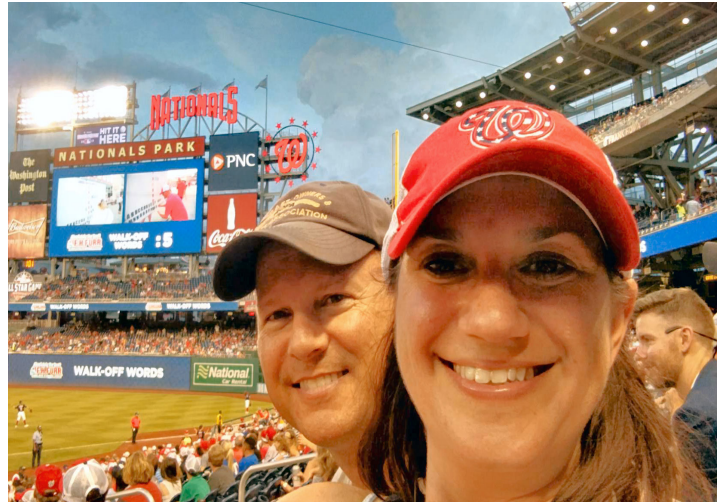


Hello we are...
Eva & Bill



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Our hopes and dreams...

Family is the most important aspect of our lives. When we met, we both knew that someday we wanted to pass along all the wonderful childhood memories and blessing our parents had shared with us.

We have cultivated a life filled with love, warmth, and laughter. We have a family full of long lasting relationships which serve as 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! Our parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins are an active part of our life and support network. Most cousins are more like siblings. This stability has taught us the importance of strong family ties.

Adoption is a big part of our lives so 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 Eva's parents tried to adopt when she was younger. When discussing how we wanted to start our family, we knew adoption would be part of our story. It allows us to pay it forward - to provide a child with the same loving and supportive family experience that Bill had growing up. Because he is adopted, your child and Bill will always have a unique bond.

Your child will know they are loved through our actions and words. We will tell them every day how much we love them and show them what real love looks like by our example. Through birthdays, playtime, sports and hobbies, amusement parks and beaches, and especially bedtime stories, we will provide your child unconditional love always. Our family will share the love and support we have for each other with this child and make family memories together. We are excited to spend quality time together and watch your child grow to 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 such a selfless act, one of true love. We hope you know that your child will be loved, from every fiber of our being. And your child will know that you made this choice because you loved him or her that much, just like Bill's parents told him in his adoption story so many years ago.

With Love,

Eva and Bill


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Our values and beliefs as parents...



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 area so we see them often. We can't wait for our child to spend time with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins at Thanksgivings, our family ski trips to Utah, and all the birthdays, special occasions, and just random get-togethers. This child will have nine cousins under four years old to play with and will be loved by everyone in our family.



Honesty: Honesty is the foundation of any relationship, 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, even if it means sometimes saying what the other doesn't want to hear. Honesty also means holding your promise and keeping your word. We will always be honest with our child, like we are with each other. Just like Bill's parents did with him, we will be honest with our child about his/her adoption journey. Our child will know, without a doubt, that they can always come to either of us with a question and get an age-appropriate honest answer. We will teach our child that honesty is 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 different views don't make it 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. We will teach our child the importance of respect by always exemplifying high morals and standards. We resolve to treat our child with respect as we would any adult.



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're lucky enough to be in a great school district, which will afford our child tremendous learning opportunities with science and technology magnet schools, foreign language immersion, and performing arts specialty schools. We will make learning fun, even learning to tie shoes with a song can be 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 know it's important to keep humor as a daily part of our lives. We firmly believe in the "work hard, play hard" mentality. While there are times to be serious, we know that being able to have fun goes a long way to having a happy life. We love going to amusement parks where Eva takes pictures with all the characters, cheering on our favorite sports teams, going for a run or hike, or simply going to our local farm to pick fruit, which Eva's father did with her as a child. Our child's life will be filled with love, laughter, and lots of fun by going to the beach, Disney World, climbing trees, playing sports, and just being a kid. Everything can be fun. We will incorporate fun into their daily lives so they will grow and learn with lots of joy and laughter.

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Our home and neighborhood

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 amusement parks, mountains, and the calmness of the ocean just a couple hours away. And, we experience it all. We are excited to experience all of these attractions with a child. We look forward to teaching them about how airplanes fly at the Air and Space Museums, attend plays at the Kennedy Center, enjoy hot dogs at National baseball games, 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, sprawling 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 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.

Our child will become the center of our lives. We already have a room picked out. 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 to shake off anything from the day and relax together. We enjoy preparing meals together and 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 cooking and baking with our child.

We look forward to everything a child brings to a home! From reading to them, feeding them, holding them, hearing their laugh and seeing them smile, tucking them in at night, even the middle of the night wake ups. As they get older, we look forward to playing at the parks, drawing with sidewalk chalk, and building forts with the sofa cushions and sheets. We look forward to birthday parties, sleepovers, and movie nights. We are excited to hear their laughter and their feet as they run down the stairs on Christmas morning to see what Santa left them in their stocking and under the tree. We can't wait to experience every moment of our child's life!

- 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.

Profession:

Adoptive Mother: Engineer

Adoptive Father: Aircraft Maintenance Manager

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree



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Our family...

We met in Florida at a pool party more than 18 years ago and immediately bonded over a shared interest of the NY Giants Football. As we talked more, we realized we had the same lust for life, family, and chocolate. Bill's mom says she knew Eva was "the one" when Bill asked her to make her famous double chocolate cake for Eva's birthday, even before Eva had met Bill's parents and after only three months of dating.

We dated for five years before we got married. Our unwavering love and commitment endured living apart for a year while Eva finished school and Bill was working, just long and far enough that we knew we didn't want to live apart again. When the opportunity to live together came up, we spontaneously got married two weeks later on the beach in a beautiful ceremony surrounded with family and friends. Bill's mom made the wedding cake, further tying back to when we first met and our bond of family.

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. We spend most of our free time together. We both have a sense of adventure so we enjoy trying new things - sights, sounds, tastes, smells. We like to attend festivals, try new restaurants, visit farmers markets, and attend professional sporting events. We are like big kids, we love to travel near and far, hike, ski, kayak, and visit amusement parks to ride roller coasters and eat cotton candy.



While both of our families have many traditions, two have been enjoyed for several generations! On Eva's side of the family, Thanksgiving, originally presided by Eva's grandmother, now continues with Eva's generation leading the yearly celebration. Complete with traditional foods that have been served for literally generations. There's always the Thanksgiving Macy Day Parade, football, and Thanksgiving lunch, followed by a rousing game of Monopoly, dessert, and a long nap. Just as Bill has since he was a child, we spend winter holidays at a ski resort in Utah every year. The tradition is now being passed to the younger generation with Bill's nieces learning to ski as well. While both of these family traditions started in our extended families, they have become part of our traditions and we look forward to sharing them with our child in the future.

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 your child into our family.



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