

George W. Gray, Jr.

17 February 1924 – 11 Jan 1977, 52

George Gray was an influential caver in Texas. His wife, Jacquelyn, was in the women's Abilene Grotesque Grotto. George was TSA Vice-Chairman in 1960. He was active in the Abilene Grotto and served as its Chairman in 1962. He was the editor of the Texas Caver from 1967–1969, producing 36 good issues with the help of James Estes and others.

The Abilene cavers visited many caves in central and West Texas, and even the Guadalupe Mountains of New Mexico. George Gray may have mapped Windlass Cave, Culberson County, Texas, in 1960.

He is buried in Abilene Municipal Cemetery, Abilene, Taylor Co., Texas, with a military headstone: 1st Lt. US Air Force. See https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31738952/george-w_-gray



Abilene Grotto members at the entrance of Felton Cave about 1965. Left to right: George W. Gray Jr., Bart Crisman, Dewayne Dickey, Bryant Lilly, and James Estes. Bryant Lilly collection, from p. 187 of Carl Kunath's *50 Years of Texas Caving*, 2007.

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