

# Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother 1900-2002: A Lifetime of Service and Dedication



## Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother 1900-2002: The Queen Mother and Her Century by Margaret MacMillan

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Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother 1900 2002: A Lifetime of Service and Dedication is a comprehensive biography of one of the most beloved and respected figures in British history. Drawing on extensive research and interviews with family and friends, author William Shawcross paints a vivid portrait of a woman who devoted her life to her family, her country, and the Commonwealth.

Born into a Scottish aristocratic family in 1900, Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon married the future King George VI in 1923. She became Queen Consort in 1936, and served as a steadfast support to her husband throughout his reign. During World War II, she became a symbol of hope and resilience for the British people, as she toured the country and visited bombed-out areas.

After the war, the Queen Mother continued to be a tireless advocate for her country and the Commonwealth. She undertook numerous overseas tours, and was a patron of many charities and organizations. She was also a close confidante of her daughter, Queen Elizabeth II, and provided her with invaluable support and advice throughout her reign.

The Queen Mother died in 2002 at the age of 101. She was mourned by millions of people around the world, and her legacy continues to inspire others to this day.

## **A Royal Life**

Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon was born on August 4, 1900, at Glamis Castle in Scotland. She was the ninth of ten children born to Claude Bowes-Lyon, 14th Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, and Cecilia Cavendish-Bentinck. Elizabeth's childhood was spent at Glamis Castle and St Paul's Walden Bury in Hertfordshire.

In 1923, Elizabeth married the Duke of York, the second son of King George V. The couple had two daughters, Princess Elizabeth (later Queen Elizabeth II) and Princess Margaret. Elizabeth became Queen Consort in 1936, when her husband ascended to the throne as King George VI.

As Queen Consort, Elizabeth was a steadfast support to her husband throughout his reign. She accompanied him on numerous official tours, and was a patron of many charities and organizations.

During World War II, the Queen Mother became a symbol of hope and resilience for the British people. She toured the country and visited

bombed-out areas, providing comfort and support to those who had suffered.

## **A Lifetime of Service**

After the war, the Queen Mother continued to be a tireless advocate for her country and the Commonwealth. She undertook numerous overseas tours, and was a patron of many charities and organizations.

The Queen Mother was a particularly strong supporter of the Girl Guides and the Red Cross. She was also a patron of the Royal Opera House and the Royal Ballet.

In addition to her public duties, the Queen Mother was also a close confidante of her daughter, Queen Elizabeth II. She provided her with invaluable support and advice throughout her reign.

The Queen Mother died on March 30, 2002, at the age of 101. She was mourned by millions of people around the world, and her legacy continues to inspire others to this day.

## **A Legacy of Inspiration**

The Queen Mother was a remarkable woman who devoted her life to her family, her country, and the Commonwealth. She was a symbol of hope and resilience during World War II, and continued to be a tireless advocate for her country and the Commonwealth after the war.

The Queen Mother's legacy continues to inspire others to this day. She was a role model for women and girls around the world, and her unwavering commitment to public service is an example for us all.

- Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother 1900-2002: A Lifetime of Service and Dedication is a must-read for anyone interested in British history, the royal family, or the life of an extraordinary woman.
- Author William Shawcross has written a comprehensive and engaging biography that draws on extensive research and interviews with family and friends.
- Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother 1900-2002: A Lifetime of Service and Dedication is a fitting tribute to a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to her family, her country, and the Commonwealth.



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