Andy & Meridith

About Us

We met our first day of resident assistant training as sophomores in college, and had an instant connection. We have now been together for over ten years, and married for over seven years. Whether we are working on home improvement projects, taking trips to the beach, or just spending quiet nights at home, we love our time together.

ABOUT Andy
(written by Meridith)

Andy is the hardest-working person that I know. He has a kind heart and an abundance of patience. He has worked hard since the age of 16, in construction, school, on the tennis court, as a coach, an educator, a husband and a father to provide a great life for our family. Andy has an admirable drive to better himself. He is currently continuing his education to obtain his master's degree in curriculum and instruction. He always puts his family first by including our son in practices and teaching both of us to fish. He is always kind, complimenting my cooking experiments, and he even ate a few almost inedible meals in the early years of our marriage just to protect my feelings. He has shown an easy transition from husband to the role of a father. He shows endless patience and joy in teaching our son new skills and has been known to sneak in math quizzes at dinner time using highly motivating manipulatives, like multi-colored gummy bears to add and count. Andy has played many important roles in my life including best friend, husband, comedic relief, calm and steady voice of reason, and father. I know that he will continue to share his amazing love and kindness as we grow our family.

ABOUT Meridith
(written by Andy)

Meridith is a kind and loving wife and mother. She has been my best friend since we were 19 years old. We laugh and joke on a daily basis and truly enjoy each other's company. As a mother, friend, and speech-language pathologist, Meridith puts her heart into all of her endeavors. Not only does she volunteer and work full time, but she is the glue that keeps our household running. Her work ethic and compassion for the children and families she works with, is evident to all who know her. From reading nightly bedtime stories, placing Paw Patrol band aids, and ensuring I do not eat Mac and Cheese for three square meals a day, Meridith is always there for our family. The last ten years have been the happiest of my life, and I can't wait to begin this next chapter together.

With our son on his third birthday!

Fishing with Grandpa

With Memaw at pumpkin patch

Meridith's family at her sister's wedding

Geneva on the Lake with friends

Cumberland with Mom and Ally

Get together with Andy's family

Our Family

We are beyond fortunate to have loving and supportive family so close to us. We both grew up in idyllic small towns, with an emphasis on education and caring for others. Meridith grew up with two sisters on a mini-farm, with many pets and 4-H projects. Meridith's parents, grandmother, and her younger sister's family all live within five miles of our home. We share weekly Sunday dinners with Meridith's family, and take annual summer vacations together. Andy and his younger brother were both adopted as infants, and raised in a supportive Christian home. Andy's parents and brother's family live only a short drive away. Andy's family really enjoys the outdoors and we often enjoy fishing trips together. We have one three year old son, two nephews (6 and 2 years old) and three nieces (7, 3, and 1 month old). We can't forget to include our furry family, Sadie and Huckleberry. Sadie is a six year old chocolate lab, and Huckleberry "Huck" is a five year old black lab. They are sweet and loving dogs that love cuddling and peanut butter.

Our Friends

We have an amazing group of friends that have been with us every step of the way. Andy met many of his best friends through his college tennis team. Fortunately for Meridith, her best friends ended up marrying some of Andy's best friends! Although we are not all on the same campus anymore, we make it a point to celebrate our important life milestones together. One such milestone is our annual holiday party. We had an "ugly sweater" theme for the rehearsal dinner for our wedding, and have hosted an annual ugly sweater party near the date of our anniversary ever since. While many typically celebrate their anniversary only with their significant other, we have found a way to celebrate our relationship and our dearest friends that have supported us throughout our whole relationship.

Our Home

We have lived in our current home for three years, but have lived together in Meridith's beautiful hometown for seven years. The location is perfect for a family. It is only a one minute walk to the elementary school where our children will attend, which also happens to be the school where Meridith works. We love our large fenced-in backyard with close proximity to parks, playgrounds, and bike trails. Meridith's favorite part of our home is the large dining room and table that Andy made for her, that can seat her whole family for Sunday dinners and for holidays. Andy's favorite part of our home is our large finished basement, which started out as his "man cave," but quickly became a cozy hang out space for the whole family to enjoy.

Andy and our son enjoying a snow day!

Matching family pajamas for Christmas

Family trip to Lake Huron

FUN FACTS

Meridith

Favorite TV Show:
Fixer Upper

Favorite Vacation:
The beach and Disney World

Hobbies:
Baking, exercising, trying new Pinterest Projects, shoe shopping

Favorite Food:
Lasagna

Favorite Famous Person:
Joanna Gaines

Favorite Children's Book:
Where the Wild Things Are and The Polar Express

Holiday Tradition:
Matching family pajamas on Christmas Eve

Dream Vacation:
Hawaii & Greece

Andy

Favorite TV Show:
College Basketball

Favorite Vacation:
Fishing trip in Canada

Hobbies:
Woodworking, coaching, playing basketball and tennis

Favorite Food:
Steak

Favorite Famous Person:
Chip Gaines

Favorite Children's Book:
Goodnight Construction Site

Holiday Tradition:
Leftover turkey sandwiches the day after Thanksgiving

Dream Vacation:
Alaska

Dressed up for Halloween

Our dogs Sadie and Huck

Dear Birth Mother,

Thank you so much for considering our profile. We hope that we have provided a clear picture of our love for one another, and our desire to grow our love by welcoming another child into our home. We met over ten years ago at our first day of resident assistant training our sophomore year of college. We worked in adjoining hallways of the same residence hall, and instantly formed a friendship, which quickly turned into a relationship, and we have now been married for over seven years. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to share our hopes and dreams for the future with you. A child welcomed to our family will be provided with a loving and supportive home, with encouragement to explore their dreams and interests.

Sincerely,

Andy & Meridith

Why we are adopting

Forming a family has been part of our discussion since early in our relationship, both knowing that we desired to be parents and have a large family someday. Andy and his brother were both adopted at birth, and have always had a positive view of adoption. Andy's personal experience with adoption and our experiences working with children through our occupations, adoption has been discussed frequently in our home. Andy is a math teacher, and Meridith is a speech-language pathologist for local school systems. We were so fortunate to welcome our biological son over three years ago, but due to many complications with Meridith's pregnancy, were advised not to pursue another pregnancy. We immediately knew that this would be our opportunity to expand our family through adoption. We are open to adopting a child of any race or gender. We know that family is made through love, and is not contingent on our differences. We will incorporate our adopted child's race into our present home environment of love and acceptance, and celebrate all of our family's unique qualities.