

14th September 2022

Private Secretary to King Charles III
Buckingham Palace
London
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Your Majesty,

I write on behalf of the citizens of Stroud, Gloucestershire to offer our heartfelt condolences on the death of your mother, HM Queen Elizabeth II. We were deeply saddened to learn of her passing, and join with the nation in mourning her loss.

Some of our older residents remember with affection the then Princess Elizabeth's visit to Stroud in 1950, when she visited Stroud High School and the Imperial Hotel, arriving by train at Stroud station. Photos of the visit show the warmth and affection with which she greeted people and the joy she brought to all who met her.

Her 70 years of steadfast service to our country and the Commonwealth has been a lesson to us all. She will be sadly missed.

Our thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant.

Cllr Stella Parkes
Mayor of Stroud