



Rob & AJ



Hello!

We are
Adrienne & Robert
from Connecticut



Thank you
for taking
the time to
get to know
us and for
having
an open
heart for
adoption.

We cannot
imagine what
it is like making
this choice for
your child and
we hope you will
allow us to share
with you in the
love and hope
you are providing
your baby.



Our Story

We have been married for 16 years and both grew up in a tiny town in Western New York where we attended the same middle and high school.

From both being little soccer stars together in the fourth grade to post-high school sweethearts, we realized we had found a best friend in one another. Three years later, after college and playing (supposed to be working) at Disney, we married.



OUR

Life
Today

We went from New York to Florida, until finally settling here at our home in central Connecticut on five acres with Zoey, our German Shepherd, our cats Apollo and Bootsy, and noisy chickens! The birds, turkeys, deer, squirrels, and chipmunks are also unofficially adopted and spoiled with bird feed as well.

What the Lord has in store for our family now, we don't know, but we cannot wait to find out!

Enjoying a New England summer day



A most magical place on Earth!



You can call me Rob.

About
Robert



By AJ

Robbie is a jet engine engineer! As exciting as it is to him, it simply means he uses math I don't understand and computer programs to build and test parts of the jet engines. He is one of the lucky ones to do what he loves. Afterwards, work around the house takes up much of his time along with four-wheeling, sports (watching these days), firefighting, and time spent with family and friends, much of it involving food of course, always finding an excuse for food to be a part of the fun.

Time for some fun!



He is definitely not as funny as he thinks he is, but he can still get me to laugh (even when I least expect it). Loving (often in the form of Chick-fil-A!), a fantastic provider, a giver, and loyal to his loved ones are qualities that make him, him. **Though still acting like a kid himself sometimes, with the knowledge and wisdom that comes from watching others be parents experiencing the joy of others kids, Robbie will make a wonderful dad.**



Always practicing to become a pilot!

Dream job for retirement



There is always wood to be split



Rob enjoying the air show



Rob's Fun Facts

- Hobby: My hobby is hobby collecting.



- Some past, present, and future hobbies are: Scuba Diving, Flying/ Pilot, Firefighting, EMS, Timber Frame Building, Wood Sawyering, Tree Felling, Shooting, ATVing, Traveling, Martial Arts, Home DIY, Movies

- Season and Seasonal activity: **Autumn...** leaves, crisp air, seasonal beer/cider, football, ATVing
- Dessert: Strawberry Frosted Donuts (recent fix)

- Can't live without: Carbs
- Dream job: Forestry Mulcher & Excavator. Basically I'd love the mindless task of mowing the forest and digging holes.

- Sports team: Buffalo Bills. It's our year!
- I like to Collect: Airshow T-Shirts
- Vacation spot: Walt Disney World is a family tradition

You can call me AJ.
About
Adrienne



By Rob

AJ is a quiet homebody with a strong moral compass. She's matured beyond her years, always willing to listen, but equally willing to provide honest feedback. Also, she has been working feverishly to make all the wild birds, squirrels, turkeys, and deer her personal pets by feeding them throughout the day.

AJ enjoys volunteering as a child caregiver for our local Mastering Motherhood chapter to give moms a few hours of respite. When we lived in Florida, she would take care of the special needs children during church so their parents could attend the service. She has always had an interesting draw from babies and toddlers who must sense the safety and love she provides.

AJ is a homemaker now, tending to the garden and the chickens among other tasks and is looking forward to expanding her role to **stay-at-home mom and teacher.**



I love sunflowers!

Summertime gardens



Summer time



AJ letting our niece Charlotte put her toes in the grass



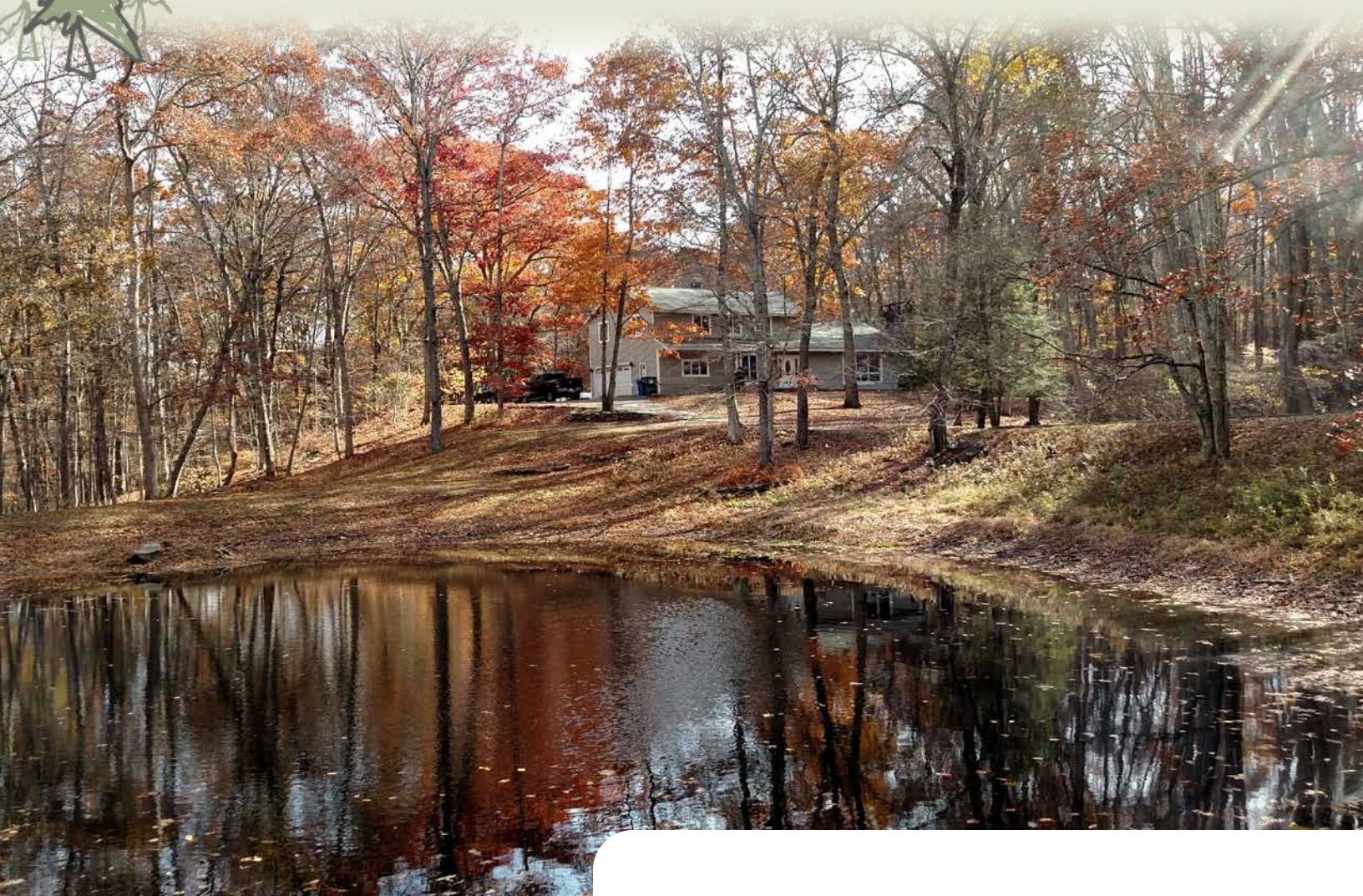
AJ's Fun Facts

- **Hobby:** Cucumbers are my nemesis, but I love gardening
- **Season and Seasonal activity:** **Autumn is my favorite**, so visiting the local cider mill when it opens at the start of the season!
- **Dessert:** I have a major sweet tooth- strawberries hit it! Chocolate-covered or with pound cake, it doesn't matter.
- **Sports Team:** Atlanta Braves! Saw them once on TV when I was little, had a crush on a player, and they have been my team ever since!
- **I like to Collect:** Robbie is always buying me mugs for my collection from trips and events!
- **Children's Book:** Looking forward to reading the Little House on the Prairie series to children!

Our Home and Community



We love living in the woods with a large pond where ducks, turtles, and blue herons all visit for a snack.



New gardening spots pop up every week it seems. This year we gave the land a rest, but vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, carrots, and onions usually grow next to the strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries are still providing for us. **On our five acres, you'll find ornamental gardens, large piles of wood waiting to be split, paths for walking or four wheeling, and a yard for our dog Zoey to patrol while the chickens fill themselves up with worms.** A state forest with a river and walking trail, town green, community playground, orchards, local fairgrounds, our church, and a lot of take-out restaurants make up the community around us.

Our Hobbies & Interests



Though a job brought us to the Northeast, it was closeness to family, autumn colors and spring days being part of our life again, and where baseball or football games make for a great day trip, that made it a home to us. Things we love and hope to share with our kids are gardening, animals, air shows, the local fairs, hiking, sporting events, and traveling to places that are still on our bucket list (like Ireland or Israel). From the freedom trail in Boston to going to feel the stingrays at the local aquarium, teaching will always be on our minds.



We cannot wait.

for the daily adventures of a kid;

collecting eggs and other "household contributions" (nice way of saying chores), homework, family meals at the table (Finally! thinks Rob), playing sports, nights filled with Clue!, and reading books. Lots and lots of books!

Family game night, playing Yahtzee!



Our chickens are spoiled



AJ is an Atlanta Braves fan and Rob is a Boston Red Sox fan. House Divided!





With Rob's brother, his wife and kids

Our Village



Since we live about six hours from our families, we make a long-weekend trip every couple of months.

Rob's parents had just him and his older brother and still live in their childhood home. His brother and his wife have an eight year old girl (smart and beautiful) and a five year old boy (strong and stubborn-Rob's mini me!).



Rob with his parents, Ben and Char



Uncle Rob and Lucas playing at the beach

AJ's parents and younger sister live on a horse farm with a big pool (great after gardening) and trails through the woods. Her brother and his wife have two precious baby girls, one going on two and one not quite four months old. When we visit them, it is about food, babies playing, helping with projects (or creating new ones), and time together riding horses, going to football training camps, or just talking. When they visit us, there is a purpose like demolition derby night, playing at the river, finding dinosaurs at the local fun park, and let us not forget food!



Our families are excited and hopeful for us to add another baby to the fun!



Traditions

- Annual Red Sox vs Braves baseball game in Boston
- Annual trip to the local fair
- Trip to the Old Cider Mill to kickoff fall
- Black Friday Christmas Tree hunting and Christmas decorating



Making a weird face for the camera is a family tradition on AJ's side!



AJ's mom's Thanksgiving spread



Walks with our dog, Zoey

Our Pets



Zoey or Zoe-butt, Age: 14

Loves being outside and following after the chickens, hates getting her nails clipped.

Apollo or Monster, Age: 16

Loves cuddling and food, hates the vacuum cleaner.

Bootsy or Sharky, Age: 16

Loves pets and bathing, hates being picked up. Very talkative and will circle you when she wants attention (re: Sharky).



Apollo searching for trouble or begging for food



Bootsy lounging, per usual

Our Thoughts on Parenting

A child being a part of our family will be a blessing when the Lord decides it is time. We cannot wait to share our hobbies with them and yet even more so to join in whatever theirs may become one day. Will they play soccer like us

or instead enjoy time at the pond finding tadpoles like their aunt? We are so looking forward to finding out and encouraging them to enjoy and work hard at their passions and interests while reminding them to be children, for it is so short-lived. Teaching and molding them with strong values such as kindness, patience, faithfulness, and gentleness (all of which we certainly lack sometimes). We also hope to

learn. Our child will teach us whole new ways to love, ways to find joy, and to learn to trust the Lord when we cannot prevent every boo-boo, fix every heartache, or stop every tear from falling. Even so, we cannot wait to share our hearts. **We believe a child knowing where they came from and whom they were loved by is important, so we hope to share about our baby's life with you and about your life with our child.**



Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little and for considering us for the chance to love this precious life you're carrying.

We know you love your baby and we hope something about our life, our family, or something we goofed about showed you that we will too.

