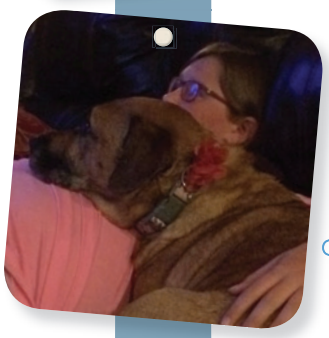
# Tony & Cheryl

# Our Story

We are one of the lucky couples who actually met on line and we couldn't be happier! Our first date was kind of comical. We went to a very nice restaurant. While there, Tony ran into an old business partner and actually interrupted the date to do business! In Tony's defense, he did ask if it was alright prior to inviting this gentleman over to sit with us during dinner. Who does that?!

Tony was a bachelor his entire adult life and did not have any children of his own. Cheryl has a daughter from previous marriage so dating as a single mother was always a challenge but Tony knew that he had to love and treat her daughter as if she were his own.

Vacation in Punta Cana



Cuddles with our dog, Guinness!

Gatlinburg, TN Mountain Coasters

Cooking fun!

# About Us

We have been married for 5 years. We chose a destination wedding. We rented a huge beach house and took our immediate family with us. Not only did our family get to witness our beautiful wedding, they also were treated to a weeks' vacation at the beach!

We are truly best friends and able to count on each other no matter what. We are a team! Our communication, trust, love, friendship and dedication to each other are what have made our marriage successful. We enjoy being together as a family and are grateful for the experiences we have had. We both have great careers that have afforded us the financial security to provide a stable life for ourselves, our daughter and future children. Tony works full time in sales for a Food Distribution Company and Cheryl holds a Management position in Healthcare Administration.

Taking vacations is one of our favorite things to do and we are truly blessed to be able to take them often. Many of our trips are to the beach. We do love to go to Florida as well to visit Disney World, Universal and Sea World. We enjoy smaller weekend getaways to nearby fun spots as well.

Our daughter is active in many extracurricular activities. She is gentle, kind, caring and very loving. She is a fantastic artist and loves performing in the school plays. We have enjoyed every minute with her and we are truly blessed. She is extremely excited about the possibility of having a sibling.

We have two dogs, Guinness and Molly who are so adorable. Molly likes to play ball. Guinness is our gentle giant. She is extremely lazy and loves to lie around all day. Our daughter loves to use her as a pillow and Guinness does not mind at all!

# Our Home

We recently built a new house in a very family oriented neighborhood. We have a four bedroom, three bath ranch style home, on a little over two fenced in acres. Our kitchen and family room are both large and open which is where we spend most of our time together. The three of us enjoy cooking together often. Our backyard is large with a deck off the back as well as pool. We love hosting family gatherings and enjoying the outdoors.

The basement is huge and runs the entire length of the home. We are currently in the process of finishing our basement to include two extra guest rooms, a theater room, an additional office, a fourth bathroom and a recreation area.

Our home is within close proximity to several parks, soccer fields, hiking trails shopping centers, medical facilities and grocery stores. We are in a very safe and secure township. Our schools have been given the highest grading score for 14 years in a row and are fantastic. The excellent schools are why we chose this area to build our new home.

# Our Favorites

**Cheryl**

Holiday: Christmas, Baking cookies, decorating and giving to others are my favorite things to do

Food: Parmesan Crusted Chicken with angel hair pasta, Tony makes this often; he is such a great cook!

Vacation: The Beach of course! Love the sand, the smell and the ocean breeze!

**Tony**

Holiday: Christmas, I enjoy the time with our family

Food: Pizza

Vacation: Myrtle Beach, I enjoy the beach and all of the outdoor activities

## about Tony

written by Cheryl

What can I say? I hit the jackpot when it comes to husbands. Tony is strong, caring and generous. He is always holding my hand and giving tender hugs. His sense of humor is out of this world and he always has us in stiches. He likes to make me and my daughter happy. He goes above and beyond making sure we have everything we need. He endures hours of shopping, running to the store for ice cream and spending time with the extended family as well with zero complaints. I knew he was a keeper after taking him on the first trip with my crazy family and he didn't run! Tony is a great father, fantastic husband and will forever be my best friend.

## about Cheryl

written by Tony

I love Cheryl more and more as the years go by. Cheryl is a compassionate and caring person. She often puts others before herself making sure their needs are met. When we first met, I never imagined life would be this wonderful. I don't know how she does it, but Cheryl juggles a career, being a wife, a mother and my best friend. She always seems to do all of these things with ease. I am in awe of her every day. She is a standup comic and the life of every family BBQ, which I find amazing. The first thing that attracted me to Cheryl was her caring heart, love for life and her amazing sense of humor.

# Our Family

We are blessed to be close with our families and enjoy spending time with them. Cheryl's father and mother were married for nearly 40 years until his passing in 2006. He was the greatest man Cheryl ever knew, her mentor and her rock. Cheryl and her mother are extremely close. Her mother has since remarried and lives nearby. Cheryl has two older brothers and two step brothers in the area, all are married with children. Cheryl is extremely close with her nephews. Cheryl and her former step son are close. Cheryl makes sure that he gets the opportunity to spend time with Cheryl's daughter (his half-sister) as much as possible.

For the holidays, everyone gathers at Cheryl and Tony's house. They celebrate with the usual traditions except for one. Every year Cheryl gets the entire family matching pajamas or t-shirts. I know you are thinking this not unusual, however, they are themed! Every year the entire family waits in anticipation to see what the theme is for that year. Cheryl has done everything from Duck Dynasty to Minions to Star Wars and Ugly Christmas Sweatshirts that she embellished on her own.

Tony's family all live a little over an hour away. While his parents divorced when he was younger, they lived within close proximity as not to disrupt his childhood. Tony's mom is a sweet, caring person. His father is a retired fire chief. He has two older sisters, each are married with children. Tony is close with his Aunt and two Uncles as well as many cousins. We see his family every holiday and as much as we can in between.

Beach time!

Disney Fun with entire family!

Cheryl's Mom & Aunt and Tony's Mom

Christmas Star Wars T-Shirts

Tony's Uncle, Dad and Cindee

Playing board games on the deck

# Dear Birth Parent

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little more about our family. Adoption is extremely close to our hearts as we have several family members who are adopted themselves or have adopted children. With such a large family as well as our financial stability, we can offer a child an enormous amount of love, support and many opportunities.

We want you to know that our thoughts and hearts are with you. Please know that we respect you and want you to know that every day your child, should you choose us, will not only be loved unconditionally but will know the choice to place them for adoption was out of your love and selflessness.

We hope through our profile that you will see the love, happiness and security that we can provide.

Wishing you the very best,

Tony and Cheryl

# Why Adoption?

We tried on our own to conceive and were unsuccessful. Unlike many other couples, we did not look toward infertility treatments or medical intervention. We knew immediately that the universe had a different plan for us and so we began our adoption journey. We have several family members who have adopted children as well as family members who were adopted themselves. Both families have been extremely supportive and cannot wait for us to expand our family! We are beyond excited to welcome a child into our home regardless of their cultural background.