



Tragedy as Welsh First Minister Mark Drakeford's wife Clare dies 'suddenly' aged 66: Prince and Princess of Wales lead tributes to mother-of-three who shielded during Covid and was married to Labour veteran, 68, for 46 years

Description

The wife of Wales's First Minister Mark Drakeford has died suddenly, the Welsh Government said today.

A spokesman said: 'It is with deep sadness that we confirm the sudden passing of Clare Drakeford, wife of the First Minister. The thoughts of everyone in the Welsh Government are with the family at this time and we ask that their privacy is respected.'

Mr Drakeford became First Minister of Wales in 2018 and was reappointed to the post in May 2021.

During the coronavirus pandemic, Mr Drakeford moved into a building in his garden to protect his wife and mother-in-law, who he said had been shielding. He said in February 2021 how they were in the top four priority groups for vaccination 'due to their conditions'.

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