

# Princess Margaret: A captivating biography of the free-spirited princess



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Princess Margaret, the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II, was a fascinating and complex figure. She was known for her beauty, her intelligence, and her rebellious spirit. Her life was full of both joy and sorrow, and she left a lasting legacy on the British monarchy.

### **Early life and family**

Margaret Rose was born on August 21, 1930, at Glamis Castle in Scotland. She was the second daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and the younger sister of Princess Elizabeth. Margaret was a precocious child, and she quickly developed a close bond with her sister. The two princesses were often seen playing together in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, and they remained close throughout their lives.

Margaret's childhood was overshadowed by the abdication of her uncle, King Edward VIII, in 1936. Edward's abdication meant that Margaret's father became king, and she and her sister became the heirs to the throne. Margaret was only six years old at the time, and she did not fully understand the significance of her father's abdication. However, she was aware that her life would be very different from that point on.

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## **World War II and adolescence**

During World War II, Margaret and her sister were evacuated to Windsor Castle. They spent the war years there, and they were often visited by their parents. Margaret was a lively and curious child, and she enjoyed exploring the castle and its grounds. She also developed a love of music and dance, and she often performed for her family and friends.



As Margaret grew older, she began to develop her own unique personality. She was known for her intelligence, her wit, and her sense of style. She was also a talented artist and photographer. Margaret was a complex and fascinating figure, and she was often seen as a rebel within the royal family.

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### **Marriage and divorce**

In 1960, Margaret married Antony Armstrong-Jones, a photographer and filmmaker. The marriage was a controversial one, as Armstrong-Jones was

a commoner. However, the couple was deeply in love, and they had two children together: David, Viscount Linley, and Lady Sarah Chatto.

The marriage was not always easy, however. Armstrong-Jones was often away on business, and Margaret was left alone to raise their children. She also struggled with depression and other mental health issues. In 1978, the couple divorced after 18 years of marriage.



## **Later life and legacy**

After her divorce, Margaret continued to live a full and active life. She traveled extensively, and she was involved in many charitable causes. She also remained close to her sister, Queen Elizabeth II. Margaret died in 2002 at the age of 71. She was a complex and fascinating figure, and she left a lasting legacy on the British monarchy.

Margaret was a pioneer for women in the royal family. She was the first princess to have a career outside of the palace, and she was the first to divorce. She was also a strong advocate for mental health awareness. Margaret was a complex and fascinating figure, and she will be remembered for her beauty, her intelligence, and her free spirit.



Princess Margaret was a complex and fascinating figure. She was a rebel, a pioneer, and a true original. She left a lasting legacy on the British monarchy, and she will never be forgotten.

If you are interested in learning more about Princess Margaret, I highly recommend reading the book "Princess Margaret: A Biography" by Theo Aronson. This book provides a comprehensive look at Margaret's life, from her childhood to her death. It is a well-written and informative biography, and it is a must-read for anyone who is interested in British history.



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