

Hello we are...
Bill & Eva



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Our adventure began more than 18 years ago when we met by chance at a pool party in Florida. Sparked by an initial physical attraction, we soon bonded over sports, particularly our favorite professional football team, the NY Giants. It wasn't long before we discovered we shared many of the same ethics, family values and traditions, and a thirst for a full and rewarding life.

We have cultivated a life filled with love, warmth, and laughter. Our mutual support for each other and our ability to work as a team has allowed us to build a stable life we hope to grow into a larger family. Our family means the world to us. We have a family full of long lasting relationships which provide great models for parenting. Eva's parents have been married almost 50 years, Bill's parents have been married for more than 60 years, and one of Eva's grandparents have been married for 81 years! This stability has taught us the importance of strong family ties.

We know a child doesn't have to be born to us for these strong ties to bind. Bill was adopted as a young child and is every bit a part of his family, just as every other member is loved and supported. Also, Eva's parents tried to adopt when she was younger. Because of this, adoption has always been a part of both of our families. When discussing how we wanted to start our family, we knew adoption would be the best option for us. It also allows us to "pay it forward" and provide a child with the same wonderful and loving adoption experience that Bill had. This unique bond always will be there between Bill and our child.

We hope to be able to share the love and support we have for each other, and our family has for us, with a child. We look forward to seeing them grow and providing them with every opportunity possible to reach their fullest potential.

For you, we hope you are surrounded by people who love and support you through this most difficult and emotional time. We believe this is the most selfless act you could ever perform.

With Love,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Love - Unconditional love provides the basis for our family! We hug often and say “I love you” multiple times of day. Actions often speak louder than words; we go out of our way to help each other, do small things to make each other smile, and look for ways to make each other happy. Sometimes it’s just a quick email at work saying “I love you”, but always it’s something that says “I cherish you.” Our child will know they are loved, through actions, hugs, words, and fun surprises. We will show our support by attending every sports game, recital, and science fair and we will tell them we love them every day.



Family - Our family’s support is boundless and we love spending time with them. We’re lucky to have a lot of family in the local area so we can see them often for birthdays, special occasions, and just random get-togethers. The large group of cousins on both sides of the family are as close as siblings and are always ready to support each other. We can’t wait for our child to spend time with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins! This child will be loved by everyone in our family.

Honesty - Honesty is a foundation for our relationships, whether between partners, friends, or parents with their children. An honest relationship is a trusting relationship, one full of integrity and ethics. We are always honest with each other and we will always be honest with our child. Our child will know, without a doubt, that they can always come to either of us with a question and get an honest answer. We will teach our child that honesty is always the best, and only, policy.



Respect - We live our lives by the Golden Rule “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”. For us, this means treating everyone with decency and kindness. We inspire tolerance of different views and perspectives, knowing that different views are no less correct than our own. We ensure we listen when people talk, truly hearing what they’re saying. We’re mindful of people’s feelings and respond calmly. Our child will be taught that respect, combined with love and honesty, is the basis of a true relationship.

Growth and Education - Our parents instilled the value of education, inside and outside the classroom. We are constantly learning and growing through formal education and trying new things to expand our horizons, like traveling internationally or getting more advanced pilot and scuba certifications. We are in a great school district, which will afford our child tremendous opportunities in science, technology, foreign languages, and the arts. We will make learning FUN! We understand that formal education might not be the path for everyone and our child may choose to go to vocational school to pursue their passions. We only want our child to be their best self and be happy with their choices.



Fun - We firmly believe in the “work hard, play hard” mentality and always try to make each other laugh. We know that being able to have fun goes a long way to having a happy life. We love going to amusement parks, cheering on our favorite sports teams, going for a run, or picking fruit at a local farm like Eva’s father did with her as a child. Our child’s life will be filled with laughter and fun by going to the beach, Disney World, playing sports, and just being a kid.

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- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Watching football and hockey, playing volleyball, running, scuba diving, skiing, playing guitar, photography, listening to music, theater, cooking and baking, reading, traveling, especially internationally

Adoptive Father:

Watching hockey and football, playing ice hockey, flying small planes, general aviation, skiing, scuba diving, reading, eating Eva's cooking and baking, traveling and going on cruises

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Engineer

Adoptive Father: Aircraft Maintenance Manager

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Master's Degree

Adoptive Father: Master's Degree

Our home...

We're fortunate to live in a place that has it all, in a quiet suburban area just outside of Washington DC! We have a short drive to the Smithsonian Museums, cultural events, the National Zoo, professional sports teams, National Parks with beautiful hiking trails, and rivers to kayak. There are also several amusement parks, mountains, and the calmness of the ocean just a couple hours away. We are excited to teach our child about science at the Air and Space Museums, attend plays at the Kennedy Center, and see the Pandas at the National Zoo.

Our neighborhood is far enough from the city that we have lots of parks, open spaces, trees, and grass to play in, as well as pools, libraries, and great schools. The neighborhood children play basketball or ride bikes on our quiet cul-de-sac. There are three playgrounds and two pools within walking distance of us. Eva loves being outdoors, and the walking paths and outdoor areas in this community were a big reason we fell in love with the area.

Our house has large rooms with lots of open space for a child to play. The rooms have comfy furniture and family pictures so we're surrounded by memories. Our home has become the gathering place. Everyone quickly makes themselves comfortable, stretching out on oversized sofas or in front of the TV in the family room, which is normally tuned to a hockey or football game. The other half congregates in the kitchen, which is shortly filled with laughter and stories as everyone relaxes. The kids are always sprawled out with toys and games in front of the couch, close enough to be with the rest of the family but still far enough away so they can be their own selves. We're lucky that we can provide a place for everyone to gather, laugh, have fun, and create their own memories. We look forward to creating new memories in our home with our child!

We already have a room picked out for our child. It will be filled with books for bedtime stories and stuffed animals for cuddling. Eva still has the baby blanket and Snoopy pillow that her grandmother hand-made for her. Eva's grandmother gave her the Snoopy pillow when her parents were going through their adoption journey, and Eva looks forward to giving it to her child to continue the story.

We can't wait to share our favorite time of day with our child. When we get home from work we get "welcome home hugs." It's our moment to shake off anything from the day and relax with each other. We also enjoy preparing meals together because we get to talk about anything while we're cooking. We experiment with many different recipes and like trying new things. Eva also does a lot of baking. Chocolate chip cookies are the favorite and Bill causes a lot of dough to disappear before they get baked. Eva's cooking and baking often use the recipes her grandmother and mother taught her, and she looks forward to sharing those recipes with our child.

We look forward to everything a child brings to a home and family! From reading to them, feeding them and playing "here comes the airplane," holding them, hearing their laugh and seeing them smile, tucking them in at night, and even the middle of the night wake ups, we can't wait to experience every moment of our child's life! We're excited to watch our child play, learn, and grow.



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Our family...

We met in Florida at a pool party more than 18 years ago where Eva was going to college and Bill was working at the time. During the party, Eva's friend swam up to her and said "Hey, that guy over there Bill thinks you're cute. What do you think?" All she could say was "I can't see anything; I lost my contacts in the pool!" Once we got out of the water and started talking we bonded immediately over a shared interest of the NY Giants and sports. Bill's mom says she knew Eva was the one when three months later Bill asked his mom to make her famous double chocolate cake for Eva's birthday, even before Eva and Bill's mom had met.

We dated for five years before we got married. Our unwavering love and commitment has endured living apart for a year while Bill worked in Iceland, just long and far enough that we knew we didn't want to live apart again. So when the next transfer came up, we spontaneously got married two weeks later on the beach in a beautiful ceremony surrounded with family and friends. We got plain gold bands while we looked for a "forever" ring. Months after we got married, Eva found the perfect ring. Unfortunately, when we went to order it, it was no longer available - anywhere! Right before Christmas, while we were having a quiet night watching TV at home, Bill gave Eva her Christmas present. Eva opened it, and inside was the ring that supposedly didn't exist. How he got it still remains a secret to this day, although he's fond of saying "Have I ever let you down?"



We personify yin and yang. We completely balance each other out. When one is stressed, the other stays calm. We help each other through everything, good or bad. Eva is analytical, logical, can make even the worst planning schedule work, but also thoughtful, bubbly, and wears her heart on her sleeve. She is always ready to stop everything if someone she cares about needs anything. Bill is solid, kind, and caring. A man of few words, his actions always speak louder, and his love for his family is undeniable. He's the calm rock of the family and is kind and supporting of all those around him. When we are not at work, we spend most of our time together. We help each other out on projects and chores around the house. We like to keep busy by doing activities in the local area such as festivals, farmers markets, sporting events, and walking around local attractions.

Our families each have fun traditions. Thanksgiving, originally presided by Eva's grandmother, now continue with Eva's generation leading the yearly celebration, complete with traditional foods that have been served for literally generations. There's always the Thanksgiving Day Parade, football, and the Thanksgiving lunch, followed by a rousing game of Monopoly, dessert, and a long nap. We spend winter holidays at a ski resort in Utah every year, just as Bill has since he was a child. His entire family skis together and now each family owns their own timeshare, including us. The tradition is now being passed to the younger generation with Bill's nieces who all enjoy learning to ski as well. While both of these family traditions started in our individual families, they have become part of our traditions and we look forward to sharing them with our child every year.

All of our family members have been encouraging and supportive during our adoption journey. They look forward to spending time with our child and getting to know him or her. They are anxiously awaiting the day they can welcome our child into the family.



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