

Hello we are...

Mallory & Alex



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Our hopes and dreams are to share our life with a child, and for our child to always feel loved.

We hope our child will learn and grow from the lessons we teach, just as we will learn and grow from the lessons he or she will teach us. We pray our child will know God and show kindness in what they say and do. We hope our child reaches whatever dreams they have for their life, and know our greatest desire is for them to be happy.

We have an amazing marriage and an incredible family. Led by generations of grandparents and parents, we have always known we wanted children. Upon finding out we couldn't have biological children, we knew that God was telling us adoption was our path. We have so much love to give, and are sure there is a child out there that needs a loving home.

Our child's wants and needs will always come before our own. We will provide a safe, nurturing environment. We have a calm and comfortable home where our child can be a kid and always be themselves; where they have the room to run, jump, play, climb, and explore.

If you select us as the adoptive parents for your child, we will always honor and respect you. We hope to have an open or semi-open relationship so your child will always know you. We will be honest about their adoption story, and tell our child about your loving decision.

We look forward to getting to know you and learning your hopes and dreams for your child.

Blessings,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Know God - We believe it is important to know God's teachings and to read the Bible. We attend church on Sundays, enjoy being deacons, and Mallory likes singing in the church choir. She also volunteers at summer Bible school and occasionally makes desserts for church activities. God has provided Alex and I with so many blessings and we are excited to see what else God has in store for our family. We will teach our child how special and loved by God they really are.



Our Marriage - We have had generations of long lasting and successful marriages in our families. These serve as role models to us in our own relationship. We cherish our time together, have fun together, and we are always there for each other. We support and respect each other. We work well together, communicate openly, and, most importantly, we are honest with each other. We believe that honesty and God are the most important things to have in our marriage. We will teach our child the value of marriage by showing him or her that marriage is based on love, friendship, and working together as a team. We face life's challenges together and never give up on each other.



Kindness - We believe that it's important to be a nice, thoughtful, and giving person that is willing to lend a helping hand wherever it is needed. It's always such a great feeling when you are done volunteering, knowing you did something good for people or the community when they needed help the most. We will teach our child this value by showing our child kindness, compassion, and a giving heart, and encourage our child to donate their gently used toys and clothes to those less fortunate. We will guide our child and teach them right from wrong when they make mistakes.



Education - "Education is something no one will ever be able to take away from you". That is something we learned from our families and intend to teach our child. Mallory is so passionate about education, she is a school board member. We will provide learning opportunities at home through books, games, activities, exploring, and have adventures on the farm, such as, feeding the animals. Our child will start school as soon as they can so that they will learn and grow with other children their age. We will enroll our child in extracurricular activities such as civic, social, and leadership organizations, like 4-H, as well as sports so they will learn how to be a team player. We will also encourage music lessons for our child. Mallory's family is big into music so our child will have plenty of teachers to help them. We hope our child will attend a college or a trade school to learn a career that they are passionate about and will enjoy

Family - We are who we are today because of our family. They have taught us and instilled in us these values and beliefs. We have so many fond memories of a life well-lived and look forward to our child being embraced by this support system. We are lucky that we live so close to each set of our child's grandparents to support and guide us in the journey of creating our own lifetime of memories.

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Our home...



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Our dogs Ruger and Remi, horses, camping, spending time with family and friends, crafting, quilting, date nights, traveling, and vacationing

Adoptive Father:

Anything outdoors, building and creating things, fishing, kayaking, working on the farm, and hanging out with friends and family

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Medical Coder / Billing Specialist

Adoptive Father: Shift Manager

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

We live in a home full of memories! You see, a few years ago we bought a house on the family farm that has been in Alex's family for more than 150 years. His great-grandparents, grandparents, dad, aunts, and uncles have all lived and grown up in this house. Before we moved in, we spent six months renovating it - everything from new flooring, new paint, new appliances, and also taking walls down to bare studs to drywall. We intend to create the same memories in this home that were created when Alex was a child. Days spent making pies in the summer, listening to music, playing on the farm, and reading.

It's a great area to raise a child! It's the kind of place where everyone knows each other and looks out for one another. It has all the benefits of having amazing open space, with all the conveniences of being close to everything. There are city parks, playgrounds, sports complexes, ball fields, and tennis courts close to our home. There's an aquatic center with two big slides, lots of walking trails, campgrounds, and a lake nearby. We go to movies at the local theatre and can't wait to visit the library with our child. It will be so exciting to share all these places with our child someday!

Our home feels cozy and always smells clean and fresh. We love the smell of fresh coffee in the morning, and the aroma of casseroles, anything in the crockpot and soups cooking in the fall. Each of us enjoy the early mornings before work and the evenings when we return from work. Alex and I get to spend a lot of time together and enjoy doing fun things together. Sometimes that means doing projects around the house or farm outside, going for ranger rides, or going for a walk on the farm with the dogs.

We look forward to sharing our life with a child. We will have a swing set and a kiddie pool, with lots of area for them to run and play with the dogs and cats. We imagine our days filled with our child playing with toys, snuggled up watching movies, and teaching our child new things. Our child will have a horse someday and come with us to feed animals, when they are old enough.

We will go on fun outings, like to the pumpkin patch and picking out a real Christmas tree. We will go to family gatherings and attend family-centered events happening in town. When we go camping, our child will take their bike so we can go on bike rides together and we will make s'mores by the campfire. When we visit our friends, we know our child will explore their treehouse and go on ranger rides on their property.

Our child will have great childhood memories!



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Our family...

We knew of each other in high school, but were years apart. We were actually in band, church, and 4-H together; however, we never spoke in high school. But once we both went off to separate colleges, we would come home for weekends and spend time together and see each other at church. We have been married for more than seven years and together for more than eight years.

Mallory's strengths are her outgoing and funny personality, the fact that she is smart and hardworking, and is always willing to help someone in need and volunteer her time. Alex's strengths are that he is a kind and caring leader, hardworking, and willing to lend a hand when needed. Together we work as a team, communicate well, and love unconditionally. We are compassionate and caring about each other as well as others.

We are pretty active! We enjoy camping, being outside, going for walks and ranger rides with the dogs. We like to go out to dinner, see movies, and spend time with friends just hanging out or camping together. We love to vacation! Occasionally, we go with Alex's parents to Mexico in the winter and to Branson with my family. Mallory likes to do crafts and go on junk jaunts with friends and quilting with her mom during the winter. Alex enjoys range shooting and working on his tractor and his dad's old pickup truck.



Our families are very close and were each led by grandparents who were incredible role models. They taught us to love and respect each other and to work hard for what we want. They also showed us to have fun in life and enjoy the time God gives us here.

It's not surprising that our families are very close. Not only within each individual family, but together. Alex and I's parents are friends and spend time together, even when we aren't with them. We all attend the same church, spend holidays together, and celebrate life together.

We have many holiday traditions we can't wait to share! We look forward to family dinners, carving pumpkins, going on hayrack rides, and trick or treating with them. We make sugar cookies each year for Christmas. We leave some cookies, milk and a letter for Santa, and carrots for the reindeer. We will go to the Christmas Eve service and visit the living nativity scene.

There are so many other traditions that we are excited to share with our child. Every fall we pick apples from trees that Alex's grandma and grandpa planted when they lived here; we make lots of applesauce, apple butter, apple pies and apple bars. Each year Mallory mom's side of the family has a family reunion that lasts for three days. We get T-shirts, play games, go swimming, and always take group pictures. It is quite a large group with over 70 people!

Both sides of our families are excited to nurture and love this child unconditionally. They look forward to fun outings and making a lifetime of memories together.



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