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Statement by Archbishop Anne Germond on the Death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh

Our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, members of the Royal Family, and all who mourn the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Anglicans in our ecclesiastical province join with people around the world in extending our sympathies at this time of great sorrow.

We give thanks for Prince Philip's long life, much of it dedicated to the service of the Crown and Commonwealth. Earlier today the Archbishop of Canterbury described the Duke of Edinburgh as "consistently putting the interests of others ahead of his own and, in so doing, provided an outstanding example of Christian service."

Like Her Majesty The Queen, for most of us The Duke of Edinburgh has been part of the landscape of our lives for so long that we also feel this loss. And his death may trigger memories of our own losses, particularly during this time of ongoing pandemic.

Around the world bells are being tolled to honour Prince Philip's life and I invite cathedrals and other churches across our province to ring their bells 99 times this Sunday morning in thanksgiving for his life and service, and to include the prayer prepared by our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, in your intercessions.

We commend Prince Philip into God's gracious care and keeping. May he rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Life of The Duke of Edinburgh

God of eternal life and love

We give thanks today for the life and witness of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,

For his service in pursuit of peace as a naval officer,

For his service to the Queen as a wise counsellor and companion,

For his commitment in marriage for over seventy years in witness to mutual respect and love,

For his commitment to nurturing family and guiding with wisdom their growth and development,

For his encouragement of young people around the world to skill development, physical health, adventure, and service through the Duke of Edinburgh Award,

For his care and advocacy for all of creation

For a life lived selflessly in service to others.

We remember with thanksgiving and commit him into Your keeping this day in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.