Elizabeth and Stephen

About Us

We were set up by our mutual boss (Stephen was an analyst for her and Elizabeth was her son's nanny) because she thought "we were two of the most sarcastic people" she had ever met. Turns out those sarcastic personalities were a great recipe for a couple and almost ten years later we still enjoy kidding around with each other.

Stephen has a masters degree in Mathematics and works as a data analyst at an insurance company. Elizabeth has a bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education but is a stay at home mom to our four year old son. Our son currently attends preschool and wants to be a baseball player when he grows up.

We love to be outside exploring, and we try to walk in the local parks as often as we can. From a young age our son has enjoyed playing baseball so it has become an interest for all of us. We frequently go to baseball games as a family, but Elizabeth might be into it more for the ballpark food than the game itself! Above all what we enjoy the most is being together and participating in activities that bring the whole family joy.

FUN FACTS & FAVORITES

	Elizabeth	Stephen
Occupation:	Stay at Home Mother	Data Analyst for a major insurance company
Food:	Pizza, french fries	Mom's sweet and sour pork
TV Show:	Great British Baking Show	Jeopardy!
Color:	Purple	Orange
Holiday:	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving
Childhood Memory:	Vacations in northern Michigan every summer with my family	My parents surprising me at Christmas with a bike that had been in the garage for over a month
Hobbies:	Gardening, baking, spinning, decorating	Playing soccer, running, swimming, family time, watching sports

About Stephen written by Elizabeth

Stephen is the funniest person I know. Everyday he tries his hardest to make me smile and laugh and he is -usually- successful. He provides for our family by working diligently, but when he comes home from work he is one hundred percent focused on family time. He is logical, intelligent, and a fantastic father to our son. He will pitch baseballs for over an hour, help create numerous marble runs and pretend to be a monster until bedtime.

About Elizabeth

written by Stephen

I married Elizabeth because I love being with her; she makes my life better and is an excellent complement to my personality and skill set. She is the creativity to my logic. She is the sensitivity to my humor. She is the design to my numbers. And then it turned out that not only did she make a wonderful wife, but she is the best mother I could have wanted for our son. She is patient, deliberate, and loving without fail. She makes my life better and more enjoyable and I couldn't imagine life without her.

About Our Son

Our son is a sweet, energetic boy that does not stop running and playing until bedtime. He loves baseball and almost every evening he is outside "crushing dingers" (hitting home runs) with Stephen while Elizabeth makes dinner. He attends preschool and has truly flourished in that environment, frequently coming home pretending to be a teacher, testing our knowledge of the ABC's and counting. Some of his favorite things are trucks of all types, baseball, and playing outside. According to him his favorite food is feta cheese.

Our Home

Our home is a two story colonial with four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, and ample space to grow into. When we purchased the home we spent a lot of time taking down wallpaper and updating the home to make it exactly what we wanted. One of the best features of our home is the almost one acre lot we are located on! We have a play-set and sandbox area as well as tons of grass to run and play on. Having such a large lot makes it feel like we live in the country, but we actually are located on the edge of the suburbs with tons of amenities in our neighborhood. Our school district is rated highly and both the elementary/middle school are within walking distance.

Our Family

ELIZABETH'S PARENTS 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We may live three hours from both of our families, but they are still a large part of our lives. We always see them on the major holidays as well as for special occasions and fun weekends away. We have two nieces and three nephews and love to watch them grow and develop. We both grew up vacationing every summer with our extended family and are thrilled to be able to provide that opportunity to our son every summer in northern Michigan as these vacations create wonderful memories!

Our friends play a large role in our lives and we are thankful to have so many wonderful people to count on. Almost all of our friends have children of their own, so when we all get together it's a free-for-all of kids running wild! Elizabeth is a member of two book clubs and plays an active role in the parent teacher organization at Grey's preschool, which has introduced her to many different mom friends. Stephen has a core group of three friends from college that he can always rely on for advice and a laugh.

All of these wonderful people have helped shape us into the people we are today, and it is a comfort to know that there are many people in our lives that would be willing to help us in any way. We have no doubt that an adopted child will be treated just as a biological child: showered with love, affection, and support from birth.

ELIZABETH'S SIBLINGS AND THEIR SPOUSES

ON VACATION WITH OUR TWO NIECES

HIKING WITH STEPHEN'S MOM

STEPHEN & BEST FRIENDS FROM COLLEGE

Hello!

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to tell you a little about our family, and we hope that this gave you a small glimpse into who we are. We are excited to expand our family and are thrilled with the prospect of adding another personality to the mix. Whatever your decision may be, we hope that it brings you peace and a sense of hope for the future.

All of the best,

Stephen & Elizabeth

Why Adoption?

After we had our son we started to discuss the idea of a second child together. We decided that our first choice, even though we do not have fertility issues, would be to grow our family through adoption. We are open to any race and do not have any preference for gender. We would be happy to incorporate new and different cultural practices into our lives, as we feel that would be beneficial for us all.