

Putin Sends Queen Elizabeth II Condolences Following Prince Philip's Death

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The Duke of Edinburgh, the longest serving royal consort in British history, died Friday at age 99. **PA Wire** / **PA Images / TASS**

Russian President Vladimir Putin has expressed condolences to Queen Elizabeth II following the death of her husband, Prince Philip, the Kremlin <u>said</u> Friday.

The Duke of Edinburgh, the longest serving royal consort in British history, died Friday at age 99. He was discharged from hospital in March a month after treatment for an infection and a pre-existing heart condition.

"The name of His Royal Highness is associated with many important events in your country's recent history," Putin said in a telegram to Queen Elizabeth.

"He rightfully enjoyed respect among the British and internationally," Putin said.

The Kremlin said Russia's president wished the 94-year-old monarch "courage and spiritual

fortitude in the face of a heavy and irreparable loss."

Russia's Embassy in London <u>linked</u> Prince Philip to Russia's last imperial family in a tweet sending condolences on his passing.

"The Duke of Edinburgh, great-great-grandson of Russian Emperor Nicholas I, was admired and will be mourned by many Russians," it said.

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