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The queen "died peacefully" at Balmoral Castle, her Scottish estate, on Thursday, Buckingham Palace announced.

LONDON - Queen Elizabeth II has died at the age of 96, ending the longest reign for a British head of state in history, a staggering 69-year tenure that included the administrations of 14 U.S. presidents and a dramatic reshaping of the Commonwealth.

The news of the queen's death came after Buckingham Palace said early Thursday that her doctors were "concerned for Her Majesty's health," and that she was remaining under medical supervision. Earlier this week, Elizabeth had overseen the appointment of new British Prime Minister Liz Truss. But a virtual meeting the next day of the queen's Privy Council was canceled after doctors advised her to rest.

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