Shellie & David

About Us

We first met more than 20 years ago when we both worked at the local movie theatre and developed a close friendship. As often happens, we eventually lost touch but reconnected years later. Our first "date" was really about two friends catching up but we soon realized that this time around there were plenty of sparks. After dating for a few years, we were married and have been together for nine years.

Shellie works at a private school for children with Autism as a Human Resource and Grants Writing Coordinator, which gives her plenty of time off throughout the year. David also works in the Human Resource field at a pharmaceutical company. We have made our home in a small suburb with our 2 ½ year old daughter and loveable labradoodle.

We enjoy spending our free time with our friends and family. During the summer you will often find us swimming & barbequing at a relative's pool, taking day trips to local attractions or taking walks in the local park. In addition, Shellie is an active community volunteer which often leads to the whole family helping with one project or another. When not doing these activities, we are both avid readers and enjoy spending time at home as a family.

We are very excited about expanding our family and can promise that our children will be surrounded by unconditional love, laughter and acceptance.

Fun Facts & Favorites

David

- **Height:** 5'11"
- **Religion:** Catholic
- **Occupation:** Human Resources Generalist
- **Favorite childhood memory:** My first trip to Gettysburg, PA
- **Most prized possession:** Book autographed by President Nixon
- **Ways to relax:** Browsing the stacks at a used book store
- **Favorite food:** Pepperoni pizza, extra crispy
- **Movie I can watch over & over:** Nuns On The Run
- **Hobbies:** Reading, listening to music and audio books
- **Favorite holiday:** Halloween (scary movies!) and then Christmastime
- **Guilty pleasure:** Donuts
- **TV show I wouldn't miss:** Mountain Monsters

Shellie

- **Height:** 5'7"
- **Religion:** Catholic
- **Occupation:** Human Resources & Grants Coordinator
- **Favorite childhood memory:** Going to camp with my sister
- **Most prized possession:** My grandmother's class ring
- **Ways to relax:** Going for walks, reading a good book and playing at the park
- **Favorite food:** Pasta
- **Movie I can watch over & over:** Armageddon
- **Hobbies:** Reading, listening to music
- **Favorite holiday:** Christmas
- **Guilty pleasure:** Dark chocolate brownies
- **TV show I wouldn't miss:** General Hospital

Our Home

Our home is the perfect size for a growing family. We live in a quiet, family friendly residential neighborhood with a fenced in back yard. With lots of young families in the neighborhood our children will have plenty of friends to play with.

We believe that the kitchen is the "heart" of the house; it is where we gather with friends and family to share meals, play games, or simply engage in conversation. We have two bedrooms on the main floor and our upper level will be converted from a play room to large bedroom.

One of the main things we love about the location of our home is that we are two streets away from David's parents and within 15 minutes of the rest of our immediate family. The elementary school our children will attend, local library and two large parks are only a short drive away. We are also within an hour's drive of several major cities where we can take day trips to the zoo, museums, shopping, or sporting events.

About Shellie

(written by david)

About David

(written by shellie)

Shellie is one of a kind! She is patient, thoughtful, and one of the smartest women I have ever known. She is definitely a partner in life, and a great ally to have in your corner. She pushes me when I need pushed; and she always has the right words when I'm feeling a little down or discouraged. Because she is very active in the community through her job and charitable organizations, whenever I encounter someone who knows her they always have nothing but the best to say about her.

Shellie is definitely the rock of our family, and as a mother there isn't a strong enough word to describe how good she is… she is simply THE BEST mom. Our daughter is Shellie's little shadow, so we know that our daughter is growing up with a great role model.

What do I love about Shellie? She is a strong, confident woman who is truly devoted to our family, to the kids she works with every day, and to the charities where she volunteers her time. Often she is accommodating to everyone but herself. She has the biggest heart with much more love to offer.

David is one of the most loyal and compassionate men that I have met. He is an "old soul" with a deep appreciation for Frank Sinatra, the U.S. Presidents, the Civil War and movies that most people have probably never heard of, except our grandparents. He believes that family comes first and in leading a life of which he can be proud.

Since we met, I have watched David become a role model to our nephews. He is always there for the big events like birthday parties/holidays and he doesn't miss out on the day-to-day aspects of life like baseball games, choir concerts and impromptu family dinners. I have also had the joy of watching David become a wonderful dad. He is a "hands-on" dad; never shying away from the midnight feedings or the craziness of potty training. The bond that they share is truly special. It is obvious to anyone who sees them together that they mutually adore each other and I know he has so much more love to offer another child.

Our Family

Our family at the local park

We consider ourselves to be extremely blessed when it comes to family. We were both raised in tight knit, supportive, two-parent homes and we spend a lot of time with them. Shellie has one sister who has been married for 14 years and has two sons, ages 9 and 10. As a family we enjoy taking day trips to local attractions, going on vacations together and spending the summer swimming at Shellie's sister's home. Due to this, our daughter has grown very close to her cousins, developed a sibling-like relationship with them. We often take all three kids on outings to the zoo and park.

David's family gets together every Sunday afternoon. His parents have been married for 61 years and he has twin brothers who are 12 years older than him. David is often remembered around town as their "little brother." Both of his brothers have been married for over 20 years and have 3 boys between the two families.

Dave and a friend at a charity event

Family vacation to Niagara Falls

Princess and hero lunch with friends

Dave's parents with our daughter

Shellie's parents with their 3 grandchildren

Shellie volunteering with friends

Shellie's sister and her family

Dave and friends at a football game

Dear Birth Mom,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us! We are so excited to be taking this journey with you and hope that through these pages we are able to give you a glimpse into our lives and the loving home we offer.

Despite the challenges we've faced, and having grown up in families with multiple siblings, we have always pictured *our* ideal family as a home with multiple children. Having already gone through the adoption process, and being blessed with our daughter, we've come to realize that there is still plenty of love in our hearts and home for another child. We are very excited at the prospect of expanding our family and adding a sister or brother for our daughter to grow up with! We appreciate you taking the time to get to know a little more about us and our dream of expanding our family. We realize that you want the best for your little miracle and we promise you that we will be the best possible parents we can and provide your child with the family you envision.

♥ David & Shellie

Why Adoption?

As a young adult Shellie knew that adoption was in her future, even considering adoption before we met. What held her back was the desire to have a partner to raise a child with. Early on in our marriage we began our struggles with infertility and when we discussed all of our options, we knew that if the treatments were unsuccessful we would pursue adoption. Several years later, we were blessed to welcome our daughter into our lives through adoption and we couldn't be more delighted. Her birth parents loving act not only made our dreams come true but have given our daughter an amazing life full of opportunities, endless acceptance and an abundance of love. We pray daily for her to have a sibling to experience childhood with.