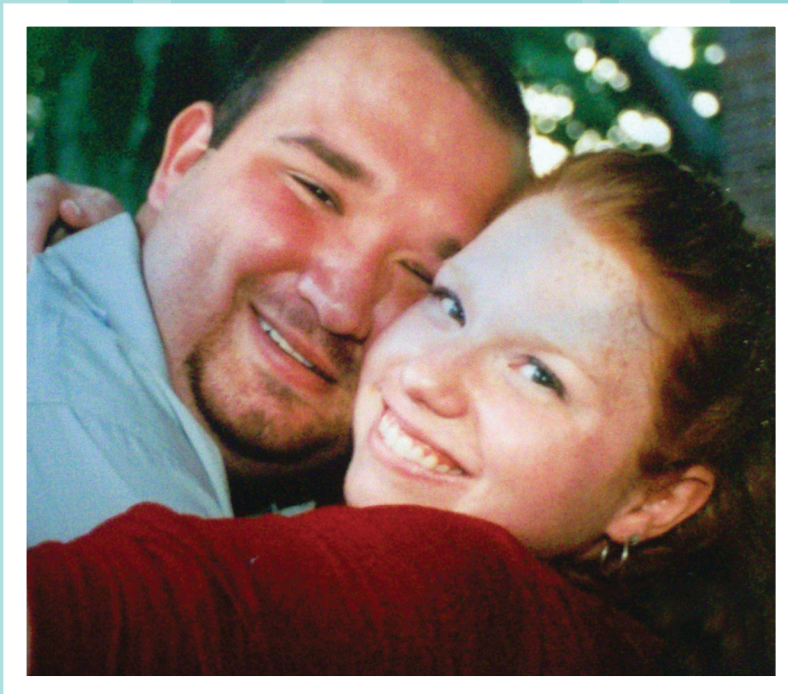


Hello we are...  
Michael and Jessica





## *Our Hopes and Dreams...*

Although we can't begin to imagine what you have been through, we are grateful for your decision as it will help make a family's dream of having a child a reality. This is one of the most selfless gifts you will ever provide.

We are a happy, loving couple who have wanted to be parents for such a long time. We don't feel we must have a baby in order to be happy, however there is so much love in our relationship that we've always wanted to share it with a child. We think we have taken our time, prepared ourselves and we haven't rushed in.

We have a strong family foundation with good values and morals. While we have worked hard for everything we have, we haven't lost sight of how important it is to have fun. We are always being silly and putting smiles on each other's faces. We can't wait for the day when our child's giggles will mix with our laughter.

If you chose us to parent your child, we promise you your child will be the most loved and appreciated child there ever was; they will never want for love or affection. For you, we hope that this decision is made with peace of mind. We believe that what's meant to be will be.

Sincerely,

*Michael and Jessica*

  
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## Our values and beliefs as parents...

We believe that family is the single most important thing in life. We both come from large families and want our child to know that by having a close relationship with your family, anything can be achieved with their love and support. We want our child to grow up knowing that as parents we will be there always, for the good and bad. There will always be someone to cry with, as well as to share the good times.

Education is very important in both of us, we feel learning never stops. Since Michael is a teacher, education will always be central in our family. We want our child to feel free to pursue whatever dreams they have for themselves, but we would like that to be on the foundation of an education so they can do what they dream of.

We would like our child to be a confident person. To us that doesn't mean being the most popular or most liked, but instead it means they know who they are, what they want, and how to stand up for themselves when the need arises. We want to know right from wrong, and hope that they will then be confident enough to help others when they can't stand up for themselves.

We don't want our child to live life in a bubble, only knowing what is right outside our door. We want our child to have as many different experiences as possible so they can truly consider the person they wish to become. We want our child to know how the world works, that it isn't always fair and just, but that you learn from different experiences. We hope to travel so that our child can enjoy different cultures and traditions in addition to the ones in our small corner of the world.

We also believe in the importance of having fun. We are only given one life. While it is important to be a good worker, knowledgeable and successful, it doesn't mean anything if you aren't happy. We have had our fair share of heartbreak and disappointment, but it is so important to realize that what's done is done and that tomorrow is a new day.



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## A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dog and cat

### HOBBIES:

#### **Adoptive Mother:**

Reading, watching movies, community service, playing the flute

#### **Adoptive Father:**

Football, NASCAR, music, movies

#### **Family:**

Football games, going to flea markets, swimming, going to the movies

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Cardiac Sonographer

**Adoptive Father:** Teacher

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Associates Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

## Our home...

When you walk into our house you immediately know that it is a home full of love. We have pictures of family and friends all over the walls and shelves, highlighting the special events and the good times we've shared. When we come home we cook dinner, talk about the day, play with the animals and sometimes challenge each other to a game of Jeopardy!

We have an acre of land with a fenced in backyard where our dog runs and plays. We also have a huge garden that we plant every spring, so we can enjoy fresh vegetables in the summertime. We live within 20 minutes of two state parks. They are both so beautiful, full of trails, trees, fields of wildflowers, and a lake where you can feed the birds. On beautiful days, it's always filled with children and their families. We even got married at one of them!

Our small town will be a great place to raise our family. It's a small, historic town that is so rich in history, dating back to 1790. The area is celebrated throughout the year with festivals where people gather, eat good food, and visit with friends.

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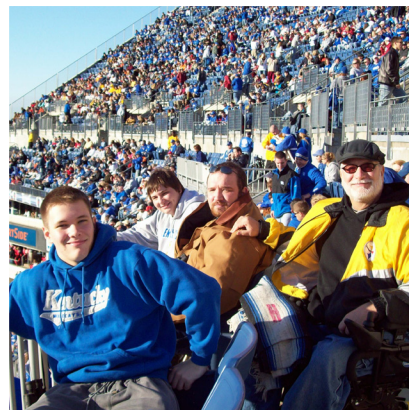
## Our family...

Marriage is a commitment that we both take very seriously. We are in this for the long haul, we are each other's best friends. We argue like any other couple, but we never go to bed angry. We both want a big family and if it is "to be" we would welcome those children with open arms. If, however, we are only blessed with one child, you can bet that they will be the most loved, most appreciated and most admired child.



One tradition that runs deep in our family is football. Michael is a high school football coach like his Dad and Granddad before him. He and his brothers all played football and we spend many weekends with his family going to college football games. I try to be a good coach's wife. I am at all the games, rain or shine. I cannot wait until I have our child at the games, cheering Daddy along.

We both have such large extended families its crazy. There are so many aunts, uncles and cousins that it makes holidays and family reunions fun. We have cousins adopted from China and Guatemala, so we have already welcomed adopted children in our family. Our child will be the first grandchild for all of our parents, so everyone is so excited, especially the waiting grandmothers! We couldn't ask for better families and anxiously wait to share our lives and our love with our child!



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