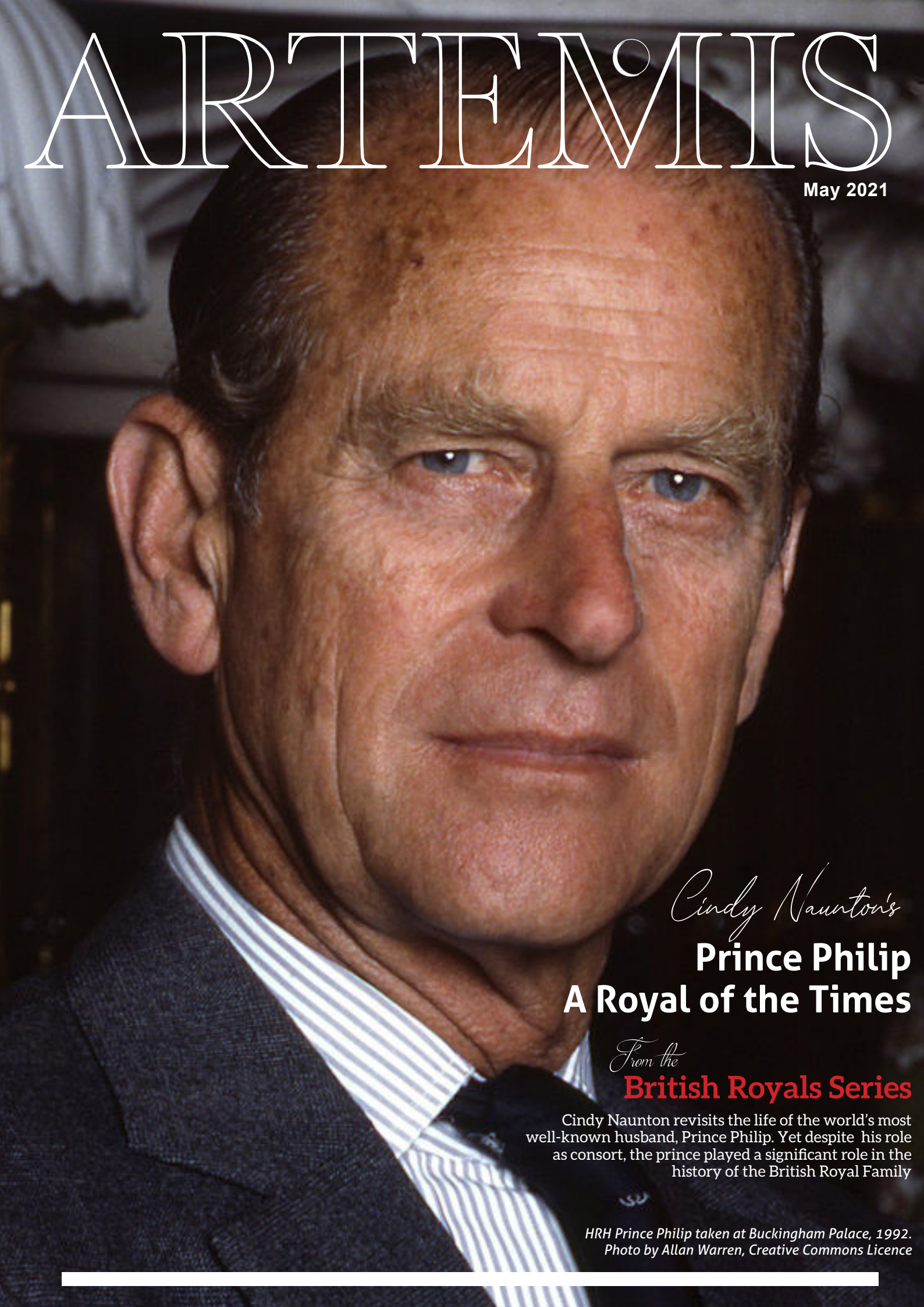


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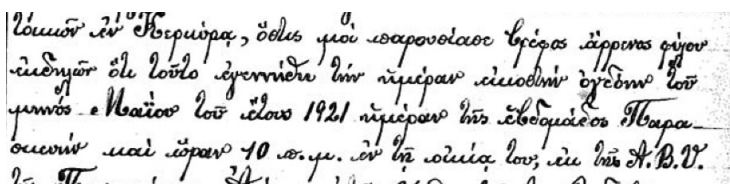
Cindy Naunton revisits the life of the world's most well-known husband, Prince Philip. Yet despite his role as consort, the prince played a significant role in the history of the British Royal Family

HRH Prince Philip taken at Buckingham Palace, 1992.
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Prince Philip A Royal of the Times

At midday on 9 April 2021 the following announcement was released from Buckingham Palace, London. 'It is with deep sorrow Her Majesty the Queen has announced the death of her beloved husband HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh...'

April 9, 2021, 12.00 pm, London (BST).



Copy of the birth record of Prince Philip, Greece
Credit: Corfu Municipality

As this news flashed across my evening TV screen the phone started to ring and I reached for my astrology records. The astrology charts of the major royals reflects the present energies surrounding them at the time of this significant event – the death of a man who, for over 73 years, has supported his wife Queen Elizabeth II. As the Royal family has always been of interest to me, this article covers some of the highlights of Prince Philip's chart and life.

In the lead up to this announcement clearly recent planetary line-ups were 'red flags', indicating to astrologers that a major event was about to unfold within the Royal Family. The passing of Prince Philip has brought the British Royal Family sharply into focus once again and is yet another herald of our 'changing times'.

Prince Philip

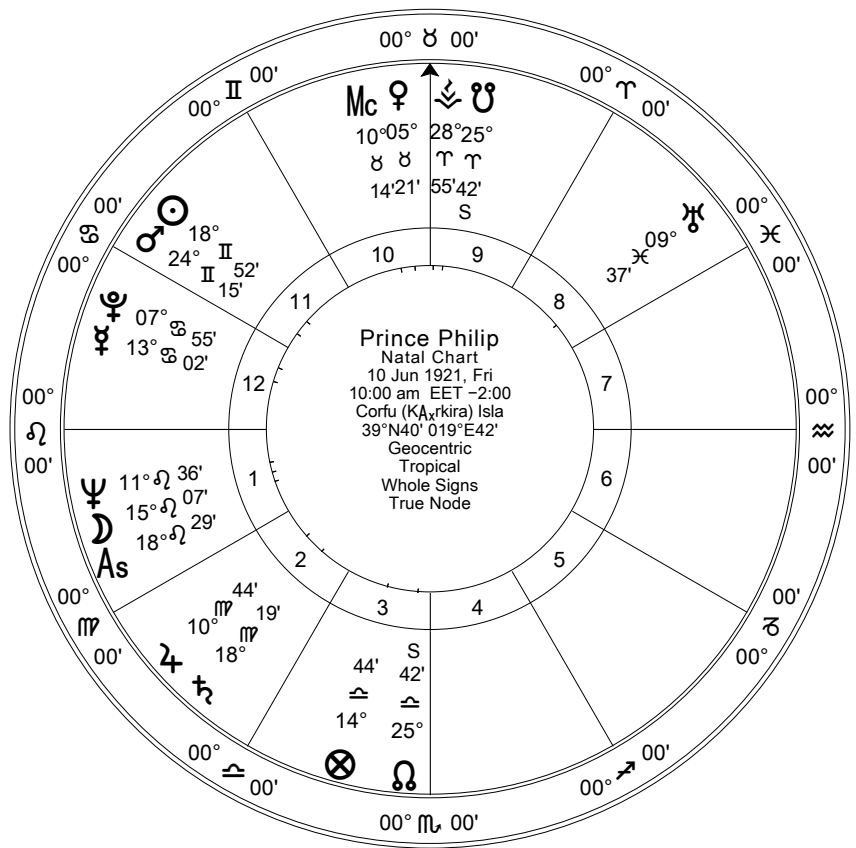
Recently Prince Philip's birth record came to light in an archive in an old British army barracks close to the Greek villa where he was born. It is written in a leather bound book and recorded by a Greek priest. The record states the prince's father Prince Andrew of Greece presented the baby boy and stated Philip was born on 10 June 1921 (recorded in the old Julian calendar as 28 May 1921, which was still in use in Greece at that time) at 10.00 a.m.

His astrology chart reveals and confirms that Prince Philip's early life was far from easy. The Moon placed close to his Ascendant shows he endured many changes in early life, including separation from his parents. That his father left and was no longer available to him is shown through his Sun square Saturn aspect. Worse, his mother was torn from him by deceit during his early childhood when her mental health failed. The Moon conjunct Neptune evidences this trauma. His mother's highborn status is shown through his Venus in Taurus elevated by its House 10 placement.

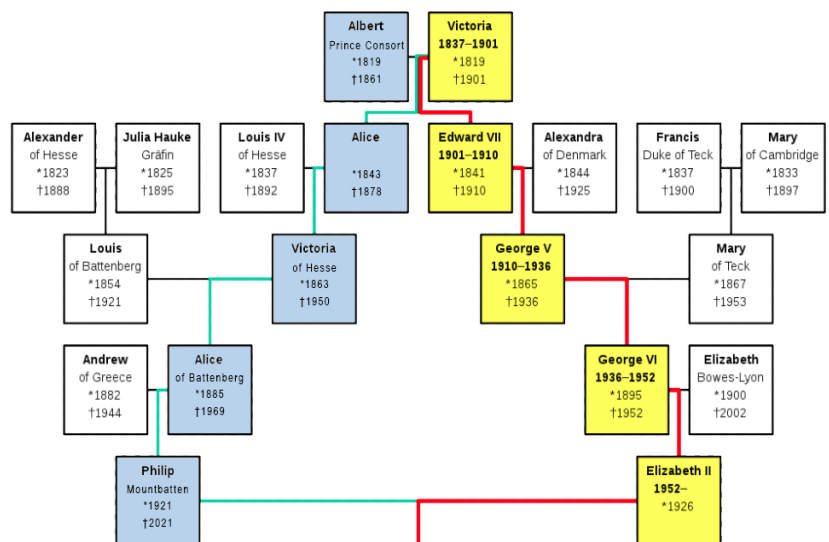
Although the chart is diurnal, the Moon holds a strong position close to the ascendant. This tells of a close bond with mother and family and the need for love and nurturing. As ruler of House 12 the place of 'suffering' this aptly describes his early years where his family was forced to flee due to political upheaval in Greece. In November 1922 when transiting Neptune was moving over his ascendant it is reported that he was smuggled out of Greece onto a ship in an orange crate.

Throughout his life his actual 'home' was always changing even after marriage. In royal life the place of residence changes frequently by way of season, occasion, travel, tours and family gatherings. Photos show him as a young child always close to his mother. She must have been so proud of her only son and fifth child. The symbolism continues even to the point that he was literally born on the dining room table. The Moon being the symbol of family, nourishment, food and home. Placed in Leo this can mean a 'Noble Family' too.

During the early years of the Queen's reign it was Prince Philip who took responsibility in the royal household. It was most unusual in this era for a father to take on the domestic role. During the



Prince Philip's Natal Chart



Prince Philip's Family Tree
 Credit: en.wikipedia.org



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evenings when the Queen was attending to her formal duties he fed and cared for his young children Charles and Anne.

At age 16, his favourite sister Cecile was killed in a plane crash. The cause is believed to be result of the plane attempting an emergency landing as his pregnant sister had given birth during the flight. The body of a newborn infant was discovered in the wreckage. Photos of the time show Prince Philip walking behind the coffin at her funeral. It is little wonder then that he took his grandsons under his wing at Diana's funeral in 1997.

Prince Philip's Gemini Sun occupying a double-bodied sign indicates that he effectively had two fathers.

There is his biological father, Prince Andrew of Greece and, later, his uncle Lord Louis Mountbatten (his mother's brother) took on that role when Prince Philip visited England as a young man. It is interesting to note also the symbolism the Moon played in his history. He is said many times to have written his address as 'of no fixed abode'. In effect, he was a 'wandering prince'. Keenly, he would have felt this lack of a sense of home throughout his years. The significance of the Moon is further emphasised, as his whole life after marriage was lived in the shadow of the Queen. Prince Philip continually lived in many places, for the Royal family frequently changes residences throughout the year.

The 'man behind the monarch.' My 'strength and stay' as once described of him by Queen Elizabeth.

Prince Philip is possibly the most famous husband in the world and his loyalty to and support of the Queen are commendable. Nevertheless, with his Moon in Leo so close to his ascendant, he is also a man with strong private feelings and emotions that he did not publicly display. In his more romantic moments we can imagine he may have shared the following sentiment with his beloved wife:

*'I'll walk right behind you on our Wedding Day
I'll promise to be there, your strength and your stay
And if things go wrong dear and fate is unkind,
Look over your shoulder I'm two steps behind'*

(With apologies to Eddie Fisher, 1950's)

As has recently been recounted in

numerous articles and TV shows Prince Philip's accomplishments are plentiful and significant. Not the least of these was the 1956 establishment of the 'Duke of Edinburgh Awards', which continues to this day encouraging young people to develop leadership skills. He also excelled in his navy career, which was abruptly halted in 1952 when his wife became Queen.

The Duke had a very sharp and spontaneous wit. This is not surprising, as he is a Gemini. His sign ruler Mercury enjoys a joke, and likes to tease. Mercury meanwhile is both the messenger and the trickster of the zodiac. It is my experience that many Gemini's display this character trait. As Harry Mount of *The Spectator* magazine wrote, *There's a world of difference between affectionate teasing and malicious teasing.*

The Prince was known for his direct gaffes and comments. Prince Harry remembers him particularly for his sharp wit. The very tight aspect between his Sun in Gemini and Saturn in Virgo supports Prince Philip's great attention to detail and a need to excel in all things. In his eyes, less than 110% performance was failure.

Royal Lineage

Prince Philip and his wife are third cousins. Both are direct descendants of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Prince Philip descends from their second daughter (third child) Princess Alice. Her daughter, Victoria, is the mother of Princess Alice of Greece who married Prince

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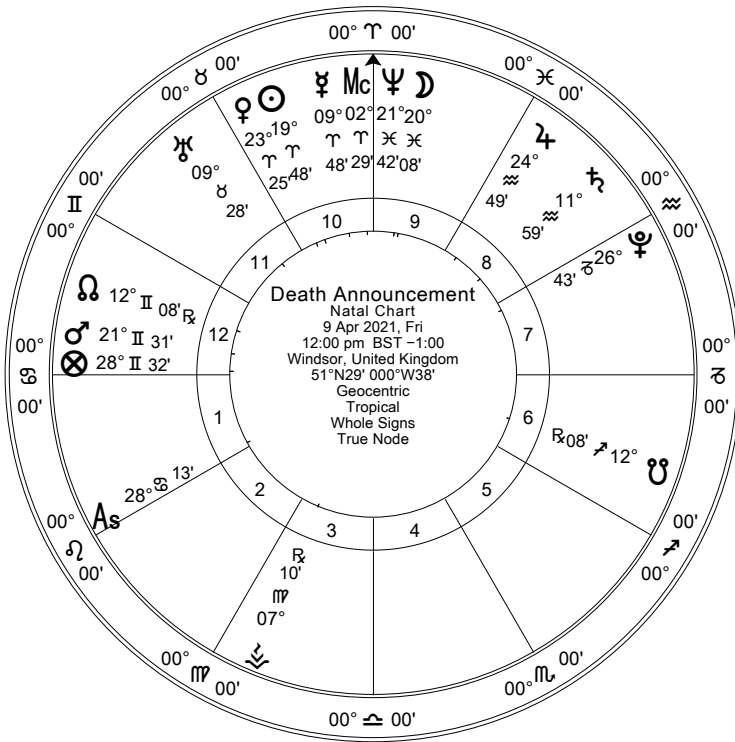
Andrew of Greece. They are the parents of Prince Philip. He was their fifth child and only son. Through family marriages he is connected to Russian, Danish, German and Greek Royal Houses of Europe. His royal connections are stronger than the Queen's.

Queen Elizabeth II descends from Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's son Edward who became Edward VII in 1901, followed by George V, then George VI who became King when Edward VIII abdicated in 1936. His daughter, Elizabeth, became Queen on George VI's death in February 1952. This makes both Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip great, great, grandchildren of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

Astrologically, this relationship link is shown through their Moon signs which are both in Leo. This is a Royal sign which points to their common Royal Family lineage. Their Moon positions in the zodiac are only three degrees apart by orb which gives a strong emotional connection as well as a family bond. This bond is further strengthened as the Queen's Moon is conjunct Prince Philip's Ascendant – a very powerful connection.

Death Announcement

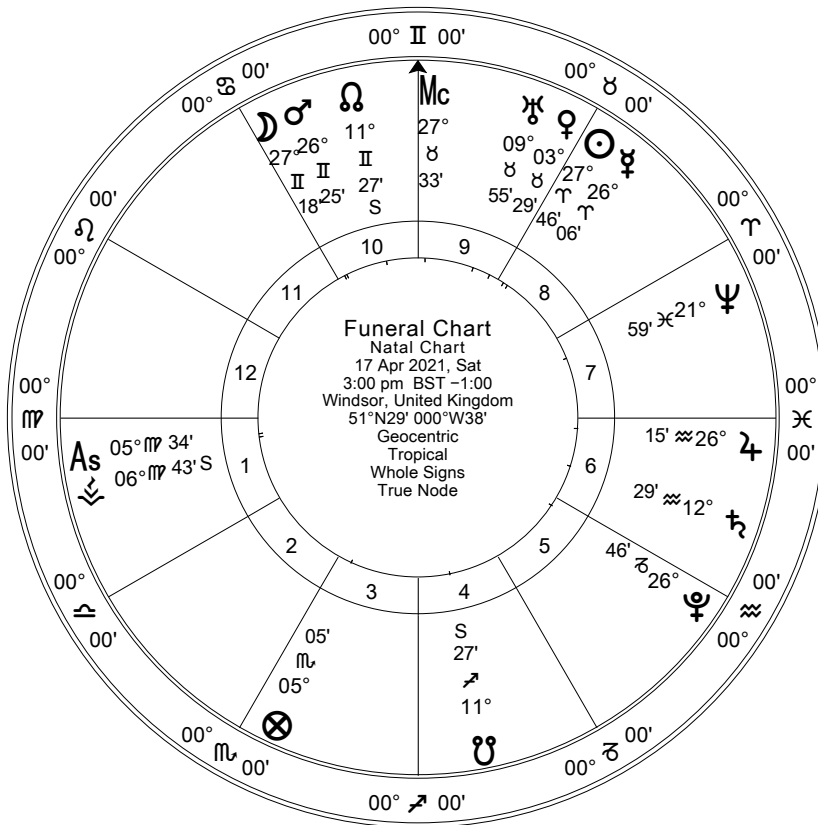
As the time of death was only announced as 'morning' it seems acceptable to take the time of the announcement and lowering of the flag above Buckingham Palace as a significant moment and a viable chart. This chart is significant as it has 28.43 deg Cancer rising which is the exact degree as his 2020 Solar Return (SR) ascendant. The exalted ruler of the ascendant is Jupiter placed in House 8 the house of death. Saturn is in this house too. The Sun conjunct Venus in House 10 speaks of the regard in which he was held. Mercury is opposing the point of the previous Full Moon at 9 Aries. Most significantly, the ruler of the Ascendant, the Moon, is in Pisces House 9 applying closely to Neptune which tells of an easy passing. His natal chart has Pisces on the cusp of House 8 so we can expect Jupiter to be connected to his death. This is further supported by the Moon in Pisces too. Jupiter at 24 deg Aquarius is exactly trine his natal Mars the protected significator of his death. Pluto is close to the Descendant representing the imminent huge change his death will make in the Queen's life. She was by his bedside when he passed and is reported to have said 'it was



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Prince Philip's Funeral Chart



so peaceful, as though someone took him by the hand and led him away.'

Funeral Chart

Prince Philip's funeral was held on Saturday 17 April at 3.00pm (BST) at St George's Chapel, Windsor. Being an 'event chart' it shows the energies present at a given time. It is particularly relevant when the event is the funeral of a public or well-known figure and from an astrological perspective it is revealing.

The Ascendant displays the 'theme' and significance of the event to the person. In this case, 5.34 of Virgo is ascending just one degree from the asteroid Vesta which was stationary. This placement suggests two things: Vesta represents the 'flame of life' – the flame that is now extinguished. Being stationary it indicates a pause as we reflect on a long life of service to his Queen, family and nation - a life of duty and, in the early years, a life of

suffering and loss. It shows the life of a man who did so much behind the scene to support the Queen and modernise the Royal family's image. The Virgo Ascendant is testament to great attention to detail and simplicity of service, for Prince Philip himself planned the funeral ceremony.

Among the chief mourners was his son, Prince Charles, whose own Saturn is placed at this same degree – 5 Virgo. This tells of the enormous loss

Charles will feel and the responsibility he will bear for the future of the Monarchy. He visited his father in hospital on 20 February where it is reported Prince Philip gave his son instructions on how best to help the Queen after his death. He also requested to be able to die at home. Even so near the end of his 99 years of life 'home' was still important to the man who grew up as the wandering prince of no fixed abode.

Venus, the planet of love (very near to his natal Venus), casts a harmonious aspect to the ascendant and Vesta. Placed in House 9 and ruling the Midheaven it shows the esteem in which this man is held throughout the world. It also represents the love he has given to the Queen over many long years.

The Moon placed at 27 degrees of Gemini has just passed over the planet Mars at 26 degrees of Gemini in the funeral chart. This position is close to his own Mars position at 24 Gemini and brings attention to his naval career and achievements. These planets in the Prince's Sun sign Gemini, a sign which is not known for its patience, suggests his wish to 'get on with it'.

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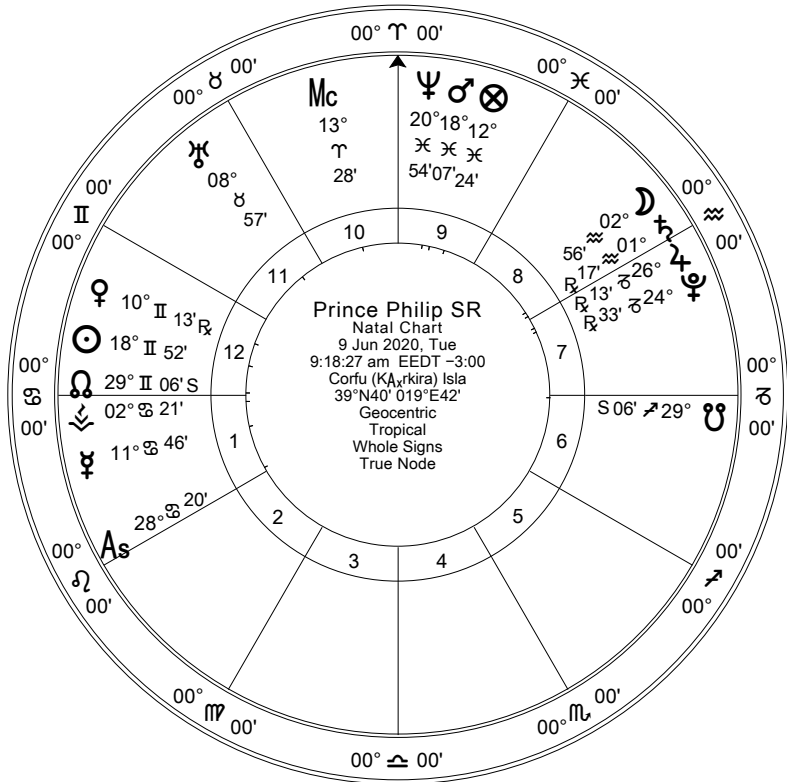


There is a further suggestion from this placement that behind the scenes all has not been smooth sailing in the family. Bear in mind that Harry had returned home after a difficult period of public family fractures, which of course must be dealt with out of the public eye. As I suspected there was an issue around military attire for the funeral ceremony and the Queen moved in with a compromise – all would wear suits. The Moon represents the people collectively. Highly placed in this chart it shows the respect, honour and esteem with which this legend of longevity is held.

The Sun and Moon honour this famous royal couple as they symbolise male and female. In this case, the Queen and her Consort. They are in harmony exactly 60 degrees apart with the Moon elevated in House 10. Even in death the Prince has bowed to his Queen.

With all this in mind another remarkable feature of the funeral chart is the focused attention of planets and chart points at 26 and 27 degrees of the zodiac. There are seven in all. In clockwise order the Moon, Mars, Midheaven, Sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Pluto form a guard of honour. His coffin was followed immediately by his daughter Princess Anne (represented by the Moon and her position on the left) and his son Prince Charles (a Sun Scorpio represented by Mars) and other members of his family. It is as though the heavens bear homage to this great man's passing. The Sun representing the Prince himself, is in Aries the sign of its exaltation, positioned in House 8 the house of death, and gives testimony to his high-ranking status, military service and achievements, personal power, charm and reputation.

Saturn, the lord of death, at 12 degrees Aquarius is placed in opposition to the Queen's Moon at 12 degrees Leo.



Prince Philip's Solar Return Chart

It is a symbol of her loss, grief and current mourning.

Solar Return 2020

The 2020 Solar Return (SR) of Prince Philip is a powerful statement.

By Profecation at age 99 he has reached House 4 of his natal chart – a house that can indicate 'the end of the matter'. By simply examining his natal chart we are given a clue that his end was near and the probable cause. The lord of the year is Mars placed in natal House 11 conjunct the Sun. Using derived houses and counting from house 4 we find that Mars occupies the profected House 8 – the house of death. Placed close to the Sun we can speculate that a possible cause would be heart failure as he had recently had heart surgery. His death certificate gave the cause of death as 'old age'. With both in Gemini a double bodied sign he was admitted to two hospitals during

his last illness where is was reported that he had infection (Mars) and heart surgery (Sun).

Profecions alone are not enough evidence of his passing. More support for this scenario is needed for this speculation to be realised. By transferring this information to his 2020 SR we gain more insight. The sign Cancer rises and has the same axis as his death announcement chart. When the SR ascendant is ruled by the Moon it is always a clue that change is afoot. The location of the Moon shows where the change happens. This SR Moon is in House 8 at 2 deg Aquarius. Add to this the Moon's conjunction to Saturn in the same house. The Moon has passed over Saturn by one degree. Saturn is retrograde so the planets are separating. Saturn is ruler of House 7 and represents his wife. She will lose his support – 'her strength and stay'

before his next birthday (June 2021 when Prince Philip would have reached 100 years).

Repetitive Number 9

As a point of interest a friend sent me the following information: *At the time of his death Prince Philip was 99 years of age. He died on April 9, the 99th day of the year.* Further research revealed that there were 9 family members who walked behind his coffin – Princess Anne, Prince Charles, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward, Prince William, Peter Phillips (his eldest grandchild), Prince Harry, Lord Snowdon (his nephew) and Timothy Lawrence (Princess Anne’s husband).

Some reports stated that he died at 9.00 a.m., although this has not been confirmed. Further linkages to the number 9 are that he was separated from his mother at age 9 in 1930. The full Moon prior to his death on 28 March 2021 was in the 9th degree of Libra. On the day of his death Mercury the messenger was at 9 degrees Aires opposite the previous full Moon degree and elevated in House 10. The Moon itself as ruler of the ascendant is placed in House 9 at 12 noon on 9 April 2021.

In numerology, the number 9 refers to completion, endings and foreign cultures. This surely is a strong indication that the ‘old order changes’ with the passing of the longest living consort in British history.

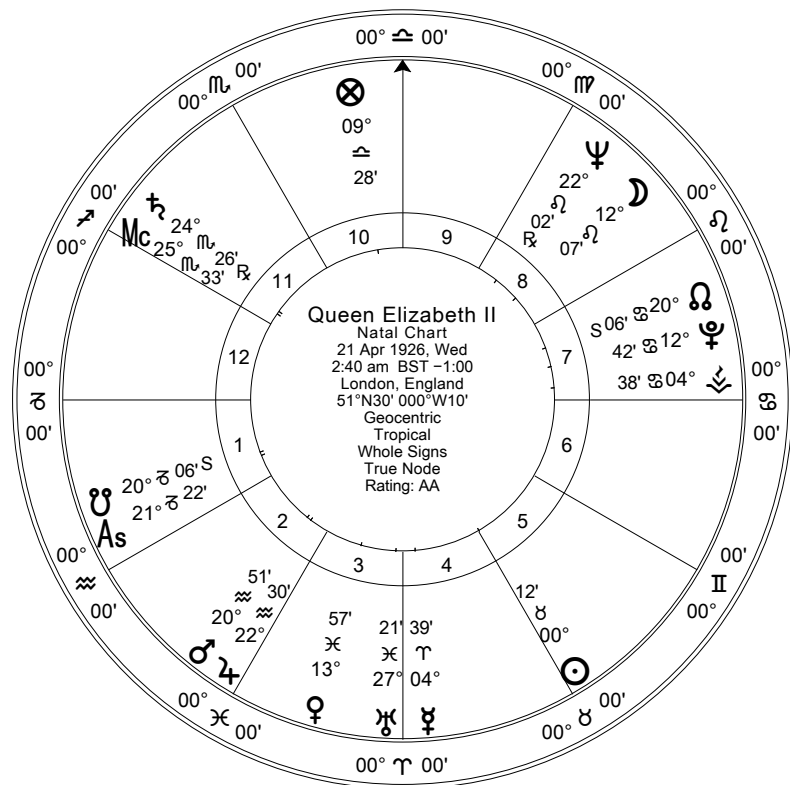
Full Moon

Any full Moon is considered activated for two weeks after its occurrence. In this case the activation period was until 11 April. The death fell in this time frame. When a full Moon falls on a chart planet or point by conjunction, opposition or square that chart is considered to be activated during that period. It is as if a spotlight illuminates a chart during the fourteen day time frame.

The orb of influence is up to 5 degrees. The charts of Prince Philip’s family were activated in the following manner by the Full Moon at 8.18 Libra:

Name	Aspect	Planet & Degree
Prince Philip	Square	Pluto 7.55 Cancer
Queen Elizabeth	Opposition Square	Mercury 4.39 Aries S Arc Mercury 5.47 Cancer
Prince Charles	Square	S Arc Vesta 9.01 Cap
Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall	Conjunction Opposition	Neptune Midheaven
Princess Anne	Square Conjunction	Uranus 7.55 Cancer S Arc Venus 7.40 Libra
Prince Andrew	Conjunction Square	S Arc Asc 12.13 Libra Neptune 9.47 Cap
Prince Edward	Square	Nodes 8.34 Cancer/Capricorn
Prince William	Conjunction	Mars 9.12 Libra
Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge	Conjunction	Mars 10.27 Libra
Prince Harry	Square	Asc/Dec 11.26 Cap/Cancer
Meghan Markle	Conjunction	IC 11.48 Libra plus Moon, Saturn & Jupiter Libra

Queen Elizabeth II’s Chart



Queen Elizabeth II

Some years ago I noticed that in January 2020 the Saturn Pluto conjunction made direct contact with the Ascendant and South node of Queen Elizabeth’s chart. Later, in 2020, the Jupiter Pluto conjunction moved across this same point to be quickly followed by the Jupiter Saturn mutation con-

junction in Aquarius, which made a square aspect to her Sun during late December 2020. These factors alerted me to the changes that would descend on our Queen during the coming months and years. The nature and intensity of these contacts could not be ignored. The coming changes would be huge. This was reinforced

as the Jupiter Saturn aspect activated the charts of both Prince Charles and Prince William, the first and second in line to the British throne.

In January 2020, almost to the day, Prince Harry dropped his bombshell and announced that he and his wife would be stepping down as senior royals. Yet more was to come, but Covid 19 pandemic intervened and set the planet awry. Huge adjustments had to be made quickly as lockdown and social distancing measures came into effect. What Harry did not know then, due to the coming severe restrictions on travel, is that he would not see his grandfather again.

The next trigger came, when at age 94, Queen Elizabeth profected into House 11. The house which contains her mid-heaven with Saturn tightly conjunct and square her Mars which is lord of the year until she turns 95 in April 2021. These energies strongly suggested that a major change was coming before her birthday in 2021 and the possibility that it would be a death. Now this was not rocket science, astrologically speaking, considering the ages of both the Queen and Prince Philip. But the clues and timing were there. The final piece of this puzzle is the opposition of Saturn to her Moon in Taurus in House 8 – the house of death also reflected in the Funeral Chart. The first pass of this transit was within minutes at the time of her husband's passing.

Mercury Retrograde

Between May 29 – June 22, 2021 Mercury will go retrograde at 24.43 Gemini. Prince Philip's Gemini Sun is ruled by Mercury. This point of retrogradation is tightly conjunct Prince Philips natal Mars in Gemini and trine Jupiter's position at 24.49 Aquarius on the day of his death. A retrograde Mercury indicates a time of revision and revisiting. It gives a pause to review a previous event or situation. During this timeframe we may expect to

hear more of ongoing Royal plans, rifts or changes as the family adapts to the circumstances brought about by Prince Philip's death. There may be more media coverage, documentaries or the release of books on Prince Philip's life and military career and service.

In conclusion, although Prince Philip found his role was to walk two steps behind, he made his mark in the British Royal Family in a multitude of ways. These are just some of the highlights that a study of his astrology reveals. As a man, he will be remembered for his service to his country, his support and devotion to his Queen and family members.

As he left this earthly life you can almost hear him say '*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.*' 2 Timothy 4:7

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All charts from Cindy Naunton's collection. Whole sign houses are used in this article.



The British Royal Family
Credit: www.bac-lac.gc.ca

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh during a visit to Titanic Belfast on 27 June 2012. Credit: en.wikipedia.org

