

Queen Elizabeth II is dead at 96, bringing her unprecedented 70-year reign to a close

Queen Elizabeth II has died. She was 96 years old.

In a statement sent to Insider, Buckingham Palace said the Queen “died peacefully at Balmoral” on Thursday afternoon.

“The King and The Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow,” the statement added.

On Thursday, Buckingham Palace said that the monarch’s doctors were concerned for her health and recommended she remain under medical supervision.

Royals including Prince William, Prince Charles, and Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall traveled to Balmoral Castle, the family’s estate in Scotland, to be by the Queen’s side, British media reported.

Her death brings to a close a monumental reign in British history and ushers in a new, uncertain one.

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