Diana Spencer became Lady Diana in 1975, when her father became the eighth Earl Spencer. She did not do particularly well at school. Then she moved to London to work in a nursery school.

In 1981 Diana married Charles, Prince of Wales, the Queen’s eldest son and the heir to the British throne. She became Princess of Wales. The newspapers gave her the nickname Queen of Hearts. She had two sons, William and Harry, born in 1982 and 1984.

Diana’s elegance, beauty and kindness won her many fans. She became a supporter of charities and good causes.

Diana and Charles separated in 1992 and later divorced. Diana withdrew from public life for a while, but later took up her charity work once more, notably for the Red Cross campaign to ban landmines in war zones.

On 31 August 1997 Diana was tragically killed in a car crash in Paris, France, at the age of 36. There was a tremendous outburst of grief among the people of Britain and throughout the world.