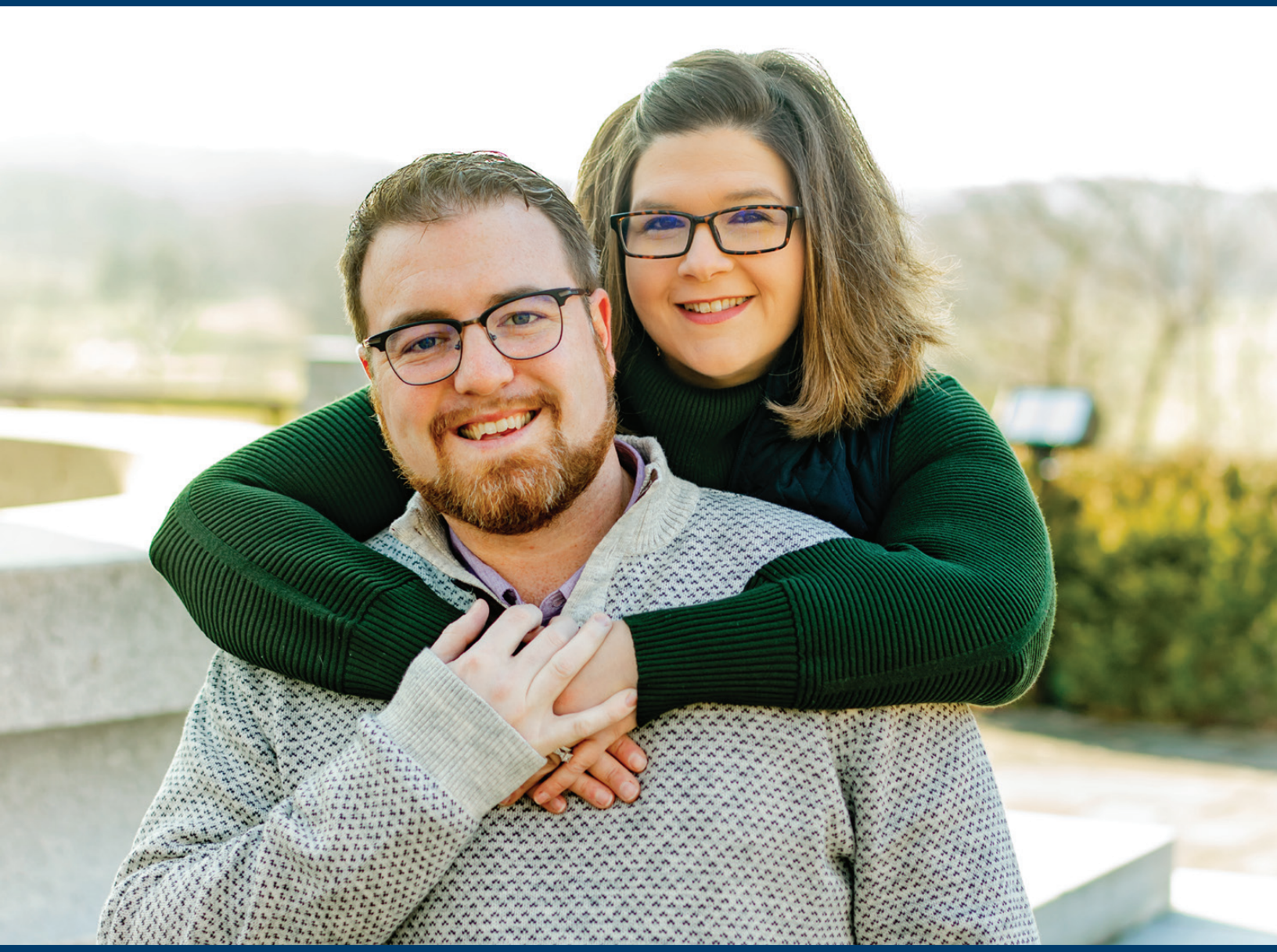

Tom & Kari

About Us

We were set-up on a blind date around 9 years ago. We knew right away that we were meant to be together. After about a year and a half of dating, we got engaged, in the exact same spot where we had our first date. We are best friends who love to spend time together and experience new things together. Whether we are exploring a new city, hiking at one of the nearby parks, or spending time with family and friends, we are always laughing and having a good time with one another. We enjoy trying new restaurants and hosting family and friends for cookouts and game night. We are always up to explore new places and love to travel. Our most favorite place to go is Disney World! We also love to go to the beach each year with Tom's family. We look forward to this time of hanging out by the ocean and soaking up the sun. We also like a nice, relaxing evening at home watching movies. Our hearts desire has always been to have a family and we are so blessed that our path has led us to adoption. We look forward to sharing all our adventures with our future child. We are humbled to be able to experience this process and look forward to this journey of creating a family.

Tom (written by Kari)

Tom is my best friend! I knew very early on that he was the man that I was supposed to spend the rest of my life with. He is my biggest supporter and always encourages me to be my best self. He is smart, caring and kind. He also loves to make me laugh. Whether he is quoting a movie or TV show or looking up jokes from the Internet, his ability to always find humor in something makes me love him even more. Tom is always up for an adventure, whether it's a ballgame, a Broadway show, or an exotic restaurant. One of my favorite things about Tom is that he always compliments me by telling me I look pretty or that he loved the dinner that I made. He would truly do anything for anyone. I look forward to us building our family together and know that Tom will make a fantastic father to our child!

Kari (written by Tom)

Kari is an amazing person and someone I could not be luckier to be married to! I met Kari through her niece, who I worked with at the time. After talking, I knew she was someone I had to get to know better and we have been together ever since. Kari is a gorgeous person, inside and out. Her personality is fun and energetic, as well as incredibly easy to get along with. Kari is great at planning amazing trips, either for vacation or just somewhere fun for the day. The best thing about Kari, in my opinion, is her cooking and willingness to try new and unique foods. She has this incredible knack of creating meals off the top of her head that are just incredible. She also loves trying new restaurants and because of her I have tried some unique and amazing foods. I am just so incredibly lucky to have Kari in my life and I know that our child will be just as lucky as me!

Our Home

We moved into our dream home shortly after we got married, which is located on a quiet cul-de-sac. We live in a bi-level home with 3 bedrooms and 2 and half bathrooms. We have a large backyard, perfect for a playset and sand box. Our neighborhood is full of traditions that we have come to enjoy since we moved in. It is very well known for its Halloween festivities and Christmas displays. We love our small community because there are parks, bike trails, playgrounds and a pool within a few blocks. Many of Tom's family grew up in this area and we love the tight-knit community.

Our Pets

We have two dogs and two cats, and we consider them all a part of our family. We have a 5-year-old Beagle Bulldog mix named Archer, who is lazy and loves to be petted. Rusty is a 3-year-old Beagle Border Collie mix and he loves to cuddle and play with his squeaky ball. Dolly and Chloe, our cats, were the first pets we owned as a couple and they love to sunbathe in the cat tree that Tom built for them. Our animals are so special to us and we love to spoil them.

Tom's Favorites		Kari's Favorites
Registered Nurse in Orthopedics	**Occupation**	Executive Administrative Assistant
Any kind of seafood and chocolate chip cookies	**Food**	Tacos
Jurassic Park	**Movie**	Aladdin
Orange	**Color**	Pink
Christmas	**Holiday**	Christmas
Trips to the beach	**Childhood Memory**	Nightly trips to my grandparents' house
Fishing, hiking, reading and playing games	**Hobbies**	Hiking, reading, cooking and making crafts
Pumpkin patches and hayrides	**Traditions**	Making Christmas cookies

Our family & friends

Both Tom and Kari grew up in loving homes, where spending time together was a priority. Tom is the oldest of four children. He has two sisters and a brother. All of Tom's siblings live within driving distance of he and Kari and they routinely get together for pizza and game night. Kari has one older brother who has one daughter, Kari's niece. Her niece has two children. We love spending time with our great niece and nephew, taking them to local museums, baking cupcakes with them, and playing games with them. We also consider our friends to be family and they play a huge role in our lives. We love getting together for cookouts, holiday parties and sporting events. Every year we take a weekend trip where we go hiking during the day and sit by the bonfire at night. The weekend is filled with laughter and lots of memories. We also have a Christmas celebration with our friends and their kids where we play games, exchange presents and decorate cookies. Both our friends and families are very supportive of us and look forward to us welcoming a child into our hearts and home.

Enjoying the ocean with Tom's mom and grandma

Annual hayride and pumpkin patch with siblings

With Tom's sister and brother-in-law getting ready to explore the beach boardwalk

Kari and her niece dressed up for a Halloween party

Watching Disney on Ice with our great niece

Tom's cousins and siblings making memories at the beach

Celebrating a family wedding with Tom's dad's side of the family

Annual Christmas party fun and games with our friend's kids

Kari enjoying a Zumbathon with good friends

Tom and his best friends at a friend's wedding

Being silly with our great nephew

At our happy place – Disney World!

Kari with her great niece and nephew after being picked up for a sleepover

Ready to watch a baseball game with Tom's mom and stepdad

Dear Birthmother,

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to tell you a little about our lives and we hope that this gave you an idea of who we are. We look forward to getting to know you and telling you more about us. We are unable to have biological children, so we thank you for considering us for this special gift and the opportunity to expand our family. No matter the race or gender, we promise to raise our adopted child to be strong, kind, and compassionate. We will share with them their unique adoption story and teach them about their culture and ethnic background. This child will grow up surrounded by family and friends and have a life filled with love, laughter, adventure and celebrations.

With gratitude,

Tom & Kari

Why Adoption?

We have dreamed of being parents for a long time. After learning that we would not be able to have biological children, we knew that God had other plans for us. That's when we decided to start the adoption process in order to grow our family. We look forward to becoming parents and having the opportunity to teach and nurture our child, all while giving them our unconditional love.