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Thank you for spending time getting to know our family! God has a plan for all of us, and we feel in our hearts adoption is our plan. Adoption has richly blessed our lives. In 2016 we welcomed a son through adoption. We cannot wait to share our lives with another little one; to love them unconditionally and provide them with the support they need to grow into the person they are meant to be. We are excited to share all the things we love and watch them develop their own favorites; to be there to celebrate their successes and comfort them when things don't go their way. We can't begin to imagine how difficult a decision like this must be, but we are so very grateful for your selflessness and admire your courage. Please know that you will never be forgotten. You will be a part of our lives forever and when we share our adoption story, you will be at the heart of it.

OUR love story



We were the plus one of friends in college. Every date they went on, we went along and since we were not looking for a romantic connection, we became friends first. After our friends "broke up", we realized we actually enjoyed each other and reconnected! We dated for a year before we were engaged. We had just returned from vacation with my family and I was unpacking from the trip. Doug brought me a brown paper bag and said he had one more thing for me to unpack. When I opened the bag there was an engagement ring inside. The neatest thing about his proposal... prior to asking me, he went to my parent's home and spoke to my dad, my mom, and my brother; asking them for their blessing! He was going to propose during our vacation but never got a chance to speak with my family; nerves got the best of him!



We have been married for 18 years! Our wedding was a very traditional church wedding on a hot day in August and our reception was at the country club where we enjoyed celebrating the start of our life together with over 400 friends and family members.







AS A Couple

As a couple, we enjoy golfing, trying new restaurants, visiting the dog park, snow skiing, and traveling. We both love college football and basketball. Many evenings and weekends you will find us hanging out in the kitchen playing games or grilling in the backyard; either alone or with friends and family.



MEET Doug

I love my husband's personality! He is so easy going and fun to be around. He is a very hard worker and gives 100%. He cares deeply for his family and I know that I can count on him for anything; he knows what I need almost before I do!

He is very comfortable around children and they all love him! He plays with them and is always able to comfort them when they are upset; he even changes diapers! He is an amazing dad! He loves sharing his love of sports with Eli. They play ball and golf and this year, even though he wasn't technically the coach, Doug was often on the blast ball field helping Eli and his teammates. Doug is great at teaching Eli, whether it be sports, history, or just general know-how. He never casts him aside; if Eli is interested and wants to know why, Doug takes the time to explain. He is a very involved dad.

Doug works as a Finishing Supervisor for a confinement company that raises pigs from birth to market. His job is to supervise eight people who oversee 96,000 pigs, growing them from 12 pounds to 280 pounds.



MEET Jaime



The qualities I love about my wife: her strong work ethic and drive, she is extremely organized, her composure and how she carries herself, her competitiveness and her confidence.

Jaime is awesome with children! She is a wonderful, hands-on mother. She is very attentive and enjoys teaching them and watching them learn. When we go out with friends, she always organizes activities that involve the children too.

We work for the same company. Jaime works as a personal assistant to the owner and is the office manager. Once the new baby arrives, Jaime will take maternity leave and then our children will go to an in-home daycare.

Jaime's thoughts on MOTHERHOOD

Being Eli's mom is the best ever. If someone would have told me how much joy he would bring to our lives, I would not have believed them and now I can't imagine life without him. He is our everything. We spend time together as a couple but our lives revolve around him and when it's just the two of us we, we laugh because we are constantly saying "Eli would love to be doing/eating/touching/trying/watching this." I take him everywhere possible. I love to grocery shop with him and his little kids cart, he is my helper in the morning and loves to do laundry and vacuum with me. My favorite thing to do with Eli is nothing. Just watching him learn and grow makes me the happiest.



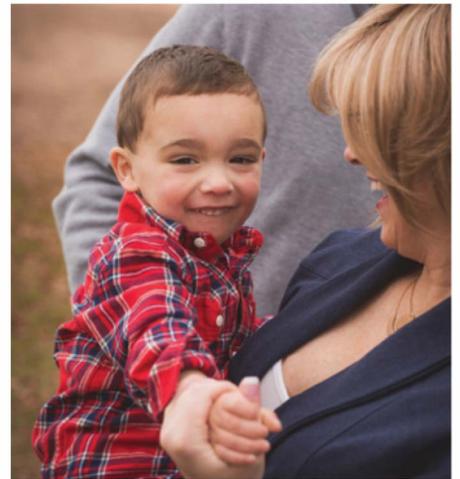
Eli



Our son Eli was born in February 2016. He is an amazing three-year-old. He is extremely inquisitive, constantly on the go, has an independent streak and is such a little heartbreaker! He reels you in with these big brown eyes, long eyelashes and bashfulness and makes you laugh aloud with his antics. He has such a great little personality and definitely beats to his own drum; absolutely love it!

Our relationship with Eli's birth mom started out open. We had frequent contact with her and enjoyed sharing updates via text and phone. About a year ago, we stopped hearing from her and were unable to reach her after numerous attempts. We will always welcome a relationship with her and hope one day she will reach back out to us.

In our home, we talk about adoption as if we are talking about the weather. We read books tailored to adoption and are open about it. When adoption comes up in daily life, we use it as a "teaching" tool, but we don't want it to be the focus of Eli's life. He knows he was adopted and understands it as much as a three-year-old can. He is a very special little boy. WE are extremely lucky we get to be his parents, but we don't want him to feel as though he is "different" because of it.





Family Traditions

We love to be outside and enjoy spending time at the jump park, golfing, and traveling as much as possible. Each year we take a trip to California to visit family and several mini trips during the summer with our extended families. We also enjoy visiting area zoos and theme parks. In the fall, we attend college and high school football games. Eli is getting to the age where he enjoys, understands and is interested in his surroundings.

Once a week, Eli and I (Jaime) have coffee together at the local coffee shop before he heads to daycare and me to work. We've recently added a weekly trip to the library for the two of us; I would like to pass on a love of reading to my children.

We have special traditions around the holidays. At Christmas each year, Eli picks out a new ornament and we spend Christmas day as a family at our house; just the three of us.



OUR Families

We love pets and currently have a Goldendoodle, Stella, we got as a puppy in June 2018. She and Eli are completely crazy together!

We are very fortunate to live near our families. Jaime's parents live within two blocks of us and her brother Jayson lives less than an hour away. She has six aunts and uncles and cousins ranging in age from 30-43. Her cousins have 10 children between all of them, ranging in age from six months to 18 years old.

Doug's parents live about 15 minutes away in a neighboring town. He has two sisters, Danelle and Denae. Denae and her husband, Eric, have a five-year-old daughter and a seven-year-old son. Doug has a large extended family consisting of 18 aunts and uncles and 21 cousins. Between all of the cousins, there are 10 children ranging in age from newborn - 12 years old.

We are thankful that our children will grow up around our extended family and have many cousins to play with. Our families are excited to add another little one to the bunch!



HOME and COMMUNITY

We have a comfortable four bedroom 2.5-bath ranch style home located in town. We have a nice backyard with a deck and plenty of space for a swing set. We live on a quiet street was very friendly neighbors and several children. One of the elementary schools is within walking distance, but we also have a school bus stop at the end of our street.



Our community is great! We have two elementary schools, a middle school, high school and a Junior College. Our school district is highly rated with a nice mix of veteran and younger teachers. We have an aquatic center with miniature golf, many parks (one with a tennis and basketball court), a nice recreational trail, a wellness center with an indoor pool and tennis courts, two golf courses and a new dog park. Our Youth Sports Foundation is great and offers volleyball, softball, baseball, basketball, football, and soccer and our country club has a youth golf league that is open to everyone.









Thank you!

We are excited to add to our family through adoption again! In the coming years we plan to grow our family and raise them in the community we love, surrounded by our friends and family.

Our faith is important to us. We currently attend the church Jaime's family has always attended. We want our children to be as involved in the church as we were growing up.

Our children will attend the excellent public schools in our town. Higher education is also important to us and we plan to send our children to college.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and the things we are passionate about!

