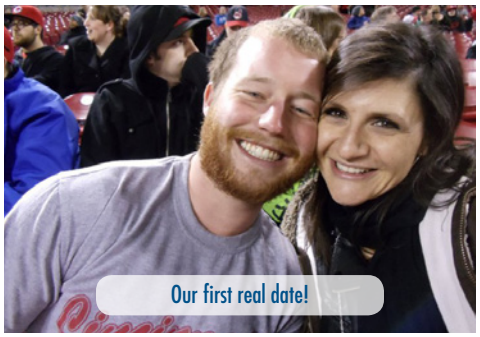
Chris & Jen



Our first real date!

About Us

Hi we are Jen and Chris! We grew up in the same hometown area and after going to college, we ran into each other at our annual holiday party. We connected on the following St. Patrick's Day and have been together ever since. Married 4 years and together 7.5, we are an active couple that enjoy spending time with our family and friends and being outdoors. We spend a lot of time planting a large garden, canning fruits and veggies, and various home improvement projects. We love sharing our home with those we love and spending time around our pool, on our wooded property, boating, waterskiing, fishing, hiking, and snow skiing. We have 2 dogs that we enjoy taking on walks and two cats. Jen works as the director of marketing and training for a property management firm and Chris is a project manager for a concrete firm.

In New York City

Snow Skiing in Michigan

fun facts

Chris's Favorites

Color: Blue

Dessert: Crème Brûlée

Movie: Super Troopers

TV Show: 2 and a Half Men

Book: Harry Potter Series

Season: Fall

Hobby: Hunting/Fishing

Holiday: Christmas

Vacation Spot: Colorado

Sport: Water Skiing

Random Fact: Makes delicious pear sauce from scratch

Jen's Favorites

Color: Yellow, Purple, Grey, and Black

Dessert: Chocolate - warm gooey brownies or lava cake

Movie: Almost Famous

TV Show: Grey's Anatomy/ Dateline

Book: Eat, Pray, Love

Season: Summer/Fall

Hobby: Yoga/ Photography/ Running

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Vacation Spot: FL Beach or a Lake

Sport: Football

Random Fact: Makes amazing mashed potatoes

Jen kissing fish

Easter family pic with Lucy

Chris hunting

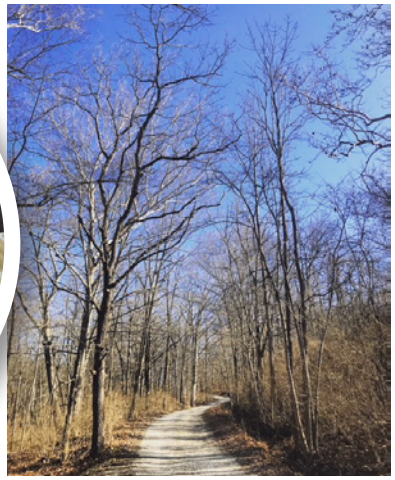
Our Home

We live just outside of the city in a ranch style home on 6 acres. It is the perfect location being minutes from the city, with the wide-open space of the country. We have 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. We are on the top of a hill with a lot of woods and wildlife around. We see deer, owls, squirrels, rabbits, coyotes, fox, hawks and bald eagles regularly. A little over an acre is mowed and we have a large garden as well as blackberry bushes and a pear tree. We have a big concrete deck surrounding our pool that we enjoy having friends and family over to enjoy.

Kayaking on Great Miami River

Lilo and Lennon

Christmas with Lucy and Sadie



Our driveway in winter

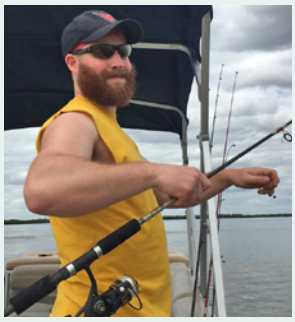
about jen

written by chris

Jen is the most caring person I have ever met. She truly listens to people, whether they are telling exciting stories or going through a tough time. She is quick to offer help if anyone needs it. Jen is also very passionate. Since graduating college with her Bachelor's Degree, she has pursued and received her certification for massage therapy as well as teaching yoga. She did both of these not to make money but to be able to help friends and family. She is also extremely loving- with both people and animals. No matter what we are going through from moving, to planning our wedding from 1,200 miles away, her love for me and our families has been a rock for us. It is the glue that holds us together.

about chris

written by jen



Chris is an incredible husband and true friend. He is one of the hardest working people I've ever met. He is extremely determined. He is confident in himself and his work. He doesn't waiver and is patient. He is a great story teller and his energy and passion were the first thing that drew me to him. I love that he is full of surprises and he doesn't always fit into the box that people may try to put him in. (Do you know any other concrete workers who play saxophone AND waterski competitively?) While Chris is a "man's man" kind of guy, he's also incredibly thoughtful and considerate. I admire Chris' desire to provide and to be independent. If he gives you his word he keeps it. He works hard and plays harder. I admire his love for our whole family. I appreciate his quiet but steady foundation of faith and I admire him for being the person that he is.

Our Family

We are very close with both of our extended families. Whether it's meeting for dinner, weekend bonfires, or birthday celebrations, we spend much of our free time together and supporting one another. For the holidays, we have big get-togethers with both sides of our family. Our celebrations tend to keep us pretty close to home, but we do share annual vacations typically in Florida for sun and fishing or in northern Michigan for snow skiing. Between the two of us, we have a total of 4 siblings, all of whom are married. Both sets of our parents have been married for close to 40 years! Our extended families are large, funny, loving, and loud. To say our families are excited for us to have an addition to our family is an understatement. We also have one niece on Chris's side and Jen's brother and wife are currently expecting their first child. We LOVE being an Uncle and Aunt and truly cannot wait to be a Daddy and Mommy.

New Year's with Chris's family

Celebrating a family birthday with Chris's side

Uncle Chris with our niece

Family time at the beach with Jen's family

Jen with Grammy

Christmas with Jen's extended family and dogs!

Chris with his cousin and Dad

4th of July with all of Jen's cousins

Chris with Jen's Dad

Jen with our close friends' sons.

Dear Birthparent,

If you are at this point in your experience, we realize that you have likely arrived here with hours of thought, consideration, contemplation, worry, and tears. Our admiration and respect for you is incomparable. Thank you so much for considering us to parent your precious child.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and our family. It's hard to give the full picture of who we are in this limited space, but we hope that what you have learned about us will help in your decision.

There is a saying that "Love Multiplies" and this is so true with the adoption journey that we are all on. Our goal is to make sure that your baby knows where they fit into all of this love- right in the middle- surrounded by support, positive thoughts, guidance, and the unconditionality that goes with all of it. We would love an open relationship with you, but completely respect your decision if this is not your preference. You will always have a very special place with us- no matter the level of contact. We truly want the best for you and for your baby.

We are committed to each other and to welcoming children into our family that means so much to us. We are grateful for this opportunity and are praying for God's guidance and grace as we all walk this road.

THANK YOU!

Jen & Chris

Why Adoption?

Adoption was discussed very early in our relationship and always remained on our hearts. Years ago, our life started us on journey to parenthood with infertility and that journey continues with adoption. We have always known that we want a family and are very excited to build ours. We truly believe this is the path that God has for us to create our family. Our friends and family have been a great support structure for us during this journey. We can't wait to share our active outdoor lives and family traditions with our little one.