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Read through the information below about the life of Prince Philip. What do you think is his greatest achievement? What do you think will he be remembered for the most?

Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen's husband, has died. Buckingham Palace released a statement saying he passed away peacefully at Windsor Castle.

Prince Philip's Life

- Prince Philip was born in 1921 on the Greek Island of Corfu.
- His family were royals but they were banished from Greece when Philip was one. He spent his childhood in France, Germany and the UK.
- After school, joined the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1939 just before WWII broke out.
- Five years after his wedding, his wife Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II when her father passed away in 1952.
- He had four children, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.
- Prince Philip was involved with many charities and was patron to almost 800 organisations! He cared a lot about wildlife and was the first UK president of the World Wildlife Fund.
- Prince Philip spent much of his life at the Queen's side. As her husband, he wasn't the king, but had a special job title – consort and his role was to support her throughout her reign. He holds the record for the longest-serving consort in British history.



Prince Philip pictured in July 2020.

During these years as your Queen, the support of my family has, across the generations, been beyond measure. Prince Philip is, I believe, well-known for declining compliments of any kind. But throughout he has been a constant strength and guide.

He has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years, and I, and his whole family, and this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever know.

The Queen speaking about her husband, Prince Philip.