Martin & Katrina

about us...

We are high school sweethearts and were married young by today's standards. We have been married for a wonderful 15 years. Our relationship has lasted time and distance, as we lived apart for a few years while Martin was in the military. We are very active in our Catholic Parish, where Katrina teaches first grade, and we regularly connect with family and friends. Martin works as a piping and plumbing designer. Outside of work we enjoy discovering new activities as well as sharing date nights with friends and getting together for food and fun with family, whether for a holiday or just for a random day. We enjoy sharing our time playing games, watching shows or movies, and just talking to each other.

Katrina

Written by Martin

Katrina is an intelligent, dedicated, and loving wife and mother. She enjoys sharing little moments when we can share a little laugh at an inside joke. She makes extra effort to show she cares with little notes, messages, and gestures. She plans things out to take advantage of opportunities for our family. She is a great partner and creates an amazing balance with me as we adventure through life. Katrina is great at getting people to come together to accomplish something or to get a game going. Her work and family life are centered around children, and she is a superstar in both aspects. She brings out the best in people young and old.

Martin

Written by Katrina

Martin is a smart, supportive, and loving husband. Martin is so much more than my husband; he is my rock, soul-mate, and best friend. He emphasizes the fun in situations and has a great sense of humor. He enjoys social settings and loves to entertain. Sometimes he will try to fill your belly with laughter and other times he will fill it with food. He enjoys hosting parties for family and friends, showing hospitality at other events, and providing small intimate occasions for just the two of us. Martin is the type of person who would drop everything to help someone else. He has a relaxed, easy going personality. Martin takes things as they come and enjoys life.

favorites

	Katrina	Martin
Favorite TV Show:	America's Got Talent and Suits	Football and Suits
Favorite Vacation:	Bahamas and Disney World	Cruise in the Caribbean and the beach
Hobbies:	Exercising, photography, trying new Pinterest projects	Baking & cooking, coaching, camping
Favorite Food:	Lasagna	Steak
Favorite Children's Book:	The Kissing Hand	Goodnight Moon
Holiday Traditions:	Family Halloween themed costumes Christmas lights and decorations	Thanksgiving dinner Christmas lights and decorations
Can't Live Without:	My camera and sunglasses	Coffee and sports

Us as parents

We both love being around children. Katrina spends her work day nurturing children in her classroom, and then comes home where we cherish the opportunity to help our own children grow. Martin enjoys time at home with our children and enjoys helping with extracurricular activities like coaching sports and helping with Cub Scouts. We have four sons who are all eager to add to our loving family. Each boy is loved for their unique personality. Our oldest is an avid reader and has fun playing baseball. Our second son enjoys all sports and is a great caretaker, saying his dream job is being a dad! If we say we have a surprise, his first guess is “Is it a baby sister?!” Our third son loves to do whatever he can to keep up with his older brothers and is so proud when he can do something new. Our fourth son loves rolling, throwing or kicking a ball with his brothers and especially with the dog. He also loves helping mom and dad by putting things in their place and helping with cooking. The boys are all excited about one day having a baby sister. We can’t forget our furry family, Tiger, a brindle boxer. Tiger is a two-year-old playful, loving, yet very gentle dog.

our Home

We live in a 4-bedroom, 4-bath home in a lively cul-de-sac neighborhood. There are many families in the neighborhood with children. Our backyard has a hard patio area with a basketball hoop, many outdoor toys, and a sloped area flourishing with greenery and flowers. Our dog even tries to join in on basketball and baseball games from time to time. The open kitchen and family room area serves as a great place for hanging out with family and friends. We are close to a lot of parks and playgrounds. Our home is just a few minutes away from the elementary school where our children attend and where Katrina works. We are about 15 minutes from downtown, where there are many other attractions. We enjoy local amusement parks, recreation centers, swimming, watching professional sport teams, and other fun things in the area.

Katrina with her mom and brother

Martin with his brothers

our family

We are beyond fortunate to have loving and supportive family so close to us. We both grew up in the same city and our families have helped shaped us into the adults we are now. Our parents emphasized the importance of education and caring for others. Katrina has one younger brother who joined the Army after college and has lived in many different places with his wife and children. They are in Michigan now and we have gone there a few times for vacations to spend time with them. Katrina's mother is retired and is very helpful with caring for her grandchildren while we are at work. Martin has two brothers and three sisters, who all still live locally with their spouses and children. We have 10 nieces and nephews including one foster child (instant best friends!). We both have extended family in the area also. Family is a big part of our lives, and we regularly get together with them. It is a nice support system for everyone involved. Our family takes turns hosting for holidays, celebrating birthdays, and other occasions together. We are very blessed to have a strong support system. The baby girl will be welcomed with open and loving arms!

Train ride with family!

& friends

We have an amazing group of friends that have known us throughout our relationship. Martin and Katrina have kept many friendships, most which began in school. Martin met his best friend, Joe, in kindergarten and the two are more like brothers. Katrina still gets together with her friends from college to eat at different fun restaurants and shop around town. We have kept close ties to friends that have moved out of town and plan vacations to visit each other. We are so blessed to have such dear friends that have supported us every step of the way. Our close friends are like family to us and we are excited to see their families growing alongside ours.

Cousins playing together!

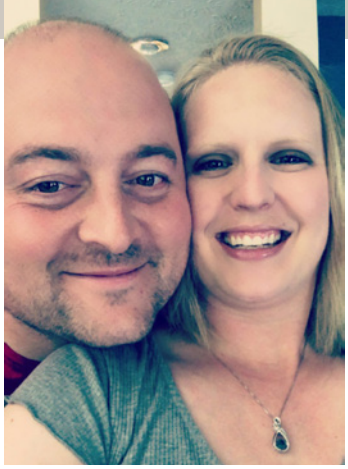
Katrina hosting a party for her friend Marie

Martin and his dad at a family picnic

Girls night out!

Ice cream before it melts with cousins

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby



A note from us

You're looking for a wonderful home and future for your girl and we're looking to share our love and lives with her in our family. Perhaps we are looking for each other? For two people who generally would rather talk about anything other than themselves, pouring our collective life and heart on these pages was not a simple task. But the motivation is powerful and the sentiment genuine. We are fortunate to both come from stable and loving families who have supported us throughout our lives. We found each other in high school and have been married for 15 wonderful years. We have been blessed with our four sons but want to add a girl to our loving family. We believe adoption is a very special way to complete our family filled with unconditional love and support.

Thank you for taking time to get to know us a little more. 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. We are so excited to expand our family and welcome another child into our home that we can love, share our faith and values with, support and encourage as she grows.

We believe it is a huge honor and privilege to become adoptive parents. A child welcomed to our family will be brought up with encouragement to explore her dreams and interests. We don't want to end this letter off with 'Final Words' or 'In Closing' because those phrases sound too much like an ending when we hope that this is just the beginning. We truly appreciate you considering us and we hope to hear from you soon.

With Love,

Martin & Katrina

Why adoption?

Even before we were married we both knew we wanted children. It was a dream of ours to have boys and girls to share the love of our family. We love our boys and believe that there is a special place in our lives for another child. For medical reasons we can no longer have biological children. We are looking to expand our family and are beyond excited at the thought of welcoming a new baby girl into our lives! We have so much more love to give and would be honored for the opportunity to share that love with your baby.