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# Philip's funeral

## BY THE NUMBERS

### 1 minute

A national minute's silence in Britain at the start of the funeral

### 6 minutes

Heathrow Airport banned aircraft taking off for six minutes at the time of the national silence to avoid interrupting the funeral at nearby Windsor

### TWO

Naval tributes on Prince Philip's coffin – his military cap and sword



Queen Elizabeth II arrives for the funeral of her husband.



Prince Philip's beloved Fell ponies, Balmoral Nevis and Notlaw Storm, pulling the royal carriage in the procession.



Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge (right) and members of the Royal Family stand outside St George's Chapel.



A family united – the senior royals follow the handcrafted hearse to the chapel.

# QUIET GESTURES

**I**t was a quiet affair in the end — just how he wanted it. Prince Philip hadn't wanted a fuss made and had asked — even pre-pandemic — that he not receive a state funeral. And so it was fitting that the man who had been a constant in so many people's lives — there are few alive today in Britain or Australia who haven't known him as a figure in the background — got a sending-off by the public in a style he would approve.

Thanks to COVID restrictions in the UK, there were no flag-waving crowds lining the streets as he took

While the media focused the world's attention on the passing of the Duke, his loyal subjects found more personal ways to mark their respect, writes **Kerry Parnell** from London

his final journey in a modified Land Rover of his own design, but military personnel solemnly seeing off one of their own, instead.

But while the public was asked to stay away because of the pandemic, they found much more fitting ways to pay tribute.

When news first broke of the duke's passing, hundreds of drivers of Union Jack-flying black cabs lined the Mall outside Buckingham Palace in a quietly moving gesture.

As well as leaving flowers and cards in royal parks and at the gates of Buckingham Palace, which were

moved to Marlborough House and reduced Charles and Camilla to tears, in the days after Prince Philip's death on April 9, people spontaneously began to share stories of their encounters with the duke — the funnier the better. And there were a lot of them — with 22 per cent of the British population, some 14 million, having met or seen the Prince in person according to a YouGov poll, it seemed everyone had a tale to tell of when they met HRH and what he quipped.

Prince Harry described him as a "legend of banter and cheeky right 'til the end," in his tribute last week.

"My grandfather was a man of service, honour and great humour. He was authentically himself, with a seriously sharp wit, and could hold the attention of any room due to his charm — and also because you never knew what he might say next," Harry said.

No matter whether he was meeting a politician, pop star, or the public, Prince Philip always had a cheeky, funny, or downright rude retort. And in the end, that's how the Brits honoured him.

There was Cat Kidd who told the BBC Prince Philip saw her in the crowd at Sandringham and shouted,

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Grandchildren in the funeral procession. Prince Harry and Prince William were diplomatically separated by their older cousin Peter Phillips

8 minutes

The number of minutes for the funeral procession from the State Entrance of Windsor Castle to St George's Chapel

4

CHORISTERS The reduced number of choristers, which included a soprano for the rearranged COVID-19 compliant music

PRINCE PHILIP  
1921-2021



Pallbearers lay the Duke of Edinburgh's coffin inside St George's Chapel, with mourners socially distanced.



Mike Tindall and Zara Phillips arrive for the funeral service.



The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery arrive at Windsor Castle.



Prince Philip with his great-granddaughter Mia Tindall.

## PRIVATE TOUCH TO PUBLIC GRIEF

CHARLOTTE WACE

FOR the Queen, yesterday marked the day she formally said goodbye to her husband of 73 years.

On Friday, however, she took time away from the funeral preparations to make a trip outside the walls of Windsor Castle. The Queen, driving a green Jaguar X-type and accompanied by her two puppies, was photographed heading towards Frogmore Gardens. It is thought she may have been taking her dogs for a walk in its tranquil setting: it has a lake, lawns and spring flowers in full bloom.

That night the Royal Family released a poignant, private photograph of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, which showed the couple smiling together at the top of the Coyles of Muick near Balmoral in 2003.

The previously unseen image was taken by the Queen's daughter-in-law Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

It was one of several candid photos the Royal Family released over the past 48 hours as it sought to satisfy the need of everyday people to share in their loss.

It was the first time the Queen has been seen in public since her husband's death. On Friday she also spoke with Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, who offered his condolences and noted the special relationship the Duke of Edinburgh maintained with Canada. Earlier on Friday the Earl and Countess of Wessex visited Windsor Castle to view tributes left in memory of Prince Philip. Edward, 57, and Sophie, 56, who were joined by their daughter, Lady Louise Windsor, 17, appeared touched by the hundreds of flowers and wreaths outside St George's Chapel.



# OF LOYALTY

"You look like you've had a heavy Christmas", because she was hungover. And Jemma Neville, who tweeted how as a teenager, she travelled from Dundee to Edinburgh to collect her Duke of Edinburgh Award, only for Prince Philip — renowned for showing his disdain for certain cities — to say: "I bet you are glad to be out of Dundee for the day."

Then there was the woman who meant to tell him she'd completed the Duke of Edinburgh Award as a teen, but instead narrowly missed. "I did

Greg Hands, MP for Chelsea, described the first time he met Prince Philip after being elected to parliament. "I had practised my bow, nervously. On performing it, he looked at me and asked, 'Are you new?'" he tweeted.

Even Kevin Rudd joined in, telling the BBC, "he would constantly take the mickey out of you. It was frankly a wonderful thing". He described how he met Prince Philip at an event in London shortly after losing the election in 2013 when he said: "I

they cared in person, the way they did it instead, would have earned the royal seal of approval from Prince Philip. "I know that right now he would say to all of us, beer in hand, 'Oh do get on with it!'" said Harry. The comedian of the family managed to have the last laugh, after all.

Meanwhile, the other question on everyone's lips was how did Meghan Markle honour her grandfather-in-law? She was expected to watch a private live stream of Prince Philip's funeral from her home in California

"private arrangements" to mark the duke's life. As a family member, UK media have reported Markle and other royals not in attendance will be given access to a private login. They will be able to watch the funeral without network commentary.

The pregnant Duchess of Sussex has remained in the US on doctor's advice while Prince Harry returned home to Britain last weekend after the death of his grandfather.

After Prince Philip's death both Meghan and Harry "were in contact

