

Nenagh Molson

Nenagh Molson passed away peacefully on December 31, 2025, at the age of 89, surrounded by the love she gave so freely throughout her extraordinary life. Kind, gentle, wise, and unmistakably herself, Nenagh was a gifted artist and a deeply cherished mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose unwavering love, support, and guidance touched everyone fortunate enough to know her. Young at heart with a bold independence and unique flair for style, she lived as an original in every sense—one of a kind, forever loved and deeply missed.

Born and raised in Victoria, British Columbia, Nenagh was the daughter of Dr. Glenn Simpson, the first pediatrician on Vancouver Island, and Esme Simpson. His lifelong dedication to service left a lasting imprint on her own quiet strength and grace.

While studying art and design at the Vancouver School of Art (now Emily Carr University of Art + Design), Nenagh met her beloved husband, Robert “Bob” Molson. They shared more than 65 years of marriage filled with adventure and companionship until Bob’s passing in 2023. Together they travelled the world before settling back in Victoria, building a rich life rooted in family, friendship, and culture. They especially treasured their many visits to Poipu, Kauai, where the beauty of the island mirrored Nenagh’s own appreciation for nature and colour.

At home, Nenagh found joy in her garden, literature, cooking, the loyal companionship of her much-loved dogs, and gatherings with family and friends over cups of tea or a glass of red wine. A passionate Chinese brush painter and teacher, she founded *The Studio of Harmonious Endeavours* more than fifteen years ago. For many years the studio has been closely associated with Goward House in Cadboro Bay, where she devoted

herself to nurturing the artistic community through weekly sessions and annual exhibitions. Her work—often botanicals, birds, and natural forms, later expanding into textile and mixed-media collages—reflected the vibrant influence of Chinese art that infused her home, wardrobe, and even her choice of tea and cuisine. Her paintings and collages continue to bring beauty and inspiration to all who see them.

Nenagh is lovingly remembered by her four children, Glenn, Hilaire, Oonagh, and Robyn; by her nine grandchildren—six granddaughters and three grandsons; and by her two great-granddaughters. She is reunited in memory with her brother, who passed in 2019, and her eldest grandson, who passed in 2020.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate teams at Royal Jubilee Hospital, to McCall's for their gentle guidance, and especially to Rose, whose caring presence became part of our family.

Friends and family are warmly invited to a Celebration of Life honouring Nenagh on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Goward House, Victoria, British Columbia.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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