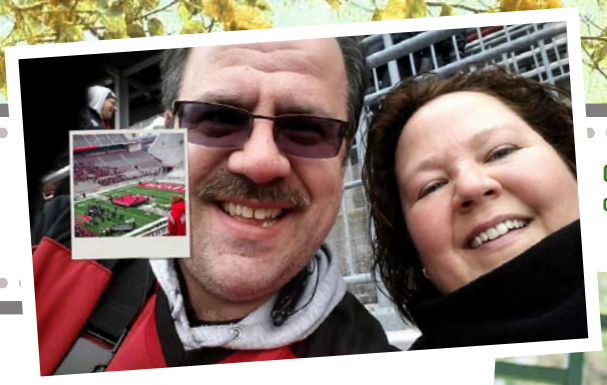
Jeffrey & Brandy

about us



College football-no amount of cold can keep us away!

We met online and dated long distance for several months with many weekend visits and late night chats over video. Our early dates included a trip to see a Broadway musical, Detroit Tigers baseball, underground caverns, and shopping for games we enjoyed as children at the local Toys'R'Us when the rain kept us from the zoo.

We quickly fell in love and were married in December of 2013.

In our daily lives, we enjoy telling silly jokes, making up new ones, and laughing when things get crazy. We enjoy taking road trips, listening to audio-books, and we share many common interests in music and entertainment. When we want to relax, you might find us bowling, playing pool or riding our bikes.

We both have fruitful careers, and we receive much satisfaction from our jobs. Communication is crucial to our relationship, and we are intentional in our support for each other.

Brandy in Kenya sharing Jesus with the kids!

About Brandy:

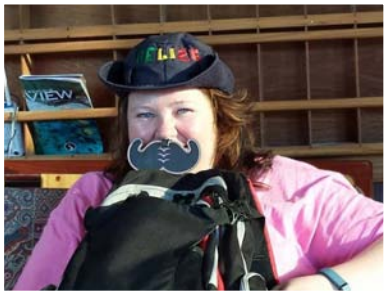
written by Jeffrey

Brandy is very special to me. Meeting her after the loss of my first wife brought me new hope.

I couldn't ask for a more loyal, caring friend and mate. She's funny, lively, and strong in all the things that matter: faith, kindness, and generosity. She makes me laugh, and when I do cry, she shares my feelings in a way that makes me feel valued. Brandy complements me in lots of ways and helps me to grow in the confidence of God's love. She challenges me to be a better person and strive to embrace my full potential even when it's hard.

Brandy loves children. She has cared for others' children like they were her own, and she loves to shower them with attention. Her strong sense of commitment to her family extends to mine as well. They have welcomed her as their own, and she has formed a close bond with them.

I know that Brandy will be a great mom and nurture our child with kindness and love as we build our family together.



Brandy in disguise - She had me fooled!

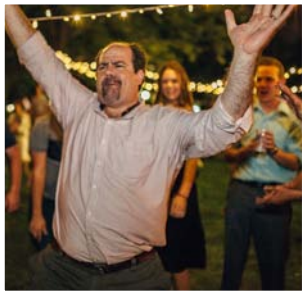
About Jeffrey

written by Brandy

Killin' it on the trails!

The first thing that comes to mind when I think of Jeffrey is that he is the answer to my prayers. He is hardworking, kind, full of love and mercy and has so much to give. He is the son of a pastor and teacher and has an enormous amount of respect for both his mother and his father. A year before Jeffrey and I met, he lost his wife to complications with cystic fibrosis. The strength and support of his family and friends helped him through this trying time. The loss brought clarity to what is really important in this life and Jeffrey chose to look past the sorrow and learned to love again. I am excited to see Jeffrey become a father because I know the road that he has traveled to get to this place in life, and I am thrilled to embark on this journey together.

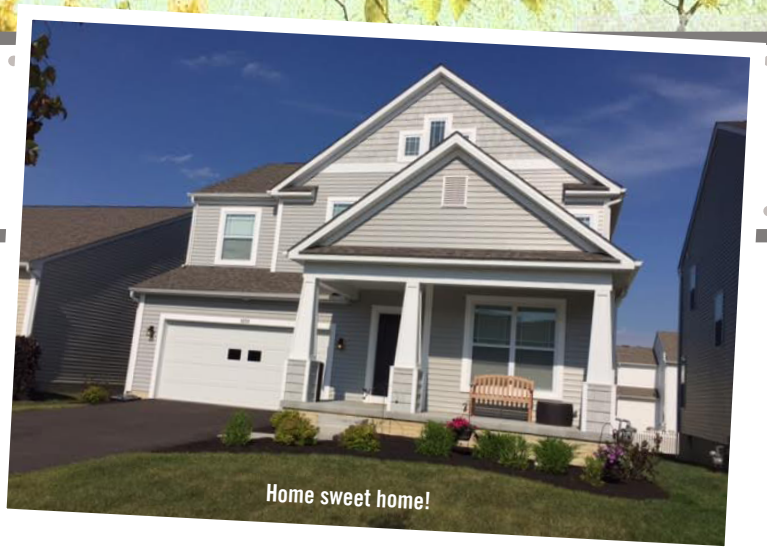
Jeffrey is super smart and loves to solve problems through programming and logic. He is well established in his chosen field and speaks often at various technical conferences within the United States.



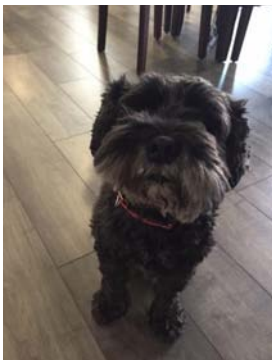
Jeffrey showing off his dance moves...

Some things Jeffrey enjoys doing are riding bikes, bowling, playing bass guitar, and singing. As you can see, he also likes to dance every once in awhile! He has also discovered his "love" for the gym and has become quite disciplined in his workouts.

our home


Home sweet home!

We live in a comfortable, newly built 4-bedroom home in the suburbs. We have a great back yard, and our neighborhood has a large green space, children's play area and swimming pool. We love being close to a number of parks with playgrounds and trails for hiking and biking. We have a nice-sized deck and are looking forward to spending lots of evenings grilling and listening to the frogs in the nature preserve in our neighborhood. Several restaurants and shopping areas are only a few minutes away. Our miniature schnauzer, Tucker, loves to go for walks and cuddle and is good with children.


Our "bubby" Tucker

Community playground - We've tested (played on it) - it passed the fun test!

The community pool - A great way to beat the heat (lifeguards are on duty)

Tucker - Just Chillin'

our church

Jeffrey and I have a strong relationship with God and attend church regularly. Our church family is very diverse, and there are several families who have adopted or are going through the adoption process as well. Everyone is very supportive and excited for us!

Go Ye into the world service, giving to missions.

Friends from our small group at church

So many - loving children's church!

Confident and kind

Respect and friendship

our families

Brandy's Family

I am the second oldest of 4 kids. My parents were not perfect but they taught me that no one is and that change is possible. My older sister and youngest brother are both married and have kids. My brother right below me is single and has partnered with my mom in her successful commercial kitchen and catering business. They all live in Montana so when we get a chance to see them we have a great time. I am really close with all my siblings, and we communicate daily whether it be on the phone, text or social media. My nieces and nephews can't wait to meet their new cousin and my brothers and sister can't wait to meet their new niece or nephew. It goes without saying that my parents are ready to welcome our baby as the newest grandchild. Some of my favorite memories growing up were trips though the mountains, fishing, going to the drive-in, flashlight tag and game night. My favorite family tradition was going to candlelight service on Christmas Eve and then coming home and gathering around the tree to open one gift before going to bed.

Pizza! Pizza! and hockey with friends!

Joey, brother, with his family in Arizona

Sending Christmas Cheer from Montana! (Parents, sister and family)

Brandy hanging with her cousin Becky at the cabin in WV

Brandy's mom and dad taking a break from the dance floor!

Jeffrey's Family

Celebrating Jeffrey's brother earning his masters degree!

I am the oldest of 2 sons. My mom and dad taught us to value family and faith in God when we were young, and these continue to be important in our lives. I have many fond memories from growing up, including camping trips, youth camp, playing basketball with my dad, and listening to my mom read mystery books to us. My mom would always hide our Easter basket and make us follow treasure hunt clues until we found them. One of my favorite family traditions is when my dad reads the story of Christ's birth as we celebrate together each Christmas. My brother and sister-in-law live a few hours away, and we see them throughout the year; they are excited to become aunt and uncle. My parents live close, and can't wait to welcome their first grandchild.

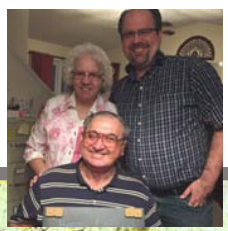
Dad reads the Christmas story to us each year

Uh-oh...brain freeze!

Rich and Jeffrey- I scream you scream...we all scream for ice cream!

Mom and Grandma

Summer fun with mom and dad



Game night with mom and dad

dear birth mother,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and our family. We believe that considering an adoption plan for your unborn child is an amazing act of love, and we hope that getting to know us has brought you a sense of peace.

Through the 4 years we have been married we have experienced both joy and sorrow, and each journey has brought us closer and increased our faith in each other and in God.

We live in a beautiful new development with green space, a playground, gated pool and lots of children. Most of Jeffrey's family lives in the area and we see them often. Brandy's family lives out west, which is a great reason to pack a couple suitcases and go on an adventure!

While Jeffrey comes from a small but close family, he has a large extended family in the area with plenty of cousins to hang out with! He is close to his brother and sister-in-law; they talk on a regular basis, and we see them throughout the year. His parents are close by and very much looking forward to being grandparents. Jeffrey's mom is a retired school teacher, and his dad is a retired pastor.

Brandy has a large family, which includes 3 brothers and sisters, 12 nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles and of course, parents who love being grandparents!

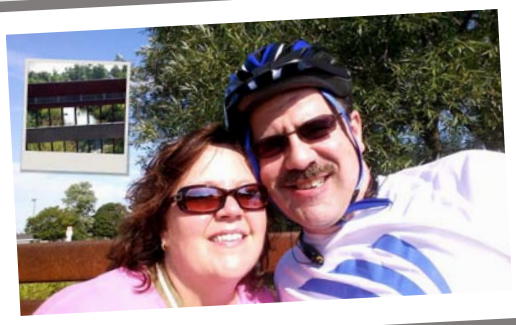
Both Jeffrey and Brandy are employed full time. Brandy works in the banking industry, and Jeffrey is a programmer/software developer. Our work situations are very stable, and we work at maintaining a good work/life balance.

We never questioned our willingness or desire to adopt a child from a different ethnic background. We believe every child is born with a purpose and a plan, and we are confident that we will be able to raise a child of different ethnicity to be proud of who they are and their heritage. Our church is very diverse with all ethnicities represented and respected. We know that our child will be surrounded by love and acceptance both in our church family and in our extended families.

Brandy knew at a young age that she would adopt, that adoption was the path God wanted her to walk. Jeffrey joined her on that path, and now that you've gotten a chance to know us, we hope that you will choose to walk this path with us as well.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey & Brandy



Why Adoption?

Since we've been married, starting a family has been a heartfelt desire. Adoption provides a great start to a child that needs it, and this is why we chose it. The decision to create an adoption plan is a great act of love by the birth mother and deserves the best possible outcome for her child. We know that the love we share has room for one more and we can't wait to meet them!