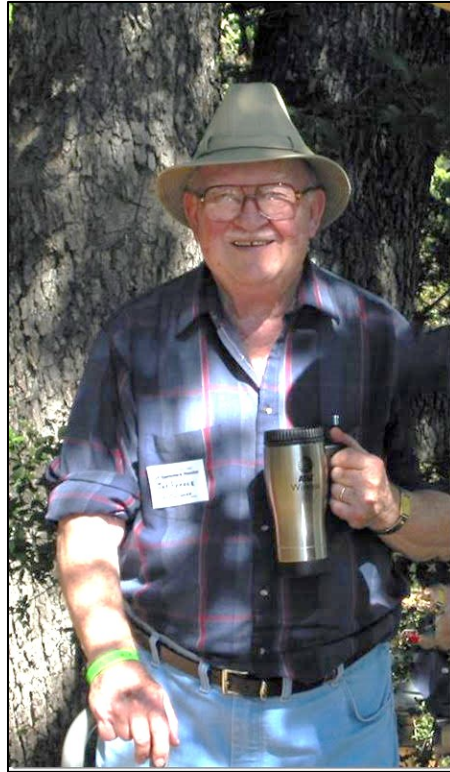


## Joe C. Pearce

23 January 1928 – 20 January 20, 2018, 90, NSS 2903. One of the founders of the original Balcones Grotto and a principal in getting the *Texas Caver* off the ground.



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...Joe C. Pearce passed away January 20, 2018 just three days short of his 91st birthday. His death was mentioned in a recent TexasCavers posting although unfortunately with a relict topic line. Although Joe's health kept him in the background of Texas caving in his later years, he was a TexasCavers subscriber and remained interested in caving. He was NSS #2903. Some of you may recall meeting Joe at the 1984 TSA Convention in Burnet or the 2004 TCR at Flat Creek. Joe was one of the founders of the original Balcones Grotto and a principal in getting the *Texas Caver* off the ground. He was listed as one of the production staff on the masthead of issue #1(October 1955). That historic first issue carried a nice essay about early Grotto lore from Joe's memory. Joe was far more than a production staff member of the *Texas Caver*. He was a faithful contributor. Joe was an early advocate for safe and conservation-minded caving. He authored many *Caver* articles about conservation and cave owner relationship. Joe's bio appeared in the May 1956 *Caver*. You can find several references to Joe Pearce in *50 Years of Texas Caving*.

With Joe's passing, we are diminished.

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