

K E V I N + A M Y





IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU



We knew from the time we met we wanted to be parents. It was one of the first things we talked about when we started dating. Raising a child, nurturing them, and guiding them to be wonderful humans in the world today is our strongest desire.



OUR NOTE TO YOU

We don't even know where to begin. Our hearts are so grateful and in awe of your decision to consider us as the adoptive parents of your baby. We know you are making a difficult choice for your child and you are a strong mother for it. **If chosen, our hope is that we can raise your child to be a powerful and kind person in the world; ultimately someone who admires you for the decision you are making.** Your child will grow up surrounded by love, laughter, and creativity where they get to experience an exciting life. They will always know about you and learn of the sacrifice you have made in order to give them the best possible life.

We have been married for eight years and struggled with fertility the entire time. Ultimately, it just hasn't happened for us. We even went through various rounds of fertility treatments, shots, and surgeries. In 2020, Kevin was diagnosed and beat testicular cancer. That same year, I was diagnosed with epilepsy. Those medical traumas and changes made continuing with fertility treatment impossible.

Adoption has always been an option on the table, and now it feels like God has opened that door and the time is right. Through many prayer-filled conversations, we have come to realize that this is our path to parenthood.

A few years into our fertility journey there was a sermon at church about adoption and raising all of God's children with love and compassion. We both cried the whole time. We didn't realize it at the time, but that was God softening our hearts and cracking that door open to create a path for us. Now, we know that adoption is what we are being called to and how this parenthood journey begins.

With love,

Kevin + Amy



H O W I T A L L S T A R T E D

We met online! This was before the Tinder days, and the old fashioned way with long profiles and emails and tons of questions to answer. I remember that after answering all the questions and filtering through various profiles Kevin and I had a 98% match. Everything just lined up with how we both felt about family, marriage, religion - all of it! But Kevin's baby blue eyes didn't hurt either.

Our first real date was at a restaurant where I was running late and the server spilled shrimp cocktail all over my dress. I figured after a messed up dress and my tardiness that would be it, but it wasn't. Everything was just easy going and we always had fun. We joined a bowling league, cooked dinners together, and just had fun dating.

We handled the big and important decisions early on because candidly, we were "spouse shopping". We wanted to find the person we were going to marry, so the first few months of dates we talked about the big life stuff. It didn't take long for us to fall in love and we knew that we would ultimately be together forever.



OUR ENGAGEMENT

After only five months of dating Kevin took me to look at engagement rings and design my perfect ring, but he didn't give it to me. It was a beautiful ring and exactly what I wanted. For the next six months every time we went to dinner I made sure my hair was done and nails were painted waiting for that proposal, and yet nothing. Finally a year after we had started dating, the day arrived. We had a picnic in the park and walked around looking at all the flowers in bloom and just talked. He was acting nervous, and I just KNEW it was going to happen. But, nothing! The next morning he wanted to see another park near our house. At that park with me in yoga pants (totally unsuspecting) he FINALLY proposed.

This story sums up our relationship. Kevin is patient and smooth, and just likes to wait for the perfect moment. I jump on things, get to action quickly, and sometimes fumble through the details. Over the years we have created the perfect balance together.



HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Our wedding was on a perfect October day at an old, historic hotel on the water. The day before our wedding it was a steamy 95 degrees, but a cold front came through and the wedding day was in the 70's. We had a fully outdoor wedding, with fall colors of garnet, rust, and gold. I got to wear the perfect lace dress of my dreams and Kevin was in a black suit. We had all of our family there and even had friends fly in from England to see us wed.

We have been married
for eight wonderful years.



M Y H U S B A N D , K E V I N

Kevin would never admit it, but he is a total softie. He is a true man that works hard, takes care of me and the pets and is fearless, but also will sing silly songs to the cat and take every opportunity to cuddle the dogs. He can take apart any engine in a car, fix it, and put it together without a problem, as well as handle electrical issues and fix drywall. I never have to worry about anything being broken or damaged. He just inherently knows how to do all of that stuff and I am constantly amazed by it.

Kevin has a real gift for listening. He is one of those people that others just want to talk to and get his advice. He is quiet and thoughtful and when he speaks, it is either something important or funny. I love him because I can rely on him and I know he will always take care of me.

Kevin is calm and kindhearted. I think that is why little kids like him. He is great with kids and always calms them down. Babies will magically stop crying and a rowdy 3 year old will sit and play calmly. It's wild, but true! I remember being on vacation with my brothers family and Kevin sitting with the 4 year old counting her toes and convincing her she had 11 instead of 10! She was laughing and he was repeatedly counting. I know that Kevin will love with his whole heart as a father. He loves through actions and I know that he will be the dad that builds a bookshelf, shows our child how to change a tire, and packs their lunch with cookies everyday.



M Y W I F E , A M Y

I'm a pretty good reader of personalities and when I met Amy I knew she was the one. She has a great personality, and is the yin to my yang literally since she's more of an extrovert and I'm more of an introvert. She was raised in the same sort of environment as I was in regards to having loving parents and family. Her parents are still married, as are mine, and that was important to me in finding a mate. Amy also believes in the old school traditional approach to family. She is a nurturing and motherly soul who can rule with a velvet hammer when needed. Amy will be the compassionate mother who guides and teaches and loves no matter what.

Amy will be a great mom. When her brother was dating a young lady with three daughters from her previous marriage, every time they would come around they would love to crowd around "Miss Amy" and tell her what was going on in their lives. Their interaction would always be so cute and Amy was a natural with the girls.

In the recent past, Amy helped with childcare at our church on Sunday mornings. This was actually my idea, because she always brought up to me that she wanted kids. I told her to go get a trial run by taking care of twenty 3 year olds first, then come back and talk to me. She ended up doing it for a long time, and not only loved it, but thrived as she poured into the children each week.



HELLO! I'M KEVIN.

I am a Truck Driver and have had my Class A CDL since the beginning of 2022. I started with a company shortly after getting my license, but ultimately didn't like the long haul travel and extended days away from home. I recently started with a local company allowing me to be home every night for dinner with my family. It has been a blessing and God has provided a wonderful job with the flexibility that we needed.

I have several different hobbies. Different meaning out of the norm a bit. I like talking to people on my CB radio, restoring old cars, and working on my bowling game as much as I can. I enjoy spending my free time with Amy going to nice restaurants and occasionally visiting new places. Hanging out with family is also high on the list. Both sets of our parents are local, so that makes it convenient seeing them quite often.

MY FRIENDS SAY I AM CARING, LOYAL, AND HELPFUL.

Aside from meeting Amy and making her my wife, my biggest accomplishment is finally getting my Bachelors Degree. I received my Associates in Science degree many years ago, and it was always a goal of mine to get back to school, use those credits, and finish a Bachelors degree. I finally went back to school and earned that degree. Needless to say, it took me many more years than usual to finish school both times due to work and other constraints, but I got it done.



I had such an amazing role model in my father and I am looking forward to being the same for my child. The responsibility of raising a child is something I take seriously.

THOUGHTS ON PARENTING

I think growing up in an environment where my parents showed their love for one another everyday physically and verbally, never fought, and were always there for us made me who I am today. It showed me how to treat a woman and how a family should look. We ate dinner together every evening and both parents helped cook. We would talk about how our days were going and keep the communication up.

I look forward to seeing our little human, with the positive, enriching environment that Amy and I will give him or her, grow up to be their unique person. While genetics plays a big role in who you will become when you grow up, I think the environment in which you were raised has a big impact as well. Loving parents and a positive environment go a long way.

My hope and prayer for our child is that they grow up to be a positive, loving individual that makes something of themselves. A child that loves God, their country, and their friends and family. And that they don't forget to call their mother later on in life, not just when they need something!





HI THERE! I'M AMY.

I work as a recruiter in finance, so I get people jobs for a living. I work from home and have extreme flexibility. I have been with my employer for 10 years, as SR manager I have strong tenure here and the ability to work as much or little as I want. My office and leaders are in full support of this new adventure for our family and I will have plenty of maternity leave provided. Long term we plan to have parents assist with child care, as well as working part time and doing some child care to provide interaction with other babies occasionally. My job flexibility will be such a blessing when bringing home a baby.

I am a reader. My Kindle is probably my most used item in the house, right next to my library card! Outside of that, I love to be creative. I love doing puzzles, drawing, painting, or trying my hand at a house DIY project. I am also a great "deal finder". I love to utilize coupons and find ways to save money, time and energy.

MY FRIENDS SAY I AM RESPONSIBLE, COMPASSIONATE, AND GENUINE.

For me, the biggest sign of adulthood growing up was buying a home. When I finally had that chance to purchase a home and sign all that paperwork it was huge for me. It sounds so mundane, but being financially secure enough and mature enough to purchase a home and take all of that responsibility on felt like such an accomplishment! Meeting and marrying Kevin was also a huge blessing and I am thankful we get to do life together.



I am so thankful that
our paths have crossed.
Motherhood is a special
gift and I would love
nothing more than to
link arms with you in
this journey.



THOUGHTS ON MOTHERHOOD

Being a mom and seeing a child grow and live life is my dream. I look forward to raising a kind and loving person in the world today. Raising someone in God's love who will be an upstanding member of society. The world is a wild place and raising a child to be a light in the darkness of the world is something that I look forward to.

I was raised with a huge influence of "time together". Family meals at the table, Saturday events with family, and big holidays with tons of people around eating and laughing. We both had that in our childhood and that concept of family and time together is hugely important for us a future parents. We plan to parent and show love not just in words, but actions and time together. Dinner together at the table discussing life and laughing over a burnt meal is important.

I pray that our child knows they are loved and loves others. We want our child to love God, love life, and love others always.





H O M E S W E E T H O M E

We have a 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom house in a historic neighborhood with a big fenced in backyard. What the house lacks in tons of square footage, we make up for with a great porch and tons of things outside. We have a fire pit for bonfires and the perfect sunny spot to have a swing set one day. It was built in the 50's and we are the third generation of this family to now live in this house! Kevin's grandparents lived here, raised his father and uncle here, and now we live here and own it. The home has much family history! Kevin's parents even had their wedding reception in the house and pictures in the backyard when they got married 55 years ago.

The feeling of family history and so much love under one roof is something we hope to keep. Kevin has memories of playing blocks in our backyard and riding bikes down the street we ride bikes down today. We even put our Christmas tree in the same spot in the window that it has been in every Christmas since 1956. One day we hope to have our child do the same. We want to continue making memories in this place and have a fourth generation grow up here and love this home as much as we do. Staying in this area that we grew up in, close to family and friends is definitely our plan.

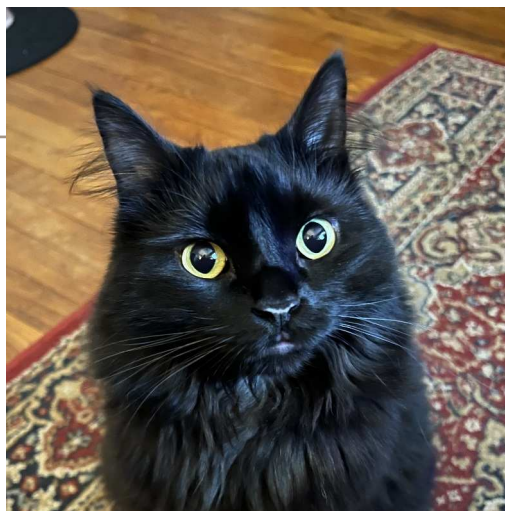
In our home, our child will know the love of God from day one. The most important thing for them to know is that He loves them no matter what. Other values that we will teach early on are gratitude, integrity, kindness, forgiveness and faith. Starting off on the right foot and understanding these key things is so important to us as parents.



COMMUNITY + SCHOOLING

We live in a historic area of the city a short walk or bike ride from downtown. The downtown area has a huge lake to walk around with ducks and swans to watch. There is always some new food festival, parade, or event going on. Close by we have a huge garden and outdoor space to walk through and see all the flowers blooming seasonally as well as local springs to swim and kayak. Within a 45 minutes drive we can easily be at the ocean enjoying sunshine and salt water.

We plan to send our child to private school, or do homeschooling. We feel that there are so many opportunities to get creative with learning and education, and private schools and homeschooling allows for a bit more of that flexibility. Everyone learns different and should be given the chance to learn the way that suits them best.



GRACIE TOBY + KITKAT

Gracie is our 12 year old lab/pitt mix that we got as a puppy. She loves naps! Every chance she gets to take a nap she will take. Every time she meets a child, she goes in for the slobbery kiss. She loves kids of all ages and is a gentle old lady.

Toby is a 10 year old Dachshund. He was rescued from a bad situation at a year old, and now is the happiest dog alive. His tail is always wagging and he is obsessed with chasing a ball. He would be thrilled to play with children. He is happy go lucky and always ready to play.

KitKat is our 2 year old fluffy black cat. Kitkat found us as a three week old kitten, sickly and dying in our yard. We bottle fed her and raised her from the time she opened her eyes. She doesn't quite know she is a cat and runs and plays with the dogs as part of their pack!





OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We love to bowl! Kevin is an incredible bowler getting strikes and spares every turn. Since we started dating bowling on a Friday night has been our thing. Ten years later, we are that couple showing up at the bowling alley with our own shoes and balls. Kevin is a patient teacher with me, but I'm still horrible at it. We also like going out for drives. Kevin has a passion for old cars and we have a couple vintage cars we will take out on Sunday afternoons around town. The Sunday drive sounds so simple, but it's just us with some good music playing and the wind in our hair. Those days we sometimes find a new place to check out or a restaurant to try. It's the perfect lazy Sunday afternoon.

When we have the time and take a vacation, either a staycation or a cruise is what we like to do. We live in Florida a short drive from tons of great local activities. Taking a day off work to drive somewhere fun and explore a new city is one of our favorite things. We also really love cruises! Something about the freedom and salty ocean air just sets your soul strait.

We value time together and opportunities to show love. We know that being a Christian involves leading by example to show God's love and be a witness of his grace. Part of our value system is ingrained in that.



ALL HOLIDAYS ARE BIG IN OUR HOME!

The two biggest and most celebrated are 4th of July and Christmas. For 4th of July every year, we go to Amy's home town and participate in their local 4th of July parade. The whole community gets involved, decorating trailers and trucks. Everyone dresses up and candy is thrown. Amy's family's trailer is full of neighbors and friends and they all have drums and tambourines and just play along with music from the speakers. After the parade a feast of BBQ is eaten and a local family invites everyone over for a Disney-worthy fireworks show. Describing it doesn't do this event justice. It's such a fun day full of patriotism and friends and just celebrating our nation's birth.



For Christmas, Amy starts decorating the house on November 1st. We transition to a winter wonderland with lights everywhere; inside and out. On Christmas day, we try to combine family time and see both sets of parents and siblings. We always have huge meals and share gifts under a tree. One tradition we plan to keep going is "The Pickle". In our family we hide a pickle in the tree on Christmas eve, and the first child to find it gets to open an extra special gift. Years ago the pickle was an actual pickle (which you could smell out), but now we have a blown glass pickle ornament and the whole process gets really competitive.



Birthdays are always fun and we are firm believers that a cake isn't necessary. The birthday girl or boy gets to pick their dessert of choice to eat. I always choose Krispy Kreme donuts to put a candle in, and Amy gets her favorite blueberry pie. Birthdays should be all about the person being celebrated, and sometimes that means instead of a cake, you get another dessert of choice!





FAMILY IS SO IMPORTANT TO US!



Both sets of our parents live in town. Kevin's parents are Ron and Peggy. They have been married 55 years and live 20 minutes away. Kevin also has an older sister, Angela, and her fiancé, Matt. They have been together for 8 years and live about 15 minutes down the road. We see all of them every Sunday afternoon for lunch.

Amy's parents, Mark and Julie, have been married almost 40 years. They live 40 minutes away and we see them about twice a month. Jeffrey is Amy's brother who lives in Phoenix. He is career driven and outdoorsy and we talk to him often, but only see him once or twice a year.

We have great relationships with our parents! They are all the types to jump up and come over to help with any random house project we need assistance with. This would be the first grandchild in the family, so needless to say, both sets of future grandparents are thrilled. They have already chosen their grandparent names they want to use, and we are pretty sure that Amy's parents will immediately retire once a baby comes home. The support and love from our families regarding adoption has been wonderful. Every single one of them is ready to jump in, help out, and take on a role in raising this baby.



THANK YOU SO MUCH



We want to reiterate our love and respect for you. Your decision to consider adoption shows a tremendous amount of selfless love and bravery, all because you want what is best for your child. We cannot fathom how hard the choice is, but know that we admire you for it. Because of the choice you are considering, families like ours are given the chance to become parents and raise a wonderful child. We honor you for that and the weight of that decision is not lost on us.

Thank you for reading about us and considering our family. We hope that you have been able to get a genuine feel for who we are, what is important to us, and how much we care about you. If chosen, we hope to have an open relationship with you, where you can see pictures and get updates about your child's life if that is something you desire. Given your permission, your child will always know who you are and understand the love you have for them. They will know that you chose to make them a part of our family out of love for them.

Kevin + Amy

YOU ARE LOVED.



