Matt & Karen

About Us

The story of us started several years ago while Karen was at college. Her roommate happened to be dating Matt's best friend, and they said that we were perfect for each other. It turns out they were right! We have been married for the last eleven & half years.

Karen is an elementary school music teacher. She has been with the same school district for the past sixteen years. Karen enjoys teaching because she gets to inspire hundreds of students each year. Matt works as a software tester, and finds the work challenging and rewarding. Every day he is faced with new problems to overcome, and enjoys finding new and unique ways to improve the software.

As our relationship has grown, we have been able to realize our mutual goals of owning a home, saving up for and taking vacations to the beach, finishing our education, and becoming secure in our careers. We are ready to continue with the adventure of raising a family of our own.

Through marriage, we have learned how to communicate and share our needs with each other. We still encounter bumps in the road, but we have learned how to work together to overcome our obstacles because we love and respect each other. We want to instill these same values in our children. We believe that self-esteem, hard work, respect, kindness, and love can truly make the world a better place.

Fun at the zoo!

Cheering on our home team!

Fun Facts & Favorites

	Matt	Karen
Favorite food:	Fried Chicken	Soup
Favorite Color:	Green	Blue
Favorite Family Activity:	Playing at the park	Going to the zoo
Favorite Holiday:	Thanksgiving	Christmas
Favorite Vacation:	Disney World	Disney World
Favorite Season:	Summer	Fall
Childhood Memory:	Camping with my family	Summer family vacations
Hobbies:	Painting models, playing board games	Playing board games, painting & singing
Occupation:	Software Tester Team Leader	Music Teacher
Education:	Bachelors Degree	Master's Degree

Getting in the holiday spirit

Roaring Twenties Party

More About Us

About Matt

(Through Karen's Eyes)

Matt is already an amazing father. He is very patient, loving, super attentive and always making sure our son is happy, healthy and safe. He loves to teach him new words and how to do new things. They are best friends who love to play and enjoy time together. Matt is always looking for a new challenge and knows how to make life fun! Matt finds the good in people. He is a great problem solver and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Matt is the most intelligent person I know, but he also has a fun and silly side. He is a kid at heart and children often sense that about him. He is referred to as "Uncle Fun" by our nieces because he is always the person children gravitate towards to play make-believe, chase, or a wacky made up game! Matt can often be heard singing or humming while doing household chores, as he loves music. Matt enjoys working with his hands. He has recently remodeled our downstairs living area so we can have a nice family room/play area for our children. Some of Matt's hobbies include reading, playing games with friends, building and painting models and working in the yard. He likes the satisfaction from a job well done.

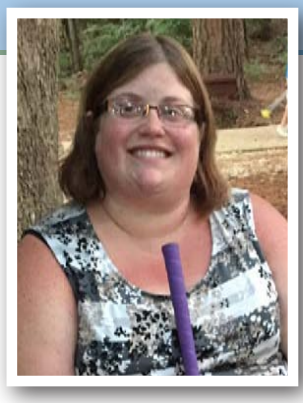
Apple picking with Daddy

Fun at the zoo!

Visiting Santa

About Karen

(Through Matt's Eyes)



Karen is an excellent mother. She's kind, sensitive, patient, and understanding. Our son loves to listen to mommy sing, read books, and snuggle with her. Whenever I'm having a bad day Karen can always cheer me up with her sunny disposition and happy mood. Most of all Karen is generous. She is generous with her time, money, and sense of humor. She gives to charity, has worked as a community recreation center director, and often tells silly jokes to make people smile. There have been times where we have both cried from laughing at a joke she's told, or a silly thing one of her students said. She can turn any story into a fun one. Karen is also very smart. She is educated, and has lots of common sense. She earned her master's degree while working full-time as a teacher. She considers me the smart one in the relationship, but I know I can always count on her for a real, grounded answer to any question. I tend to think in terms of the "big picture", but she can focus down to the real details to make all the little parts a whole. Karen has caring and compassion for all around her. Her family and friends often call her to help them through tough times, and she is always willing to lend a sympathetic ear to anyone in need. If anyone needs anything, she'll be there at the drop of a hat to help out in any way she can.

Strawberry Picking. He ate more then he put in!

Family day at the pumpkin patch

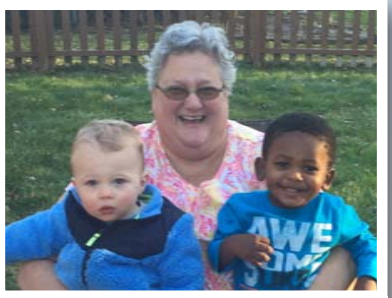
Our Family

Day at the park with Pop and Gammie

Celebrating Karen's grandpas 86th birthday!

We currently have one child through adoption, a toddler boy, who we love and cherish. We both have close relationships with our immediate families, and see our extended families frequently. We also consider our close friends our family, and get together for dinner, parties, and game nights as often as we can.

Karen grew up with a mom, dad and one sister. Her small family is a very close family who love and support each other. Even though we live an hour apart we spend every weekend together having family meals, outings or just to enjoy each other's company. Every summer we plan a family vacation to the beach! Karen's mom is one of her best friends. They talk on the phone every night! We have weekly face-time conversations with our nieces. They enjoy telling us about their days and love to see and talk to our son.



Grandma and her grandsons

NYE Celebration with friends

Matt grew up with a single mom and has two brothers. They are both married, and have children of their own. Matt's mother has eight brothers and sisters, and each of them has several children. We gather as an entire family every chance we get, usually around holidays, and enjoy talking, cooking, eating and just being together.

Growing up, Matt's family would often take all-day canoe trips. At the end of the day they would go back to his uncle's camper and set up tents and spend the weekend camping together. These were really special times growing up, and we continue this tradition as we've gotten older.

Matt with his Mom & brother

Loving friends

Mom and daughter best friends

Cousins at the pumpkin patch

Family smiles

Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little bit more about us and for considering us as you make this decision for you and your child. We hope that as you read through our profile you will see the love we have for each other, our families, and for our current and future children. We are open to a variety of adoption situations and races as we feel diversity is something that is interesting, wonderful and special. We are confident that we can provide love, support, nurturing and a positive self-identity to any child that comes into our home. We are so excited to continue to realize our dream of being parents and welcoming more children into our family.

We have known from the beginning of our relationship that we wanted to have a family of our own. Throughout our eleven and a half years of marriage we dreamed and wished for the family we would be blessed to have. In 2016 our dreams came true for the first time as we welcomed our first son into our family. We have always considered adoption as an avenue to grow our family. We know in our hearts we are meant to be parents and that all of our children will be loved and supported unconditionally.

Sincerely,

Matt & Karen

Why Adoption?

We have always considered adoption as an avenue to grow our family. Through the adoption of our first son we have seen how wonderful the process of giving a home and unconditional love to a child can be. We know our hearts have more love to give another little one!