We are very blessed with what we have; however, our lives feel incomplete without a child to share it with. While we have had struggles with starting our own family, adoption has always been part of our conversation. We believe that love is what makes a family, and the more love that surrounds a child the better.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and our family. While we cannot imagine what you are going through, please know that our hearts are full of love, and will be with you every step of the way. It is evident how courageous you are and how full of love your heart is, and we hope that we will get the opportunity to get to know you better. You know what is best for your baby, and we pray that we are all you have dreamed of for your child.
we met in 2014 and got married exactly three years to the day we met, even though it was a Monday. We both wanted a small ceremony surrounded by those we love, so that is what we did. It was a beautiful 80° Chicago summer day. We were able to have our reception dinner outside and interact with every single guest. We think the personal connections we were able to have with our family and friends is what made the day even more special. We are both sentimental when it comes to important events in our lives and always try to make our anniversary special, and we even named our dog after the place we met. We love to eat, travel, and explore new places, from trying the longest zipline in California, to eating local food and cliff jumping into cenotes in Mexico. While we love to try new things, there is a cabin in Michigan we continue to go back to. Spending time in nature, hiking trails with our dog, and lazy nights roasting marshmallows around a fire centers us. We cannot wait to continue these traditions with our expanding family.
Michael is one of the kindest, calmest, and most patient men I have ever met.

He will be the kind of dad that takes all the time needed to help a child work through whatever problem they might be having. Whether it will be sitting at the dinner table working on math problems, getting in extra practice playing catch, or sporting a tutu to help memorize a new ballet routine, Michael will be there for as long as the child needs.

Michael’s patience also helps him with his job as a logistics manager; supply chain can be quite stressful, but he is always able to figure out solutions with a sense of calmness and more patience than I could ever muster! Michael also has a very funny side; he and my dad are always teasing each other and texting jokes back and forth. Michael is a great partner and takes the time to show his love; such as when he had a local movie theater change their marquee to wish me a happy anniversary. When he drove me by it, I was so overcome by his sweetness that I cried. He treats my family like they are his own. If I thank him for helping my Nana out, his response is always, “she is my Nana too!”
Michael is a great cook. I could seriously eat his Chicken Calabrese every day of the week. He has also become quite handy over the years and recently built me a raised garden bed so that I can plant herbs for us to cook with. Michael is truly a kid at heart; he loves Christmas morning, carving pumpkins at Halloween, and fireworks on the fourth of July. He has phenomenal southern manners, and an amazing southern accent. He even calls me “sugar.” I feel incredibly lucky that he is my husband, and I cannot wait to see him become a father.

 MICHAEL’S FUN FACTS

His Southern accent gets more prominent when he is in the South.

He loves the beach—especially Orange Beach in Alabama.

He was a sleep-away camp counselor for many years.

He is a Star Wars nerd.

He speaks fluent Spanish.

He lived in Argentina for a time.

He loves Alabama football. Roll Tide!

He loves a good, upbeat pop song.
Amy is the yin to my yang.

While we can be very different in our feelings and energy, it’s amazing how well we compliment each other and seem to know what the other needs even when we are apart. Her energy and enthusiasm always amazes me, and I often wonder where she finds it. She can multitask unlike anyone I’ve ever seen. She can get more done in a day than I could in three, and all while getting up to workout before 5 am, teaching all day, doing an after school activity, and she is ready to walk the dog around the lake and make us dinner when she gets home. Our dog simply cannot wait until she gets home, and when she does, it’s a love attack.

While she is sassy in a fun way, her kindness and empathy towards others is inspiring to me, and I know that she will be a caring and loving mother. She has even taken time to learn how to cook some of my favorite southern dishes like cornbread, so that I have something here that reminds me of Alabama. As focused and task-oriented as she can be, she also has a silly side. I can picture coming home to a fort wonderland made up in our family room with both her and our child giggling away. She has a giggly laugh that is always a signal to me that she’s feeling at ease and fulfilled.
She is the daredevil of the two of us.

Her favorite holiday is Halloween.

She loves thunderstorms.

She loves spicy food—the spicier the better!

She loves to workout—from running to kickboxing and everything in between.

When she was a child, she made a neighborhood “summer school” in her garage.

She loves to be in nature.

She loves to cook and eat outside in the summer.

Amy also has a knack at making birthdays special. She really tries to tailor gifts and a special birthday meal for the person. While she always makes my birthday cake (cheesecake with strawberry sauce), I once came home from work on my birthday and was greeted by a 3 foot R2D2 mylar balloon in the doorway and my favorite kimchi bulgogi tacos cooking on the stove. I cannot wait to see what she has in store for our future child.
We moved into our house in August of 2021, hopeful to grow our family in our forever home. While we love our house, what really “sold” us on the property was the community. Honestly, it is kind of magical. We live in a small community within a larger town. It is 100% family-centered and completely unique. At the center of the neighborhood, across the street from us, is a lake. The neighborhood puts together all sorts of fun lake activities: fishing derbies, motorless boating, campouts on the lake, and more. Fences are not allowed, and it is wonderful to hear all the neighborhood children running from yard to yard to play. We love hearing all the laughter and squeals on a summer day.

Everyone congregates at the neighborhood pool that is exclusively for our community. Families go there to relax, socialize, have birthday parties, for swimming lessons, and to watch the swim and water polo teams. Tennis lessons are available on the tennis courts, and the playground is always full with giggling little ones. Additionally, there are fun activities for children and adults all throughout the year.
Santa visits in December, the Easter Bunny has an Easter egg hunt in the spring, there are parades for graduating highschool seniors, pool parties, card parties, family big screen movie and bbq nights, golf outings, March Madness fun, a Halloween parade/trick-or-treating event, and new events throughout the year. It is the type of neighborhood where everyone waves hello, wants to stop and chat, and is more than willing to help out a neighbor. Our home itself is on about ¾ of an acre and backs up to a forest preserve. It is like having an endless backyard. We can’t get enough of sitting on our deck and watching the deer munching away in the yard, or playing fetch with our dog as he zooms around with his squeaky ball. We love living here, and are very excited to bring a child not only into our home, but our loving community.
Family is very important to us, and we both come from loving families.

Amy’s parents live nearby and we see them at least once a week to have dinner, go to a fest, or listen to live music. Amy’s dad is a retired firefighter and is very handy, so he and other firemen frequently help us with projects around our house. Growing up in a firefighter family is like growing up with 40 uncles—it’s great! Both of Amy’s parents take care of our four year old nephew a few times a week. They love taking him on adventures all over the Chicagoland area, such as children’s museums, the aquarium downtown in Chicago, for a ride on the huge ferris wheel on Lake Michigan, the zoo, and more.

Michael’s parents and sister’s family live in Alabama, where he was raised. Michael’s parents are both retired and had worked for the University of Alabama. We see them a few times a year, but talk to them frequently. We are always sending pictures of what we are doing back and forth so that we feel connected. Both of our parents are very excited at the possibility of becoming grandparents again.
Daley is our four-year-old rescue dog, who we lovingly nicknamed Bear due to his impressive snuggle-bear capabilities. He loves outdoor adventures, is truly the sweetest dog we have ever met, and is always smiling, yes—smiling. He loves playing ball in the summer and frisbee in the snow. Daley has an incredibly silly side as well. He keeps us laughing as he teases us with socks he has stolen and his other goofball antics. He is definitely ready to have a little person in his life. Daley loves children. When he sees children playing he always wants to be a part of it, and will tug on the leash leading us toward the fun.
Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little better. More than anything we want you to know that we will love your child with all that we are.

We will devote the rest of our lives to the safety, security, and happiness of your child. We will be there to help your child chase their dreams and find their own path in life. Your child will be loved by many people, both family and friends. Your love will always be part of the love that surrounds your child. We will share your child’s story with him or her from the very beginning. It is important for a child to know his or her history, and you are central in that story. We will raise your child with the utmost love and respect for you, your decision, and the relationship you choose to have with him or her. Thank you again for considering us.