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## Learn from Queen Elizabeth II

Boys and girls, people of the older generation remember that April 21 was celebrating the birthday of Queen Elizabeth. Today, in April, I'd like to share with you the life of the Queen. Queen Elizabeth II died at Balmoral on Sept.8, 2022 at the age of 96.

Once the news was released, many people, including the British and people all over the world, were shocked and deeply saddened. All thought that it was a great loss to the world.

The coffin carrying Queen Elizabeth's body had to be flown from Scotland to London. Wherever her coffin went, hundreds of thousands of local people stood on the street to pay their last tribute to the Queen. There was even a shot of farmers forming an honour guard with their tractors for the Queen as her coffin passed through Aberdeenshire on the way to Edinburgh. You can see that she was well liked and highly respected by the British people.

Not only that, the news of her death and her funeral touched many hearts all over the world. She was definitely a world-class leader, who was held in great respect in the hearts of millions in the world.

One of the reasons why she is held in such high regard is due to her noble character.

First, she was willing to sacrifice herself for others. On her 21st birthday, she pledged to devote her whole life to the service of the nation. She said,

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and to the service of our great Imperial family, to which we all belong."

She did what she has pledged.

For instance, she joined the military force, Women's Auxiliary Territory Service (ATS), in 1945 during WWII, to serve the nation.

Being the longest-reigning monarch of UK, she served as the Queen for 70 years, bringing stability to the nation.

As head of the Commonwealth, the Queen brought several socio-economic benefits to those countries. One notable example is the Commonwealth Games, which is a global sporting event that helps to promote cooperation among the nations in the Commonwealth.

As the head of Commonwealth, she visited over 110 countries to extend her friendship to other nations.

In times of despair, she was very positive and encouraged all with her words. For example, in 2015, in face of troubles such as an ISIS terrorist attack and a refugee crisis in Europe, the Queen encouraged her people with the Bible, "It is true that the world has had to confront moments of darkness this year, but the Gospel of John contains a verse of great hope, often read at Christmas carol services: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'...She is a rare world leader who is a devoted Christian, leading her life with the words of God.

Perhaps you would think, she's a great leader but I'm nobody. I can't do what she has done. I think we can learn from her and do whatever within our capacity. For instance, we can serve our team, our class, our school and our community, as the Queen served the nation. Also, the Queen is friendly to her subjects. We can be kind and friendly to others. And, like the Queen, we can encourage others in time of trouble. Also, we can put our faith in God and live according to his teaching if we wish, like the Queen...Boys and girls, there is so much we can learn from her.

This is the end of my sharing today. Thanks for your listening.