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BRIT - PRINCESS MARINA DIES

LONDON AUG. 27, REUTER -- PRINCESS MARINA, 61-YEAR-OLD AUNT OF BRITAIN'S QUEEN ELIZABETH, DIED HERE TODAY OF A BRAIN TUMOR.

THE GREEK-BORN PRINCESS'S TWO SONS, THE DUKE OF KENT AND PRINCE MICHAEL, AND DAUGHTER PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WERE WITH HER.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HER APARTMENTS IN LONDON'S KENSINGTON PALACE SAID THE PRINCESS HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM AN INOPERABLE BRAIN TUMOUR.

SHE HAD SPENT FIVE WEEKS RESTING AT THE PALACE AFTER TREATMENT IN NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR NERVOUS DISEASES.

FORMERLY PRINCESS MARINA OF GREECE AND DENMARK, SHE MARRIED THE DUKE OF KENT IN 1934. HE WAS KILLED IN AN AIR CRASH WHILE ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN AUGUST 1942.

SHE TWICE KNEW EXILE -- FIRST FROM 1914 TO 1918 WHEN THE GREEK ROYAL FAMILY HAD TO SEEK REFUGE IN SWITZERLAND, AND AGAIN AFTER WORLD WAR ONE WHEN THE FAMILY LIVED IN PARIS.

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