Tony & Beth

About Us

We are college sweethearts! We met through a mutual friend and soon found out that we grew up right down the road from each other! (Which was kind of funny since we went to a school that was four hours away from our childhood homes.) Tony graduated from college with an Engineering degree and has a very successful career as an Product Engineer for a fitting and valve company. Beth graduated from college with a degree in Communications and works part time as a Facilities Coordinator in the Real Estate department for a bank. Beth has worked for the bank for 9 years. Beth has chosen to work part time because she feels it is important to stay at home and spend more time with our son. We are both Christians and go to church every week. Our church is great for children.

About Tony - from Beth

I must admit, when we first met I wasn't sure if it was going to work out. We were very different. Tony was this quiet guy and I never stopped talking! But after getting to know him, I soon realized that we had a lot in common. Most importantly, he was very close with his family, as I was with mine. I loved coming home from college and seeing how his friends and family reacted. I swear, they were so excited, you would think the president was coming into town! It was then that I realized what a great and loyal guy I had. He is so laid back and easy to get along with. I don't think I've ever met anyone who disliked him. His calming effect balances me out and is definitely the "yin" to my "yang". He is very smart, but I love that he also has a goofy side that not too many people get to see! He is also a great father. Playing football in the house is one of Tony and Carter's favorite things to do together. Miraculously nothing has been broken yet! He has coached many of our son's football and baseball teams and is always so good with the kids. Our nieces also just adore Uncle Tony. So much so that they even have an "Uncle Tony" doll. The first dance at our wedding was "Heaven must have sent you from above" by Marvin Gaye. I am so lucky and blessed to have Tony as my husband. I truly believe that he is my angel.

About Beth - from Tony

Beth is that spunky girl that always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude that is contagious. She is very outgoing and approachable. So much so that strangers at the store open up their hearts to her in the checkout line. She is someone that friends and family lean on for support and call when they just need someone to talk to. She is very dedicated, down to earth and kind hearted. Her dedication to her job, her personal friendships, our families, our marriage and our son is amazing. She enjoys being a mother and it shows. Our son loves her so much that he brought her into class when the kids were asked to bring in something they love. She is an amazing woman and one that I love very much.

About Carter

Carter is a very sweet and caring eight year old boy. He can hardly contain his excitement for a sibling! He is so good with kids and babies! Between all of his cousins and kids/babies in the neighborhood, he has had lots of practice! He will make a great big brother one day! Carter lives, eats and breathes sports! His favorite sports are baseball and football. In addition to playing sports, he also loves to play board games, build things with his Legos, do crafts and play Minecraft. We have a very active and playful home, and because of this, Carter has quite the imagination! But we are most proud of his kind heart. He was nominated by his teacher, and received an award at his school for being a good friend to all of his classmates.

Our Family

We spend so much time with our families that we actually moved so that we could be closer to both of our parents - 8 minutes away! There isn't a week that goes by where we aren't doing something with one of our families. We have also been lucky enough to go on many family vacations with both families.

Our families and backgrounds are very similar. Both families are supportive, loving, generous, and filled with a lot of laughter. Tony's parents have been married for 44 years. Tony has two brothers and one sister, who are all married. Beth's parents live down the street from Tony's parents and have been married for 42 years. Beth has one brother and one sister, who are also both married. Together we have 11 nieces and nephews all under the age of 9. Because we live very close to our families, our son is able to spend a lot of time playing and growing up with his cousins. Our extended families are also very similar. They are both big, loud, local and love spending time together.

Our son spends a lot of time with both sets of grandparents. We are convinced that both our parents had children just so that they could one day be grandparents! They enjoy spoiling their grandchildren with hugs, kisses and the occasional cookie (or two!) and can't wait for another grandchild.

When it comes to marriage and parenting, we have both learned a lot from our parents. Beth often finds herself going to her mom for advice as Tony frequently goes to his dad. We have learned how important it is to be a team. When it comes to parenting, we are always on the same page. We have also learned how important it is to reward positive behavior. Right now Carter is doing chores to earn a Rubik's cube. We even have a behavior chart with incentives for things like staying up late one night or taking a special trip somewhere.

Trip to Hilton Head with Beth's family

Carter was on a T Ball team with his cousins (triplets!). They made up half the team!

Tony with his parents and siblings

Trip to West Virginia - Tony with Carter, his dad and his brother

Carter with Beth's nieces and nephew

Carter on a hayride with Tony's parents

Beth and Tony with Beth's brother and sister and their spouses

A hike in the park with Tony's family

Tony's parents with Carter and Tony's nieces and nephews

Tony's family

Our annual Easter egg hunt with Tony's brother, sister-in-law, nieces and nephew

Our Home

We have been blessed to own a beautiful home in a safe neighborhood that is filled with young families. We get together with our neighbors frequently for block parties, pool parties, dinners, sporting events on TV, holiday parties and Beth even hosts a tea party for all the little girls on the street. Our son is fortunate to have so many friends on the street. One might say that we are even the hang out house in the neighborhood. We have a very fun and goofy house that is filled with love and laughter. We are also very lucky to be living in a city that has one of the top rated school systems in our area. This was very important to us, since we both value education.

We Love Our Community!!

We love to do things as a family and we are very thankful to live in a community where there is plenty to do! We love going to baseball games, football games, children's museums, the zoo, indoor and outdoor parks, the library, and other various community events. But we also enjoy hanging out at our house. If you walked into our house during the day you would find that we hardly ever have the TV on. We spend most of our time doing crafts, playing games, reading books, and constantly using our imagination. It may sound old fashioned but we also feel it is very important to sit down together every night and have a family dinner.

Tony coaching Carter's flag football team

Family trip to a local pumpkin farm

Our street's annual last day of school water balloon fight!

Holidays

We love the holidays and have so many traditions for each one. From New Year's Eve fireworks to watching a dancing toy soldier at Christmas time, we love spending holidays together as a family. Beth loves Halloween so it is no surprise that she dresses up every year and helps out with Carter's school party. Hayrides, pumpkin picking and corn mazes are a must every fall. Because our families are close, we are able to spend Christmas with both families. Carter is spoiled every year with three Christmas celebrations! Carter's favorite part about Christmas is the Elf on the Shelf that comes to visit our house every year. The elf is always up to something funny, like when he was taken hostage by pirates or went zip lining through our kitchen. At Easter we love to crowd around the counter and come up with different decorating ideas for our eggs. But the best Easter tradition is the Easter Egg Hunt that we go to with Carter's cousins and all of his grandparents.

Favorites

FAVORITE GIFT FROM SPOUSE -
Beth - A 5 lb. bucket of pickles!!
Tony - A new GPS that took us to a surprise getaway for the weekend.

IF YOU HAD TO WEAR A T SHIRT WITH ONE WORD ON IT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD THE WORD BE?
Beth - Smile
Tony - Relax

THE MOST RANDOM THING IN MY CAR RIGHT NOW -
Beth - Glowsticks
Tony - A "statistics" book from college

FIRST CAR -
Beth - a yellow Volvo that we called "The Cheese"
Tony - Mustang

WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?
Beth - Big hairy spiders
Tony - Sharks!!

WHO MAKES YOU LAUGH THE MOST?
Beth - My sister
Tony - My friend Rob

MOST PLAYED PANDORA STATION
Beth - Today's Hits Radio & Kidz Bop (for Carter)
Tony - Samples Radio

Thanks!

We cannot begin to even understand the difficult decision that you are facing, but please know that in our hearts we truly respect your decision and admire your courage.

We cannot thank you enough for taking the time to learn more about us and our family. It's hard to tell you all about us with such limited space, but hopefully we have given you a good glimpse into our lives. We are a dedicated couple, who have a strong love for each other and our family. Family means a lot to us, and that is why we are so excited to fulfill our dream of adding a new member to it! We have an active and playful home that encourages creativity, curiosity and respect. If you were to consider us as a part of your adoption plan, know that we would commit ourselves to teaching your child about values and love, so that they will grow into a kind and loving person.

We have been together for 15 years and married for 10. Our relationship is based on respect, trust, compromise, communication, humor and friendship. We enjoy being around each other and because of this, our relationship has always been an easy one. We have been brought up with similar moral values and complement one another very well. We have been through a lot in our lives and have been fortunate to have each other to lean on. And for that reason, we have a greater love and admiration for one another.

When we first met, we soon discovered that although we were both very different people, we both had one common similarity, and that was our strong family values. It was because of this that we started our own family soon after marrying and had our biological son.

We are praying for guidance in this journey and hope that God will hand pick a tiny little blessing that will bring us even more joy and happiness to our lives.

With love,

-Tony and Beth

Why Adoption?

We enjoy being parents so much and would love to have more children, but have since found out that we are unable to conceive another child. Our decision to adopt was an easy one because we both come from such loving families and have so much love to give and share. We would love for another child to be a part of this, regardless of where they come from. We are so excited to add a new member to the family and be able to share our love with them.