



J E F F
and E R I N



Hello!

WE ARE

JEFF AND ERIN

from Chicago, Illinois.

We are so excited and honored you have chosen to take a look at our profile.

We hope that after learning more about us and our lives that it might give you some peace and comfort as you consider an adoption plan for your child. We have known we wanted to adopt for a long time, it was never a question of if, but when. **Erin's father and aunt were adopted at birth, so adoption has been close to Erin's heart since childhood. Jeff also has some extended family that have been adopted.** Once we learned that Erin was unable to have biological children, we knew that adoption was truly the path to fulfill our dreams of becoming parents. We hope we get the chance to learn about and get to know you better.



Thank you again for taking the time to learn about us!





Playing a mystery game together



We enjoy going out for meals especially to one of our favorite places-Portillo's

Movie night complete with a bucket of buttery popcorn!



Our Story

We have been together for 15 years and married for 9. We met in college through a mutual friend.

We talked and got to know one another for a few months before we became an official couple. We are definitely opposites! Jeff is a little more shy and quiet while Erin is more social and outgoing. Although having these opposite personalities took some getting used to, we soon realized this is how we best compliment one another and have been a great match since.



About Erin

BY JEFF

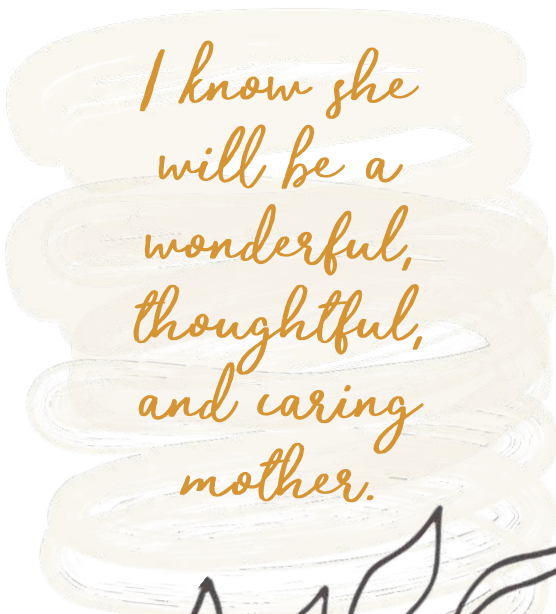


Planting flowers in our garden



I might be a little biased but I do believe Erin is one of the most wonderful people alive on this planet. I learned early on in our relationship that she has an amazing ability to connect with people on a deep emotional level. Whether it's a stranger or a family member, Erin has a knack for making everyone she connects with feel valued. **Her strong maternal instincts guide her in helping and caring for anyone close to her.**

Erin is incredibly family oriented, going out her way to ensure her loved ones are happy and well. She keeps in touch with many family members daily, seeing how they are doing and if she can help in any way. I know that these traits Erin possesses will truly serve her well while raising a child.



*I know she
will be a
wonderful,
thoughtful,
and caring
mother.*



Favorites

VACATION SPOT
Palm Desert, California

DREAM JOB
Actress-Preferably solving crime in the Hallmark Mystery Channel movies

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
Almond M&M's & Coffee

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK
Amelia Bedelia Series

SOURCE OF INSPIRATION
My father

ICE CREAM FLAVOR
Peanut Butter Cup

FAVORITE SEASON & SEASONAL ACTIVITY
Fall and Going to the Apple Orchard for the Apple Cider donuts.

LOVE TO COLLECT
Scented Candles



Browsing and reading at the book store

Erin's Job



Erin works as a baker and manager at her brothers cannoli shop. The cannoli shop is just down the street from our house, so Erin is able to walk to work. The shop is very small with most of the employees being family. Working with family can be quite lively and possibly a little crazy at times, but continues to be a blessing and an amazing experience.

Erin and her mom filling cannoli at work



Erin baking some delicious cookies





About Jeff

BY ERIN



Always up for an adventure!

Jeff is a wonderful friend, son, brother and husband, I know he will be an amazing father.

One of the things I love about Jeff is his quirky side. Although you don't see it right away, once you get to know him you will see he enjoys being silly and goofy. He can always make me laugh. Jeff is also very hard working, responsible, and intelligent. He works from home as a financial controller at an IT consulting firm.

Jeff has an amazing memory, he can recall what we were doing, wearing, and more for any random moments in our past, both big and small. I know that all these traits will come in handy when Jeff becomes a father. Jeff is really excited to become a dad, and I can't wait for this next adventure in his life. He talks about how he can't wait to create memories with our future child, especially some of his favorite memories from his childhood, like traveling with family, his yearly family reunion, and his love of sports. **Jeff is great with children and is always willing to jump in and play basketball, build blocks, or just run around in the yard.** I am truly looking forward to watching Jeff take on the fatherhood role.



Favorites

VACATION SPOT
Hilton Head, South Carolina

DREAM JOB
Professional Baseball Player

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
Mexican Food

FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST
Tremonti

HOBBY
Sports, mainly baseball

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM
Cincinnati Reds

FAVORITE SEASONAL ACTIVITY
Bike Riding

PERFECT DAY
A spontaneous day with family



Jeff enjoys cooking for the family



Grill master Jeff



Game on! Playing video games at home



Riding bikes in our neighborhood



Playing corn hole in the backyard

Our Home

We live on a quaint street with some wonderful neighbors.

Our house is a colonial style two story home that has beautiful trees, plants, and flowers all around. It also has a spacious patio that we enjoy eating dinners out on during the warm summer months, and a yard with plenty of space for our future child to run and play. We live in walking distance to what our town considers the downtown area. **It offers restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, a park, a gazebo where summer concerts are held, and more!** Our towns yearly 4th of July community days, which includes carnival rides, music, fireworks, and food vendors, is also in walking distance. Part of the downtown area shuts off the street for the spring/summer months to allow outdoor seating at the restaurants and holds an annual farmers market. **We experience all four seasons and our town offers some fun seasonal activities.** For example, a water park/community pool to cool off during the hot summer days, and a sledding hill/ice rink to enjoy during the winter months.

Erin and Bailey



Bailey

has been a part of our lives since she was 3 months old.

Erin and her parents adopted her, but a few years after we got married and moved into a house, we took Bailey full time. Bailey is such a sweet and loving pet. She is one of the happiest dogs you will ever meet. Her favorite things are enjoying the fresh air, treats, and getting pet. **Bailey will be a great protector and adapt well with adding a little one to our family.**





Our Family

Family is very important to us!

We spend lots of our free time with family, especially Erin's family since they are just a few minutes away. We love to get together for dinners, birthdays, and honestly just to spend time with one another, even if it's to just stop by for a hello. **Since we live so close to Erin's extended family, we will have lots of support raising our child.**

We don't get to see or spend as much time as we would like with Jeff's family because they live out of state. Jeff's father, step-mother, and step-siblings live in Georgia, while his mother, step-father, his other step-siblings, and brother live in Ohio. We do get to see Jeff's dad's extended side of the family once a year at a family reunion.

We always make time for family around the holidays. If we are spending Thanksgiving with Erin's family, we make it out to Ohio to spend Christmas with Jeff's family and then the next year we alternate. Our immediate family and extended family are an integral part of our everyday lives.



Jeff's step sister, dad and step mom



Erin working with her brother and cousin



Jeff and Erin with Jeff's brother-Danny, Jeff's stepdad and mom



Erin's extended family



Erin playing games with extended family at the annual reunion



Jeff with extended family at their annual reunion

FAMILY TRADITIONS

Jeff's dad's extended side of the family holds a family reunion yearly.

We meet the same weekend each year at a hotel where we eat, drink and play cards and other games. There are usually 50-70 people who attend, and it is always great to get to see and spend time with extended family we don't see often. Both the adults and children have a blast every time, it is something we look forward to each year.



Lots of laughs are always shared at the reunion

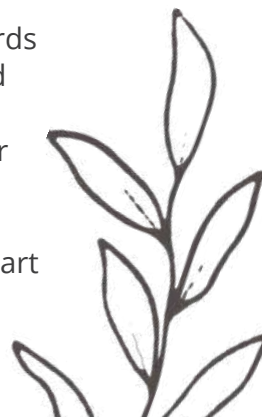
Erin and her dad



SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

As mentioned earlier Erin's father was adopted at birth.

Erin's father has been a huge advocate and inspiration in Erin's life and in regards to adoption. Erin's father was so excited for us to adopt and always supported our decision. Unfortunately Erin's father passed away in 2023. Although he is no longer with us, we know that he is watching over us and will still be a big part of our adoption journey.



Thank you

Thank you so much again for taking the time to check out our profile and learn all about us. We truly can't wait to learn more about you. We thank you for your courage and strength that this decision takes. We are so excited to fulfill our dream of becoming parents.



Here are just some of our promises to you and our future child:

- To help them reach their fullest potential
- To provide fun and adventure
- To always be there for them in all aspects of life
- To help them understand their own story and where they came from
- To surround them with loving people
- To do whatever we can to protect and keep them safe

*With Love,
Jeff and Erin*

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