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

**Elizabeth
Alexandra Mary,
this is the full
name of the
Queen, became
queen at the
age of 26**



Prince Philip and Queen Elizabeth II are married since 1947.

Elizabeth met her future husband, Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, in 1934 and 1937.





**The royal family lives in Buckingham
palace**

Princess Anne is Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip's only daughter



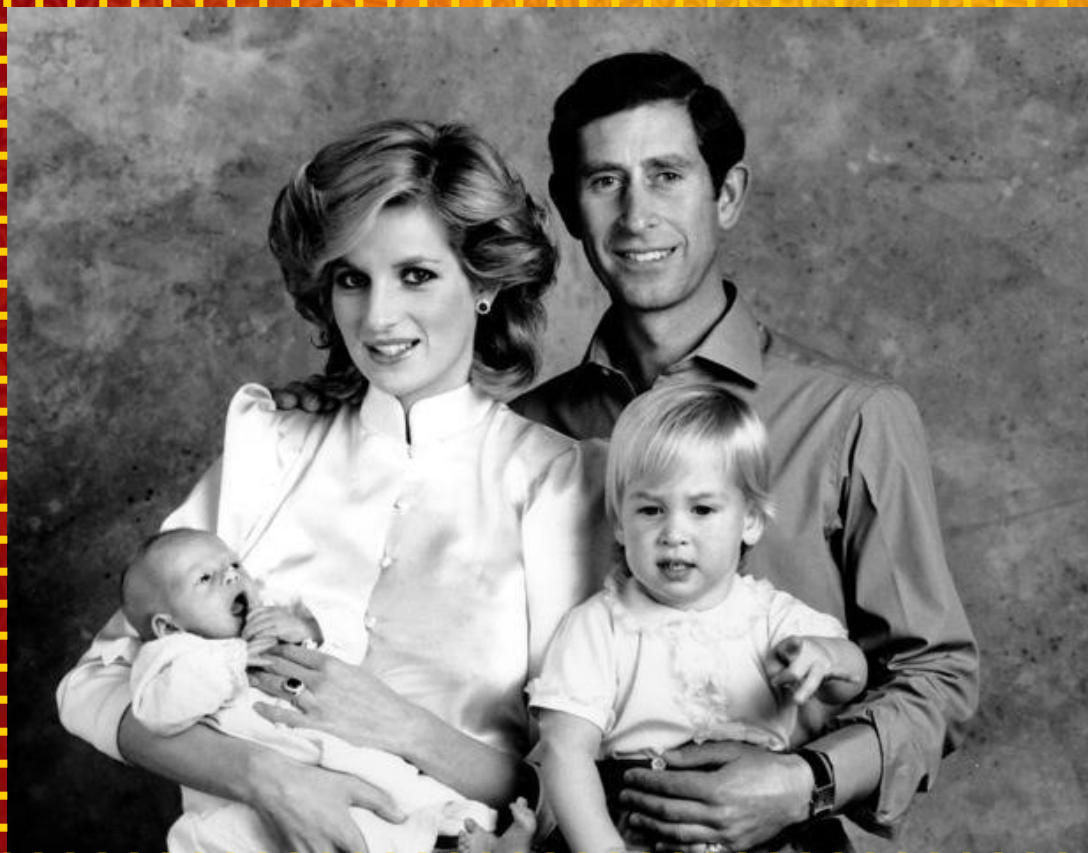
They also have a son Prince Charles



In 1969, she officially made Prince Charles her successor by granting him the title of Prince of Wales. Approximately 200 million people tuned in to see the ceremony on television.



**Lady Diana Frances
Spencer married Prince Charles in 1981
and became Princess of Wales.**

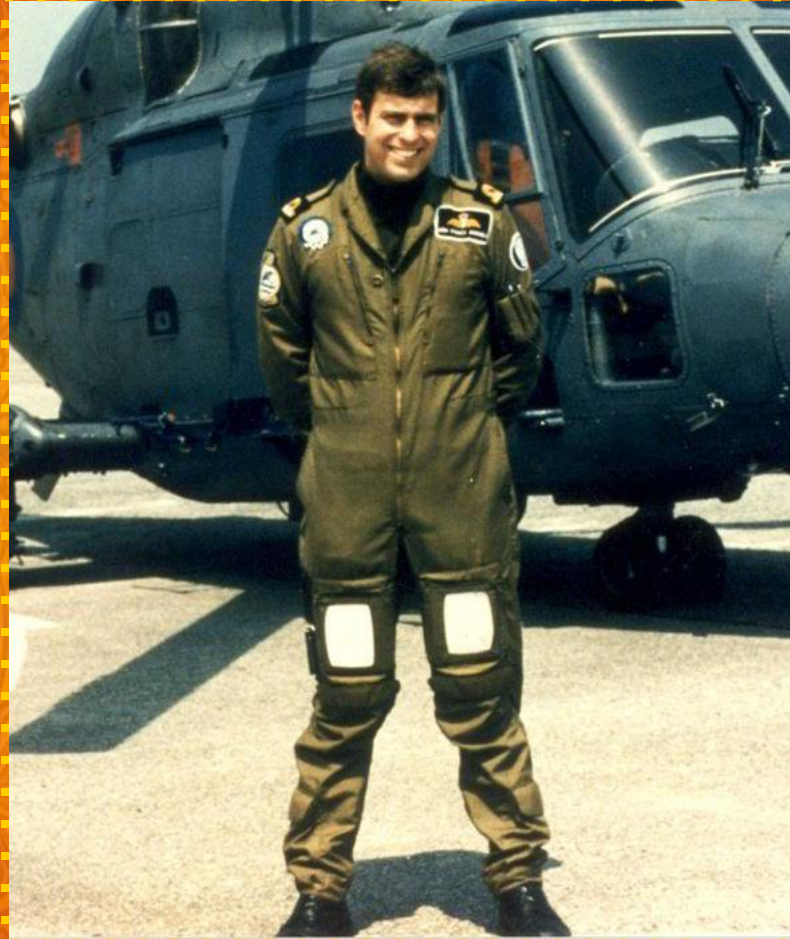


**They had
two sons
Prince
William and
Prince Harry**

Elizabeth had two more children — sons Andrew and Edward — in the early 1960s.



Prince Andrew served as a helicopter pilot in the British Royal Navy during the



Falklands War of 1982. He returned home safe and well much to his mother's relief.

**Queen Elizabeth's son Prince Edward
married wife Sophie in June 1999 in
Windsor, England.**



On 29 April, 2011 Elizabeth's grandson, Prince William, and Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge, got married



Then, they welcomed their first child, a son named George Alexander Louis



On May 2, 2015, Prince William and Kate Middleton welcomed their second child, a daughter and the Queen's fifth great-grandchild. Her name is Charlotte





Elizabeth likes to spend her free time on quiet pastimes. She likes to read mysteries, work on crossword puzzles and even to watch wrestling on television.

Elizabeth has surrounded herself with dogs. She is known for her love of corgis. Also, she is a horse enthusiast and attends several racing events each year.





- Queen Elizabeth II is Britain's 40th monarch since William the Conqueror was crowned.



- There have been 12 U.S. Presidents during her reign.

- Elizabeth was the first British monarch to celebrate her diamond wedding anniversary



- Elizabeth has visited Australia 16 times, Canada 22 times, Jamaica 6 times and New Zealand 10 times





- The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have sent over 37,500 Christmas cards

- Elizabeth has 30 godchildren.



- In 1969, the first television film about the family life of the royals was made



- In 1986, the Queen became the first British monarch to visit China



- She speaks fluent French and often uses the language for audiences and state visits.





- Her real birthday is April 21, but it is celebrated officially in June.

**Queen of England holds the title of
Supreme Governor of the Church of
England.**

**Her duties in the
Church of England
to appoint
archbishops,
bishops, and deans
of cathedrals.**



Queen Elizabeth's role in English politics is symbolic. She takes no official stance on British policy or regarding any British political parties.





The Queen, as Head of State, has the power to declare war, to make peace, to recognise foreign states, to conclude treaties, and to take over, or give up, territory, on behalf of the United Kingdom.

One of the Queen's most important duties are the administration of charities.



The issues her charities address vary widely from helping children to preserving the environment.

The Queen also introduced numerous reforms to the monarchy. In 1992, she offered to start paying income and capital gains tax.

Though the Queen has not very little official power, when she speaks, Britain and even the world listens.



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