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Dear Mrs Mayor, Dear Jilly,
Dear friends in Crawley,

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. To all our friends in our English twin town of Crawley we extend our deepest sympathy.

The world has lost an outstanding woman and a great European. The Queen always demonstrated the ability to inspire and motivate people. She always struck the perfect tone and found the most appropriate words. Her finely-tuned humour gave her a sense of dignity and natural authority, combined with the human touch. The former American President, Barack Obama, once described her as *"an astonishing person and a real jewel to the world"*.

In Germany, too, she was revered and respected to the highest degree. For us, she was a builder of bridges after the Second World War and played a great part in enabling us to forge friendships – and to found the town twinning with Crawley.

As a mark of our commiseration with our friends in Crawley and of our appreciation of her services, we have hoisted the Union Flag of the UK and the Municipal Flag of Dorsten at half-mast in front of our town hall.

As the Queen herself said on the death of her husband, Philip: *"Grief is the price we pay for love"*. The overwhelming sympathy on the death of Her Majesty is a sign of the extraordinary esteem in which she was held by people the world over.

We shall miss her.

In sincerest sympathy,

Marita Kipinski
Chair „Freundeskreis Crawley e.V.“

Tobias Stockhoff
Mayor