

Obituary: Nelda Gerbine

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Nelda Rae Sembera Gerbine, 77, of Cleburne—who served multiple roles with Woman’s Missionary Union of Texas—died June 7 in Fort Worth. She was born Jan. 18, 1939, in Bryan to Alton Ray Sr. and Odessa Mae Tanner Sembera. She married Perry Gerbine on Feb. 13, 1988. in Elysian Fields. She was involved with WMU at College Heights Baptist Church in Cleburne, as well as at the associational and state levels. She was a retired administrative assistant with Texas WMU, and she also worked in the Mission Service Corps office for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In retirement, she continued to volunteer with Texas WMU Women’s Build construction projects. Survivors include her husband; children, Lisa Arthurs, Cathy Glass, Susan Mitchell, Angela Gerbine, Stoney Gerbine and Archie Gerbine; 18 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and sisters, Peggy Carper, Betty Jo Hill and Mary Tipton. She was preceded in death by her son, Donnie Kearns, and brothers, Alton “Buddy” Sembera Jr., Ervin Sembera and Douglas Sembera.