

ELISABETH OF POMERANIA  
AN EMPRESS OF THE LATE MIDDLE AGES

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Born in autumn 1346 and brought up at the court of her grandfather, King Casimir III of Poland, Elisabeth of Pomerania became the fourth wife of Emperor Carl IV on Pentecost in 1363. In the context of desire to maintain the Roman Empire in its past glory, Carl IV probably thought about upgrading the role of his wife. Her coronation as Empress in 1368 can be viewed in this vein. As far as her character is concerned, Elisabeth of Pomerania can be seen a woman who, on the one hand, was shaped by her love for her husband, humility, and devoutness, and on the other hand, was interested in politics, loved luxury, and was self-confident. The last years of her life were spent as a widow living in Königgrätz, where she died on February 15, 1393.