

## Stanley Bittinger Caver Obituary

Stanley Bittinger was born on 07/03/1928 and passed away on 06/04/2026. He was a key figure in the world of caving in South Texas. Stanley introduced his sons, Craig and Steve to Caving in 1967.



Stanley Bittinger in Bustamante. Chained rope to climb to the Birthday Passage.



ront: Bonnie Nelson, Oscar Arizpe, Jo Alex, George Hohon, Noma Coquat.  
ow 2: Jack Feild, George Sheffield, Joel Hallan, John Kreidler, Peggy Anderson, Steve Smith.  
ow 3: Dale Moerbe, Craig Bittinger, Edward Ebner, Gail Gavenda, Steve Hulsebus, Paul Sturm, Bill Bolen.  
ow 4: Thomas J. Levi, Frank Goodwyn, Norman Fuzzell, Jerry A. Green, Arthur O. Schulze, Gill Ediger, Alfonso Soliz, Steven Bittinger.

## Spelunkers Make Caving Trips to Mexico

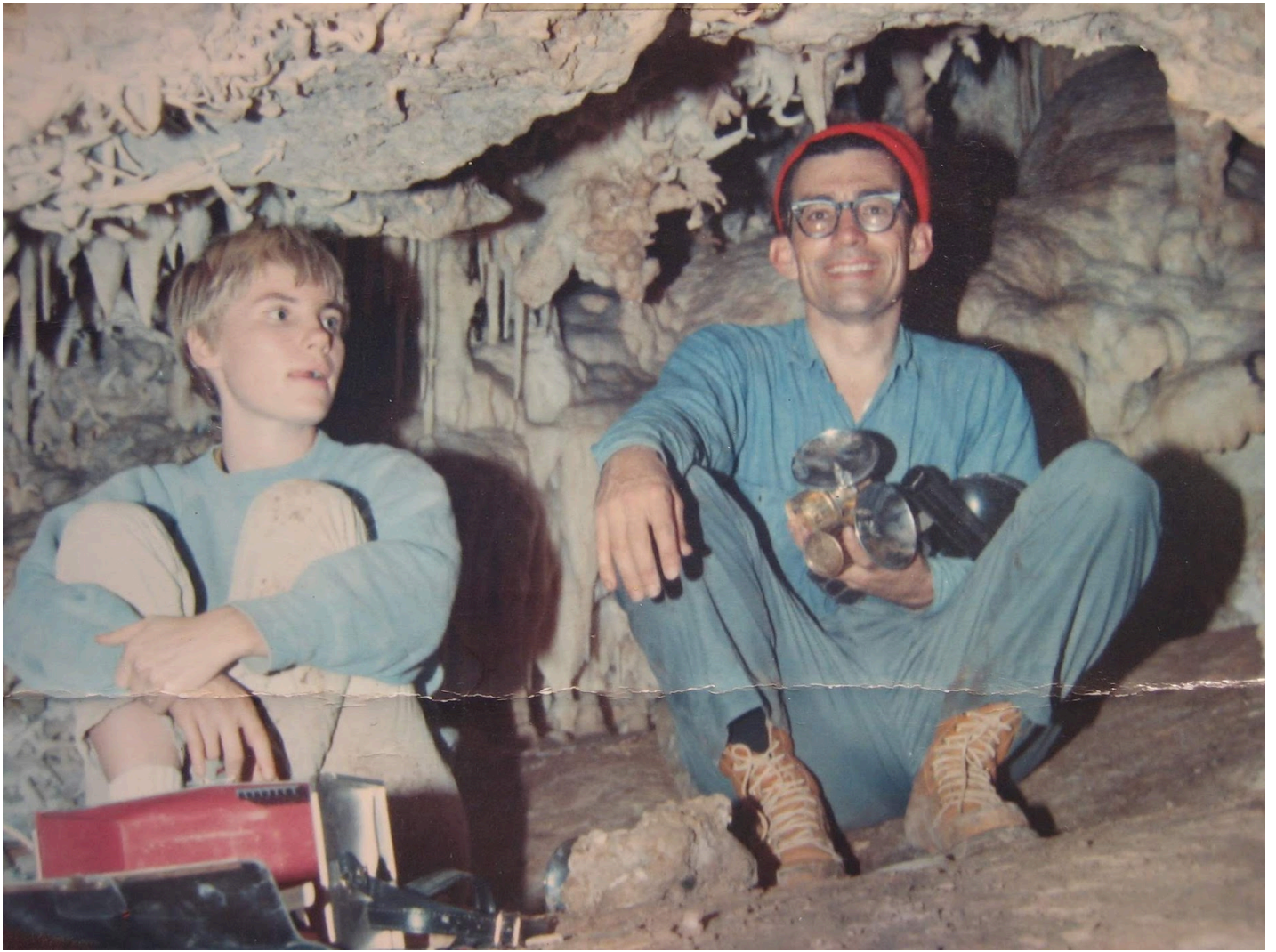
He was the faculty sponsor for the Texas A&I Speleological Society with John Kreidler and Gill Ediger as the President and Vice President.



Stanley was known for driving a VW bus. He would loan his VW to the club for trips when work and church interfered with his ability to go on the trip.  
Stanley's VW at Devils Sinkhole.



Stanley loved to travel to Mexico and led many trips to Bustamante and Carrizal. Stanley on the left in the parking lot for Bustamante (La Gruta Del Palmito)



Stanley and Ann (Goetting) Edwards in Bustamante



1967 Mt. Rainier Ice Cave



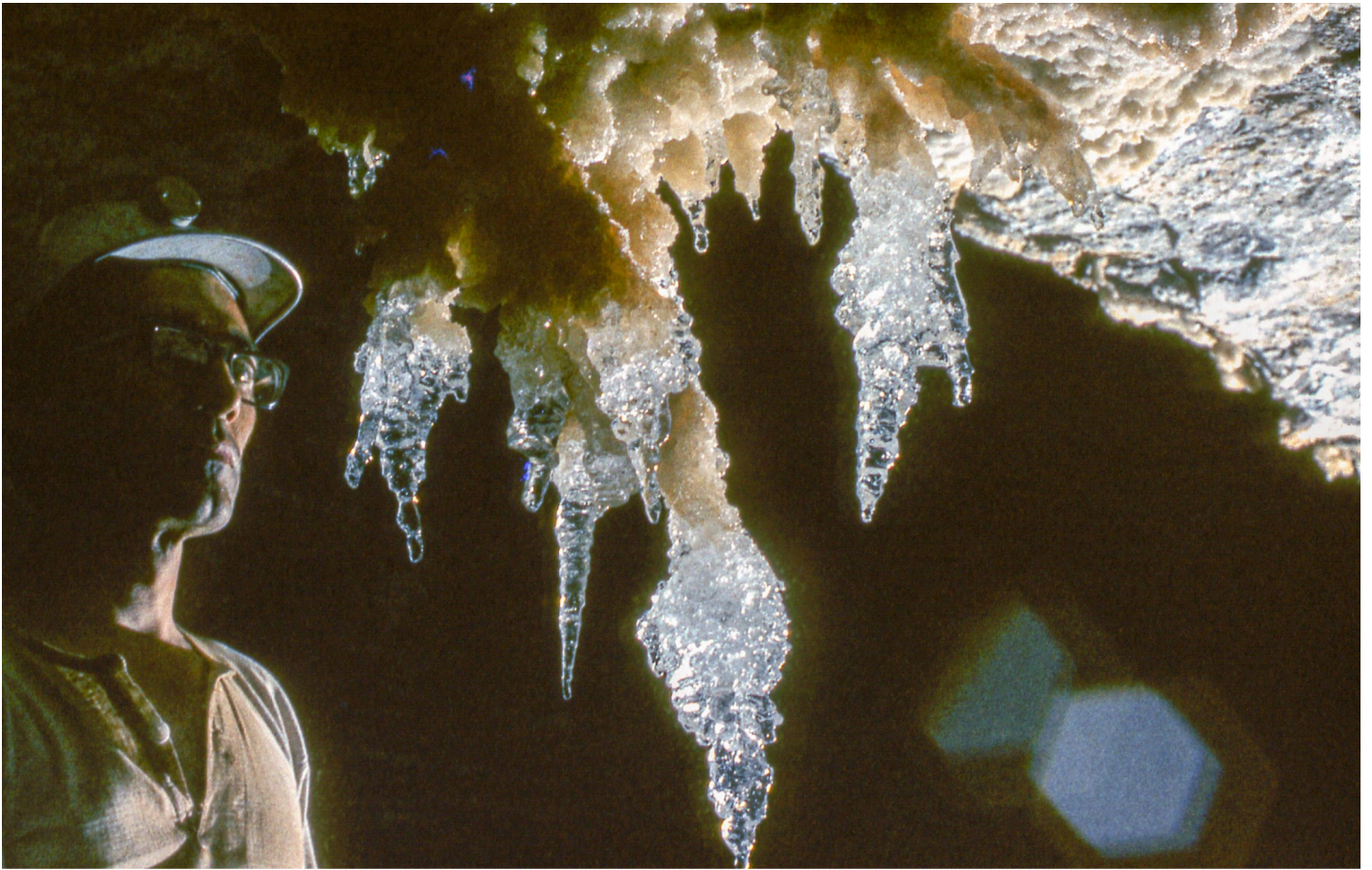
Stanley went on many caving trips including Golondrinas.



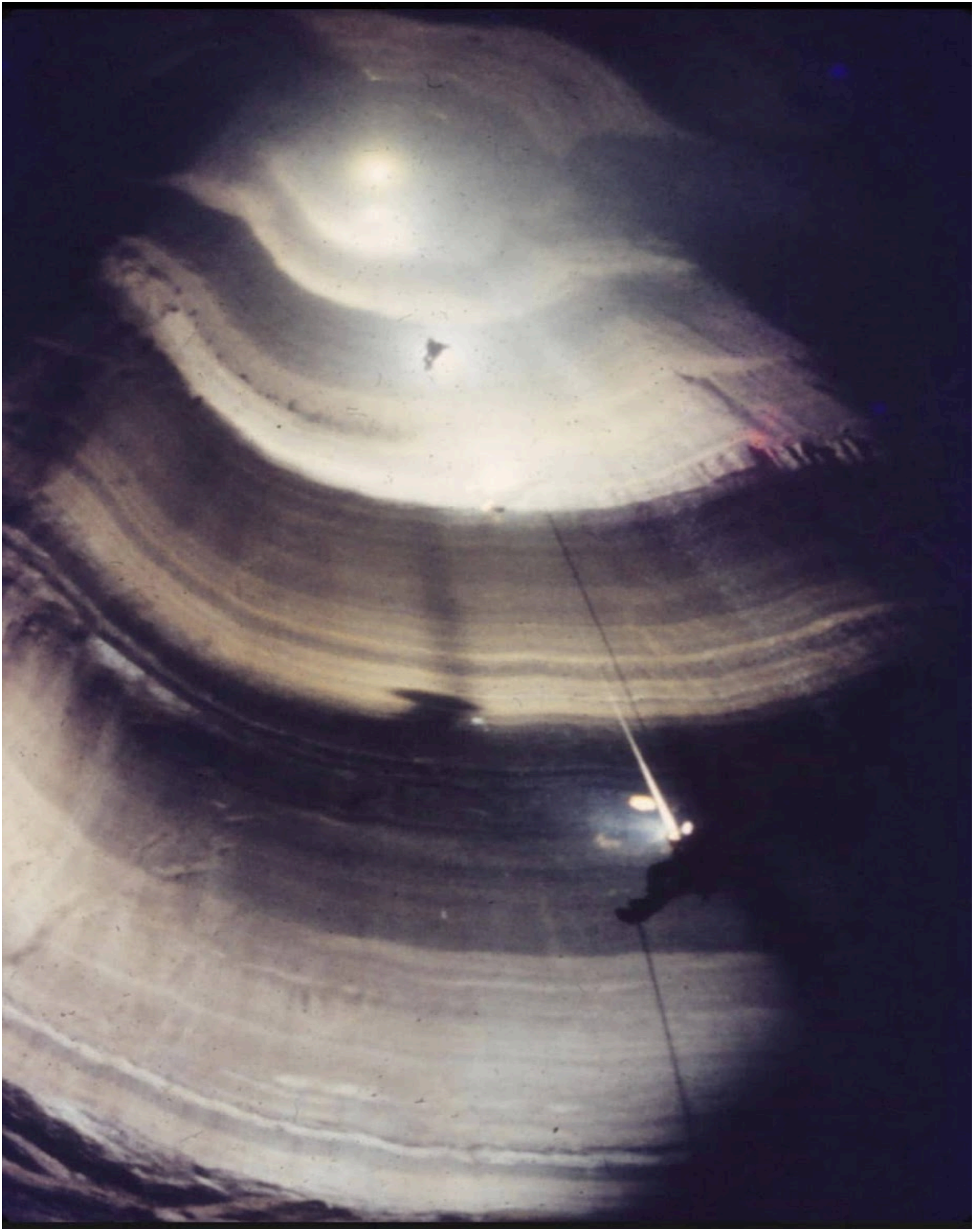
Stanley sitting on the edge of Golondrinas



Stanley led trips to Ciudad Valles and Sotano De La Tinaja  
Steve Holsebus, Levi, Jan Steve Bittinger and Stanley



Stanley participated in caving in TAG (Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia) country. He went on a through trip in Ellisons and Fantastic Pit. In 1970 admiring crystal formations in Ellisons (Georgia)



Stanley flashing a strobe light as he climbs Fantastic Pit in Georgia 510 feet.



Stanley and Frank Binney at the Old Timers.



Stanley and Dorothy at Old Timers



Stanley performed many weddings for cavers.  
Pat, Stanley, Molly, Craig, Fred, Paul, DeDe, Edna, Gandalf, Jim, Amador (Kneeling)  
Paul and Edna Wedding Photo



1974 Paul Duncan's Wedding

(Original photo is the one just before this one shown above. This photo is cropped and exposure adjusted.)



Stanley and Paul Duncan



Stanley, Neal Morris and Steve Bittinger



Stanley near Aquismon, Mexico (Mantetzulel Caves)

When I think back over Stanley's 97 years, he had a life that was well lived. He devoted his life to service to others. He loved to teach and show others new things. He was a role model for us all. He lived his faith through his actions and deeds. He showed us how a life should be lived.

We are all lucky to have known him and to have shared in his adventures in this life. He had the capacity to love and share it with those around him. We will all miss him as he goes on to his well-deserved reward. Goodbye Stanley, Vaya Con Dios!