

## **HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II | There will only be one**

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Through 70 years of reign Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II dutifully kept her promise to dedicate her life to service. This she did with grace and dignity. A reflection of Her Majesty's life brings to mind 70 exemplifications of the young, sudden and unexpectant Queen, who later became Mother and Grandmother of the Nation. We owe the Queen a great debt and we can say with all certainty that there will only be one like her. She will not be forgotten.

1. The Mother on the throne
2. The loving wife
3. The cherished daughter
4. The reassuring friend
5. The ever-loving matriarch
6. The smiling Queen
7. The longest reigning monarch in history
8. The centre of British society
9. The affection of Windsor
10. The joy of Balmoral
11. The heart of the Palace
12. The woman at the helm of the country
13. The Church of England Head
14. The monarch of the Commonwealth
15. The keystone of many Nations
16. The devoted stateswomen
17. The comforter through change and turmoil
18. The steadfast Head of State
19. The adviser to dignitaries
20. The signal of diplomacy
21. The constitutional head
22. The symbol of duty
23. The beacon of continuity
24. The worldwide traveller
25. The official representation of decency
26. The star on the world stage
27. The experienced diplomat
28. The driver and mechanic
29. The great constant
30. The woman who stood above democracy
31. The epitome of dignity
32. The exemplar of class and style
33. The embodiment of fidelity
34. The archetype of fortitude
35. The peacekeeper
36. The passionate humanitarian
37. The lover of dogs
38. The horse fanatic
39. The eternal enthusiast
40. The unifier of billions
41. The cradle of pride and honour
42. The persona of kindness

43. The humble servant
44. The encourager at Christmas
45. The never retiree
46. The conservative humourist
47. The life of the party
48. The wise reconciler
49. The James Bond Wonder
50. The face of forgiveness
51. The voice of tolerance
52. The keen listener
53. The model neighbour
54. The portrait of hope
55. The smile that lit up the world
56. The rainbow through the rain
57. The icon of tradition
58. The reflection of compassion
59. The source of fairy tales
60. The long-loved sovereign
61. The reassuring presence
62. The yoke between class, race, and gender
63. The guiding light
64. The stalwart of faith
65. The best of our Nation
66. The spirit of strength
67. The shining light throughout our history
68. The rock of our time
69. The humanity of Britain
70. The Queen of hearts

The Kingdom stands united by the Queen's affection, her selflessness, her service, and her legacy. Through trials and tribulations, and times of celebrations, there has always been one. This is a sombre moment, the end of an era – the Elizabethan era – a time of profound change, loss, and sadness. Still, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II shall be forever woven into the fabric of our lives. While the sun sets on this day, the Queen will continue to shine bright in our hearts.

God save the Queen