

Memories of Our Queen

Talkback

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Talkback UK Remembers Queen Elizabeth II

Talkback UK were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September 2022 at the age of 96.

She was a great monarch who ruled for 70 years and meant so much to a lot of people.

At Talkback we have gathered the memories of both staff and members and what she meant to each of us.

These thoughts are collected here, in our collage of thoughts.

June (staff)

How I felt about the death of Queen Elizabeth the second

I was very sad, felt empty as I have always looked up to the Queen all my life.

I follow the Royal Family and will miss her very much.

I paid my respects by visiting London over the weekend to lay flowers.

Now she is with her husband Philip

What the Queen meant to me

The Queen has a family that she cared about, she was lucky that she became a wife, mother, grandmother, and a great grandmother.

She was an inspiration to us all.

The Queen was a caring person,

did not matter who you were she treated everyone the same.

Nicola (staff) I have been lucky enough to see the Queen 3 times and once she was with the Duke of Edinburgh. In February 1993 she opened the new alms houses at Donnington Hospital Trust in Donnington, Newbury. Twice with my primary school we stood by the Clocktower in Newbury town and waved flags as she drove past. Every year I watch opening of parliament, trooping the colour, the cenotaph on remembrance Sunday, and Royal Ascot, trying to see if I can guess right the colour of the outfit she would be wearing.

The Queen's passion for horses was unrivalled, and something we have in common.

From her racehorses which she loved to cheer on, to her ponies she enjoyed hacking out, and the guard's horses she would see out on parade. She was an inspirational lady who certainly knew how to push through the hard times and embrace all that was good.

Rest in peace Your Majesty, we shall never forget you.

Judy Elsmore from Your Voice, Milton Keynes remembers HM Queen Elizabeth II – Sept 15th 2022

The Queen remained a rock like figure. Always calm in the face of adversity.

Her smile was genuine, not fake, and she knew what was expected of her and she carried out her duties with amazing, good grace.

King Charles has a very hard act to follow.

It was interesting to think back to 1992 which was the year the Queen and I both had a bad year – our 'annus horribilis'. It was bad enough for the Queen that her Son separated from his Wife but then there was the fire at Windsor Castle. This was in the public eye so she had no escape from it, the fire at Windsor Castle must have all been too much to bear.

For me 1992, was one of fraught relationships

with houseparent's, co-workers and residents in the house where I lived.

I too like the Queen, felt like I was watched and did not enjoy privacy.

My feeling on the Queen is she is a fine lady and will always be remembered with affection.

One

Ode to thee
Sanctuary
Sweetest flower
Bumble bee
Flight of dove
Peacefully
Angel fish
in deep blue sea
Soaring peaks
Monastery

Ode to thee
Majesty
Rainbow light
Colourfully
Host of stars
Endlessly
Found redemption
Eternally.....

Angelo Scott – Your Voice Milton Keynes

Remembering HM The Queen



She reminds me of my grandma. Emma Jones
I was really sad to hear the queen had died

The people are loyal to her with Queen
Jack

Being Ben
She launched
her first Naval
vessel. HMS Vanguard

Rachel Smith
Feelings and emotions regarding
the death of the queen?
- upset - sad - Melted my
- choked - distressed heart
What the Queen meant to me?
The Queen for me a grandma. I didn't feel for her family.
The Queen meant a lot to the world I also think we wouldn't be where we are today without the Queen's contribution.
Also the Queen has brought a shine to our lives but I think she has left the role to another great person.
I also think the Queen gave me a lot of her time to use and I liked the way she treat us all the same.

I
celebrity (Royale)
I say the people looked up to
the Queen as a Legend

Simon
I feel sad to see the Queen.
I was sad to see her.
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I was sad to see her.

12/09
Travel
Training Group
What did the Queen mean to you?

Independent Living
Group (May)
I was sad to see the Queen.
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A group discussion

We talked about the life and history of the Queen's reign. Our members were very knowledgeable and happy to talk about it. One member, who is a keen plane follower, tracked the Queen's plane flying from Scotland to Northolt on his computer, also the King's plane flying from Northern Ireland to England. He then went outside to watch the plane go by.

The group generally felt she was a good Queen and dedicated her life to the role. They equally seemed to have good views about King Charles and that he will be a good King. They all coloured a picture of the Queen, which we will laminate and keep for a memento in the group.

One member of the Workshop Group felt that King Charles had a good teacher and that he should be a good King. Another mentioned about The Queen's horse and corgis, which we all felt was lovely.



ManKind – Chesham – Wednesday 14th September 2022

Remembering HM The Queen Elizabeth II

James:

"For 70 years she was my Queen".

David:

"I couldn't believe my eyes reading the news. I was in total shock, devastated"

"I'll remember her smile"

"I'm pleased the Queen and Prince Philip are back together again"

Sam:

"She was a wonderful woman, who made me proud of my country."

Question posed:

If you had 5 minutes with the Queen what would you thank her for?

David:

"Thank you for your wonderful smile"

"Thank you for all of the big events we do in the UK (Trooping the colour, weddings, Jubilee celebrations)"

"Thank you for the Christmas messages".

("Signing condolence books was very helpful to me. It was very nice")

James:

"Thank you for the Jubilee events. I have good memories from them".

"Thank you for opening your homes so we can see them".

Sam:

"Thank you for being an incredible role-model. Your kindness, tolerance and ability to connect with everyone made the world a better place"

Jay I saw her three times close up. Twice at polo where I was a guest and once when she presented my dad with his MBE. The amount of warmth and charisma she had was amazing.

Simon Steed:

I had just returned home from walking the Dog when I was told the news. My partner Rachel was first to comment that she "Was the nation's grandmother" My Grandmother died at the same age, and this triggered memories as a child listening to my parents, grandparents and great aunts and uncles often talking about the Royal family when we met as a family.

The Queen was reigning when I was born, on my first day of school, on my first day at work, when I moved into my first house. The Queen was in some ways always there. Now she has gone and whilst we can't be overly surprised due to her age, it was a surprise as just two days before she was welcoming our new Prime Minister. The image of the Queen mourning her husband alone re-affirmed to us all the importance of duty, dignity and to be the very best version of yourself that you can be. For that I am grateful.

