

Introduce Yourself: Paul Verger

What's Your Story?

Hi, my name is Paul Verger. Believe it or not, I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I am a 3rd-generation Angelino since both of my parents came here as children. My father was a well-known local architect, Morris David Verger. He was president of the local and state chapters of the American Institute of Architects. My mother, Florence Verger, was a high school teacher who substitute-taught while my sister and I were growing up. She was active in the League of Women Voters and served on the Mulholland Specific Plan Commission for over 20 years. I have one sister, Alice, who lives in Canada.

My most recent degree is a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from California State University at Long Beach. I have been a software engineer for years and expect to continue for many more.

Religiously, I would say I am more or less conservative. Growing up, my family was religious but not shul-goers. About 10 years ago I became active in IKAR, which is also where I met my wife Sherri. I now have three stepsons and we expect a grandchild in the near future.

The most interesting place I have travelled to is Cuba. Sherri and I went on a tour there a year ago in January. Fascinating place. Time seems frozen in 1959. I could swear I saw my first car. There are lots of classic American cars there, maintained in mint condition to serve as taxis for tourists. Many beautiful buildings have fallen into ruin. We saw some ancient (and small) synagogues, some interesting art, a pirate fort, and came back with some unique tchotchkes.

I have also been to Canada many times, Israel a few times, and Jordan for a couple of brief visits. I have been to Mexico but don't remember it. My mom told me that we drove down to Tijuana once, but that my sister and I refused to get out of the car.

About the only philosophy I care to espouse is to keep on trying and stay optimistic.