

Obituary

On September 5, 2026, Gudrun Adelheid Elisabeth Snethlage (née Engelke) went peacefully to her Saviour in her 88th year.

Gudrun was the beloved wife of the late Gisbert for 67 years and was the cherished mother of Dorothea Hill (Jon), Johannes (Sally), Christine Lederman (Robert), and Andreas (Tina). Gudrun was also an adored Omi of Tanya, Melanie, Nathaniel, Joshua, Anneliese, Melinda, Jakob, Jadah, Jeramee and Jazmyn, along with 12 great-grandchildren.

Gudrun was predeceased by her sister Edelgard Schranz & brother, Wolfgang. She is survived by her brother Jurgen Engelke (Barb) and sister Christiane Snethlage (Rotger).

Born in Oschatz, Germany on June 13, 1939, Gudrun travelled with her father by boat to Canada in 1955 to prepare a home with hopes of better opportunities for her family who followed several months later.

She became active in the German Lutheran Church in Kitchener (later the German Christian Endeavour Fellowship). One day, her singing there captured the heart of Gisbert Snethlage, who had just immigrated to Canada from Germany, and they were married soon after.

In addition to the family they raised together, Gudrun found fulfillment in life from singing, painting, the family cottage, and her craft business, All Things Beautiful - Crafts by Gudrun.

Most of all, she was devoted to Jesus. Her passion to share the gospel enveloped most of her life. She often inspired others in their walk with God. She spent many hours in prayer for others and encouraged those around her in their faith.

Gudrun and Gisbert always had a seat at the table for family, neighbours, and friends old and new (and they would always be well fed by her German cooking).

Gudrun enjoyed her last months at Heritage House, where she made many friends, including her dear friends Mimi & Monique. She became a social butterfly and her positive attitude radiated throughout the entire building. She will be remembered for the kindness, faith, & the encouragement she showed to everyone she met.

In Loving Memory of



Gudrun Snethlage

June 13th, 1939 - September 5th, 2026



So nimm den meine Hände

By Julie von Hausmann (1867)

Lyrics - German

So nimm denn meine Hände
und führe mich
bis an mein selig Ende
und ewiglich.
Ich mag allein nicht gehen,
nicht einen Schritt:
wo du wirst gehn und stehen,
da nimm mich mit.

In dein Erbarmen hülle
mein schwaches Herz
und mach es gänzlich stille
in Freud und Schmerz.
Laß ruhn zu deinen Füßen
dein armes Kind:
es will die Augen schließen
und glauben blind.

Wenn ich auch gleich nichts
fühle
von deiner Macht,
du führst mich doch zum Ziele
auch durch die Nacht:
so nimm denn meine Hände
und führe mich
bis an mein selig Ende
und ewiglich!

Lyrics - English

Lord, take my hand and
guide me
upon my way.
I know You are beside me
till my last day.
I dare not take without Thee
one single stride,
be my companion, lead me
both day and night.

Lord, cover with Thy mercy
my erring heart.
Of heaven make me worthy,
when I depart.
Let at Thy feet abide me,
Thy will to know.
A blissful sleep let find me
in weal and woe.

Though I don't feel you show
me
Thy godly might,
still to my goal You guide me
e'en through the night.
So nothing can impede me
upon my way,
as Thy dear hand will lead
me
till my last day.

Order of Service

Prelude

*Assortment of Hymns
Slideshow Created by
Jadah Snethlage*

Congregational Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Welcome & Prayer

Pastor Jake

Scripture Reading
*Romans 8:1-11
Galatians 4:1-7*

Joshua Snethlage

Congregational Hymn

How Great Thou Art (v. 1 & 4)

Family Tributes

Christiane Snethlage (*Read by
Melinda Dyck*)
Christine Lederman
Johannes & Sally Snethlage
Grandchildren
Dorothea Hill

Video Presentation

Well Done by the Afters

Encouragement

Pastor Jake

Family Song
Dona Nobis Pacem

Family

Family Song
Fullness of Time

Family

Closing Prayer

Pastor Jake

Prayer for the Meal

Family

Recessional

So nimm den meine Hände