When we have each other
we have everything
Thank you for your brave and loving choice. We may not know what you are feeling, but we do know that you have given your child the great gift of life. This is something that we will forever instill in them; we will teach them to respect you for your choice not to deny him/her birth.

We are excited and cannot wait for the next chapter of our life to begin when we can add to our family. It has been a great desire and constant prayer. Having a family has taken a lot of faith since we knew before we were married that we would not be able to have children.

We thank you for taking the time to get to know us, the real us! If you choose us to love, cherish and raise your child, we vow to; do our best in seeing that he/she has all the opportunities for a happy life and the potential to guide them that they may grow up to contribute to the world in a positive way.

Paul & Raquel
WE MET 6/2/16
GOT ENGAGED 8/20/16
MARRIED 11/19/16
ADOPTED 4/16/19
SEALED AS ETERNAL FAMILY 5/24/2019
MEET PAUL

RANDOM FACTS...
- Ran track in Jr & Sr High with one of the States fastest 4 x 100 meter relay teams.
- History is my favorite subject.
- Attended Oregon State Writing Festival in 4th Grade.

I WOULD RATHER...
- Be hunting than working
- Travel to Alaska than Hawaii
- Wear Levi’s than dress pants
- Be on the water fishing than in it swimming

focus on the
GOOD IN LIFE
PAUL'S FAMILY

Smile!
PAUL'S MOM SAYS...

He was always kind, loving, and would stick up for his friends and siblings if needed. He got along with everyone and made friends easily. As a child Paul was quite the little artist and later picked up some incredible writing skills. We went through some tough times being a single mom, but I had very supportive parents who were always there for us. Paul was close to his grandpa and loved spending time with him. He helped him haul manure for the garden and loved to go fishing with him. He also went along when Dad and I would go wood cutting. He would haul wood to the truck and was always such a good helper.

Throughout his school years Paul was very active in football and track, loving the intensity and competition. Although he has never broken any bones, Paul has had numerous stitches throughout his life, mostly in his head. As a child it just appeared that his head is what he always hit when he fell. He was very active in church and loved being a boy scout.

Paul was very responsible, holding a job at McDonalds the last two years of high school (while continuing to compete). Shortly after graduation he left home and started working full time as a supervisor in a lumber mill. Later on he enjoyed being a carpenter building houses and working in commercial construction. He has always been a hard worker and energetic with any job he has had. He currently works for the county where he has been employed for 12 years. He takes great pride in the home he owns.

The great outdoors always seem to be calling Paul's name and heart. He enjoys it even more when he is surrounded by those he loves. Paul loves and is always willing to share his knowledge and skills with others, especially a good meal, good company and good conversation.

Paul is a great uncle to his nieces and nephews. He is all of their favorites. This prepared him to be a great dad. I'm so impressed on how he is with his daughter. He adores her. I remember the look in his eyes after she was born. The love I saw in his face and the constant grinning. He told me he didn't realize how much love he could have for her. He stepped right up to change diapers and feeding her. He even got up at night with her so Raquel could rest. He is so gentle and loving with her.

It's fun watching Izzy run to her dad when he comes home from work. She says, "Daddy I missed you!" He loves to read and play toys with her but most of all they love to go on hikes, camping and teaching her to fish. If Paul is looking at something with his binoculars she has to use hers as well. He is an awesome Dad!
MEET RAQUEL

RANDOM FACTS ...
- Designed over 700 corn mazes for the world's largest corn maze company "The MAiZE"
- Harvested a 5-point Elk a week before getting married
- Traveled to 34 states and 14 countries

I'D RATHER ...
- Wear cowboy boots than heels
- Play the piano than video games
- Be in nature than a concrete jungle
- Be hunting than shopping
- A Stay at home mom than career

LIFE IS BETTER WHEN YOU'RE LAUGHING
RAQUEL'S FAMILY

WE ARE FAMILY
RAQUEL’S MOM SAYS...

Perseverance, optimistic, committed, learned, and well-rounded are just a few characteristics describing how I feel about my daughter Raquel. I would trust her with any feeling or task.

Of all my children, Raquel has had the most challenges; despite losing a father in a work accident and a brother to addiction, being single until 31 while being a homeowner, having a hysterectomy, and providing a living for herself, she still made sure to enjoyed life, persevering and working hard to create her lifetime dream of being a mother. And she does it well. She takes parenting serious; I enjoyed our conversations about her parenting classes from BYU-I. She has the unique opportunity to be associated with many adoptive parents and has found deep friendships, gleaned from the wisdom and understanding on how to provide the best experience for her adoptive children.

Raquel’s optimism that she can do anything and do it herself started early. She sees the good in others and compassionate and non-judgmental. I notice how she loves people, observes them, and considers them role models and mentors.

The greatest trait Raquel has is commitment to the people around her. She goes out of her way to be the best friend, aunt, or employee, and the best wife and mother by going the extra mile to be kind, serve others and be helpful. It was no different when it came to bonding with her adoptive daughter. She is an intentional mother giving it her best efforts; raising her with values and standards that she lives herself. Her repour with the young children is beautiful to watch, she is tender and understanding. Her childhood and teenage friendships have lasted and continue because of the effort and commitment. She is dedicated to family traditions of fun and hard work; the keeper of traditions so they will live forever. I enjoy seeing how she thrives on carrying these on with her husband and little daughter, Isabella.

Learning is important and ever present in her life. She has attended college, online classes while working at a doctors office. Then she took Pathway and BYU-I courses. She is currently working on a graphic design degree when time as a mother allows. She makes sure Izzy goes to the library every week and reads before any screen time. Raquel is extremely talented and they begged her to design from home. She serves others with her talents and knowledge in many ways.

If there was ever a person who was well rounded, it was Raquel; she loves piano and violin, softball and education, domestic skills and the outdoors. What is incredible, is she does them all very well and with great enthusiasm as if it was her only love. She is determined and self-motivated; responsible for whatever she is involved in from camps to conferences, from family to friends. When she commits to something, she carries it out with great enthusiasm. This did not change when she became an adopted mother. She set aside a career outside the home to spend quality time with her new daughter. Now she has found a way to navigate all her interests in a family setting.
MEET ISABELLA

RANDOM FACTS...
- Isabella has had 21 inches of hair cut off in three years
- She is hilarious and loves to dance, sing, and talk
- Beautiful Hispanic
- Loves horses; rocking horse, horse movies, toy horses, and the real deal
- Enjoys to read books, go to the library
- Would rather be in the outdoors
- Loves to play with other children
- Can't get enough fishing, especially on daddy daughter dates to the city pond.
- Talks about Jesus all the time.

you make me smile
MEET RUSTY

you had me at woof

Rusty is a 7 year old Red Heeler. Being a very active breed of dog he loves to play, run, go on hikes, and be in the outdoors. Even though he is sweet and loving, Rusty can be clumsy at times not realizing his own strength, but he listens well and is always eager to learn something new.
I'll look back on this and smile because it was life and I decided to live it ...

Life is made for the great outdoors.
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"Our Homes should inspire us to go out into the world to do great things & then welcome us back for refreshments."
- Melissa Michaels
Our Friends

Getting together with friends once a week is important to us and is good for our relationship. Some activities that we have enjoyed are: playing games, seeing a good movie, getting ice cream, eating out, camping, hiking or...
"A Friend is someone that makes it easy to believe in yourself."

- Heidi Wills
OUR FAITH

Through our various opportunities of leadership, service, and friendships in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; we have both built strong testimonies and a desire to make this an important aspect of our lives. We associate, respect, and enjoy many people who are not of our faith.
"You can face the future with optimism and joy, If you have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel.
- President Russell M. Nelson
OUR PROMISE TO YOU IS THAT THIS CHILD WILL BE TAUGHT...

To expose them to literature and music
Pass on family values and traditions
The value to learn and be educated
Enjoy the simple things in Life
How to work with your hands
Fishing - Archery - Shooting
To contribute to the world
To be the bigger person
Use power tools
Respect others
Work Hard
Be humble
"OUR CHILDREN TAKE THEIR FLIGHT INTO THE FUTURE WITH OUR THROST AND OUR AIM. EVEN AS WE ANXIOUSLY WATCH THAT ARROW IN FLIGHT AND KNOW ALL THE EVILS THAT CAN DEFLECT THE COURSE AFTER IT HAS LEFT OUR HAND, NEVERTHELESS WE TAKE COURAGE IN REMEMBERING THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT MORTAL FACTOR IN DETERMINING THAT ARROWS DESTINATION WILL BE THE STABILITY, STRENGTH, AND UNWAVERING CERTAINTY OF THE HOLDER OF THE BOW."