

KATIE
AND MATT





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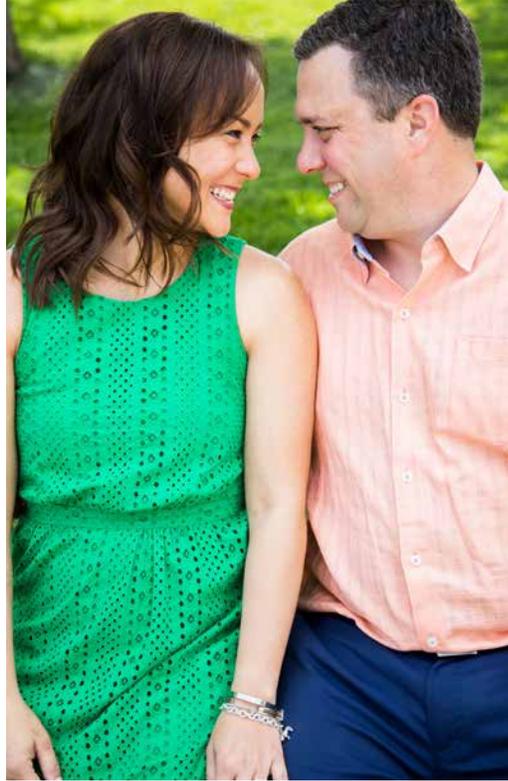


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We are
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MATT & KATIE



ENJOYING A CASUAL MEAL OUT



We both grew up in Kansas, learning the values of love, family, and commitment and are excited to welcome you and your child into our family. We are humbled by your consideration and admire your courage in considering adoption for your child.

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WE PROMISE THAT
WE WILL PROVIDE
YOUR CHILD
WITH A LIFE OF
**UNCONDITIONAL
LOVE, SUPPORT,
AND LAUGHTER** -
JUST AS WE HAVE
WITH EACH OTHER.
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Though both from
Kansas, we met on
Capitol Hill in
Washington D.C.

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Our initial meeting in the halls of Congress initiated a long-distance relationship over the course of several years. We were committed to making our relationship work and have been together for over 17 years, and married for 11! AND, we are both fortunate to no longer be working in politics.

WE LOVE TO TRAVEL & ARE EXCITED TO HAVE A NEW TRAVEL COMPANION



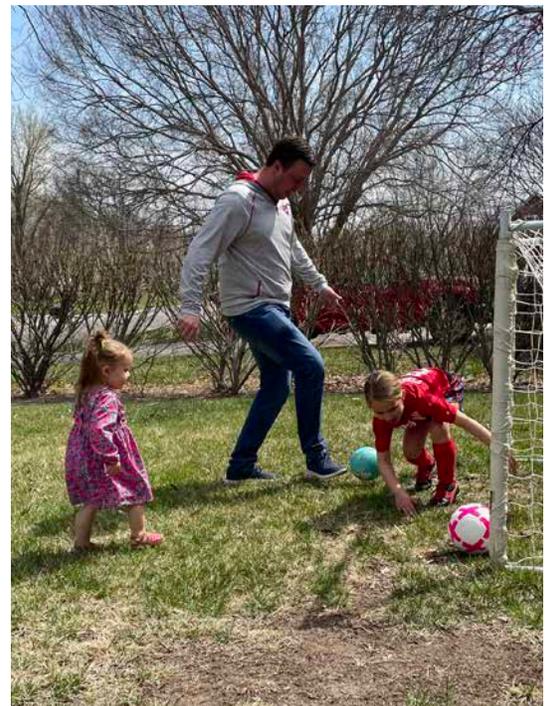


ABOUT MATT

By Katie



Matt is the best person I know. He is thoughtful, brilliant, funny, kind, wise, and diligently works to do even the smallest tasks right. When we first met, he was a seemingly quiet and serious person who I quickly learned was compassionate, sensitive, and observant. Matt cherishes his family and friends and prioritizes the needs of others before his own. When he noticed our two year old niece, Jordan, was struggling to keep up in a family game of soccer, he stopped, picked her up, and placed her on his shoulders so she could be included - she was delighted and it was adorable!



WARMING UP FOR THE FAMILY SOCCER GAME

Matt is the General Counsel for a major financial institution in Northeast Kansas.

Matt loves his work and genuinely looks forward to going to the office every day. However, he enjoys golf, grilling, and laying by the pool or on the beach reading a book. I know he will take his job as a Dad just as seriously.

Although Matt is in a demanding position, he enjoys the challenge that comes with handling the legal, ethical, and compliance issues of his employer.



DEEP SEA FISHING IN FLORIDA



BEACHSIDE IN FLORIDA



MATT WITH THE OLYMPIC TORCH

MATT'S

FAVORITES

VACATION:
The beach

LUNCHBOX SNACK:
Lunchables are a guilty pleasure and take me back to being a kid

ICE CREAM FLAVOR:
Pistachio

ANIMAL:
Our English Bulldog, Millie

HOBBY:
Golf which is also a source of incredible frustration

DESSERT:
Oreos dipped in milk until they almost fall apart

PERFECT DAY:
Lounging by the pool with Katie reading a book



ABOUT KATIE

By Matt

Katie is beyond excited at the opportunity to be a mother and I am thrilled she will get the chance to share her love with a child. I love seeing the sparkle in Katie's eyes when we get the opportunity to spend time with our four nieces and nephew. Whether it is hosting a Christmas cookie baking party making more cookies than we could ever eat in a year, or celebrating one of the girl's successful dance recitals with a bouquet of flowers, Katie makes everyone feel special, celebrated, and loved.

Katie has an enormous heart! She is kind, compassionate, intelligent, and driven, all of which attracted me to her in the first place, and all of which will make Katie a wonderful mom. I look forward to seeing how Katie shares her gifts as a mother.



**KIKI (KATIE) WITH OUR NIECES,
BENTLEY & JORDAN**



GRABBING A BITE TO EAT



ENJOYING NAPA



In 2021, Katie left a 16 year career in politics in search of greater flexibility and a better work/life balance.

Today, she is in her element working with other creative minds by overseeing marketing and business development for an architecture and design firm.



KIKI & THE GIRLS WEARING MATCHING HEADBANDS

KATIE WEARING HER BROTHER'S FIREHAT DURING A VISIT TO HIS FIRE STATION



KATIE'S

FAVORITES

VACATION:
The beach

ANIMAL:
Dog or sea turtle

HOBBY:
Crochet and golf

PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD:
The zoo

SPORTS TEAM:
KU Jayhawks

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:
Podcasts and popcorn

ACCESSORY:
Earrings

ICE CREAM FLAVOR:
Chocolate chip cookie dough



We live in northeast Kansas, not far from Kansas City. We enjoy the variety of weather that Kansas throws our way - even inventing tornado bingo for those crazy weather days.

Our community is incredibly active with rarely a day going by where there isn't something going on. In 2015, we moved into our forever home with visions of creating a space where we maximize our time outdoors. Today, that dream is reality and we enjoy watching sporting events next to the firepit, swimming in the pool, and hosting friends and family in our home. Our neighborhood is nestled around a lake with diverse families from all over. In the summer, you'll see kids riding bikes and playing together; families enjoying a boat ride; and lots of fireworks on the Fourth of July. In the fall and winter months, we buy too much candy for Halloween, take advantage of warm days to check-in with our neighbors, and become the Grizwold's while decorating for the Holiday season.



LOTS OF SUN & FUN
IN THE SUMMER



CHRISTMAS AND THE FOURTH OF JULY
ARE OUR TWO FAVORITE HOLIDAYS AND
TRADITIONS



**Millie is our
11-year-old
English Bulldog.**

**She was born on the day we
got married and we brought
her home two months later.**
Millie loves cheese (okay, all food),
snuggles, and doggie day care.
When our nieces and nephew are
around, Millie can always be found
underfoot, hoping for a dropped
bit of food.





MEET OUR

LOVED ONES



MATT & KATIE WITH HER SIBLINGS & IN-LAWS

Katie: Katie's family is incredibly close knit. She is the oldest of four children. Her mom is a former teacher who retired to be grandma while her dad looks forward to retiring in two years to be a full-time papa. Our family motto has always been "Work hard. Do your best. Be kind to others." We love to play games, indoor and outdoor - Nordic Bowling, Phase 10, Yahtzee, and SkipBo are among our favorites. A silly family tradition is our Christmas Scavenger Hunt where my mom puts us in teams - adults and kids alike - and sends us out for the sole purpose of running around town to complete tasks just to win a "prize" from the Dollar Store. We also host my family every Fourth of July for a weekend of pool, BBQ, laughter, games, and fireworks. We have four nieces and one nephew ranging in age from 9 years down to 4 months.



MATT'S FAMILY

Matt: Matt grew-up in a small but close knit family. As the oldest of three boys, Matt's parents, Carl and Pam, are beyond excited at the prospect of becoming first-time grandparents. His affinity for water started early with summers spent with his family at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. Although his brothers now live in other states, we routinely have family Facetime sessions to catch-up and try to get together in-person several times a year. The in-person reunions usually involve lots of laughter, little sleep, a whole lot of music, and cherished memories.

KATIE WITH HER MOM, DEBBIE, AND SISTERS, JENNY & SHAE



WHITEWATER RAFTING IN COLORADO



WITH OUR NIECES, ELLIE & CORA

We promise to:

Provide our child with a variety of opportunities and to **SUPPORT THEIR PASSIONS**

Encourage our child to unapologetically **EMBRACE THEIR INDIVIDUALITY**

Ensure our child will **KNOW THEIR ENTIRE STORY, ESPECIALLY YOU** and your love for them

and, most importantly, give them **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, and GUIDANCE.**

CELEBRATING OUR FRIENDS "WESTERN" PARTY IN COLORADO



WE LOVE GOING TO THE BEACH MULTIPLE TIMES A YEAR





THANK YOU

for giving us the opportunity to
introduce ourselves

IF YOU SELECT US TO BE THE
ADOPTIVE PARENTS OF YOUR
CHILD, **WE LOOK FORWARD TO
HAVING YOU AND YOUR CHILD
AS PART OF OUR FAMILY.**

MATT **AND** KATIE

