

Live: Queen Elizabeth death - world in mourning; King Charles in place

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Queen Elizabeth II has died aged 96. Confirmation has come from Buckingham Palace this morning. Her family were with her at the end. Video / NZ Herald ...



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Queen Elizabeth II has died - sending the world into mourning for a monarch who reigned supreme for 70 years. King Charles takes the throne immediately and will be known as King Charles III.

The 96-year-old, who died peacefully at Balmoral early on Friday NZT, was the longest-serving monarch in the history of Britain and the Commonwealth, having acceded the throne in 1952.

King Charles mourned the passing of his mother soon after her death was announced.

"The death of my beloved mother, Her Majesty The Queen, is a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family. We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished Sovereign and a much-loved Mother."

Members of the Royal family had earlier rushed to be with her at Balmoral overnight and in a statement at 5.30am (NZT) on Friday, Buckingham Palace confirmed her death.

The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon.

The King and The Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow. pic.twitter.com/VfxpXro22W

– The Royal Family (@RoyalFamily) September 8, 2022

A fleet of cars carrying Prince William, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward and his wife Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, had earlier arrived at Balmoral Castle.

The plane carrying the royal party arrived at Aberdeen Airport just before 4pm Thursday (3am NZT Friday) and arrived at the Queen's estate about an hour later. Prince Charles - now King Charles - along with his wife, Camilla, and sister, Princess Anne, who were already in Scotland, arrived at Balmoral Castle earlier Thursday.

Prince Harry, who was due to appear at a charity awards ceremony in London later Thursday, cancelled that appearance and was making his way to Scotland separately.

He and Meghan paid tribute to the Queen by blacking out their website with the words: In Loving Memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 1926-2022".

World leaders, including New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, have released tributes.

An at-times emotional Ardern recalled advice from the Queen on raising children while serving your country and spoke about how much she admired and had learned from the monarch. "She was extraordinary," Ardern said from the Beehive this morning.

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