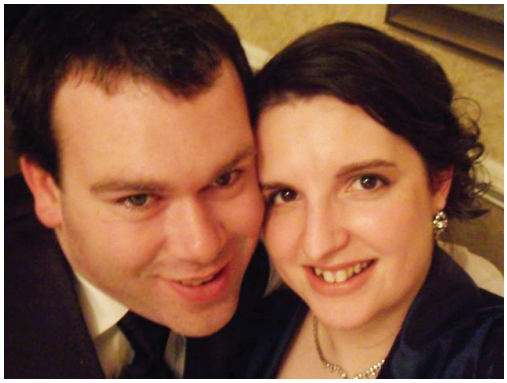
Shawn ♡ Jennifer

About Us

Having met in 2000, it often seems like we've been together forever. In true only-in-the-movies fashion, we were high school sweethearts who have worked side by side to build our lives together. The central point of all our dreams has always been raising a family. We were married in 2008 and in 2016 we welcomed our daughter.

One of the things that drew us together was our shared love of music – we were both in our high school chorus and each enjoy the performing arts. These remain things we like to explore together whether through singing at home or going to concerts and the theater. Even our daughter is picking up this passion, taking dance classes, singing every chance she gets, and going to plays!

Shawn is a nurse and Jen is an accountant, and we both love what we do. (Jen realizes most people wouldn't think you could love accounting, but she does!) However, when the chance does come up to get away, we like to take trips together. We often visit extended family, but also try to find new places to explore. We rarely take the same vacation twice, because there's so much more to see and experience!

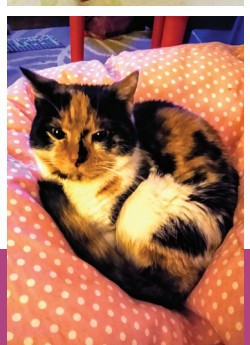


Fun Facts & Favorites

	Shawn	Jenn
Education	Bachelor Degree in Nursing	Bachelor Degree in Accountancy
Voice Part	Baritone	Alto
Food	Lasagna	Anything with cheese
Hobbies	Running and cooking	Singing and reading
TV Show	Brooklyn 99	The West Wing & The Golden Girls
Holiday	Thanksgiving	Christmas
Sport	Golf	Baseball
Color	Blue	Red
Vacation	Yosemite Park	B&B and Horseback Riding in Georgia

Our Home

We currently live a beautiful old Victorian with a fenced in yard and even a classic porch swing where we like to hang out to chat with neighbors or even just blow bubbles. Down the street is a park with a playground, and everything from the theater to museums and aquarium are no more than a short drive away. The thing we love most about our new "hometown" is that the entire area is family friendly, with splashpads in the summer and special programs all year round. We are taking our time deciding where to buy a permanent home after completing our family but are planning to stay in this same area.



About Shawn by Jen:

Shawn is one of the biggest and best surprises of my life. I never imagined I'd meet my soul mate so young, or that someone as funny and clever as him would be happy to stick it out with me. He really is a rare find: intelligent and witty, but also laid back and patient. Beyond compassionate, he has an actual passion for taking care of others. His persistence is one of his best traits – he will work through as many challenges as it takes to achieve his dreams. Once when I was struggling with our infertility problems, he told me "I didn't marry you because we'd make great children, I wanted to marry you because we'd make great parents". I knew then that he would make sure we'd be parents some day so we could raise a family together.

About Jen by Shawn

Even when Jen and I first met, it felt like we had known each other forever. We were so comfortable together almost instantly and could laugh with each other about anything, which still rings true to this day. Jen has helped me get through some of the hardest times of my life and inspires me to do better. Her drive, tenacity, and empathy are complimented wonderfully by her sense of humor. Even when she's in pain herself, Jen's first thoughts are always of others in pain. After our first miscarriage, even at a time when she rightfully was expe-riencing grief, she was worried about what I was feeling and wanted to make sure I was okay. It was evident to me early on in our relationship that Jen would make a great mother and her concern for me in that moment showed me that she would do anything for the people she loves.

Meet Genevieve

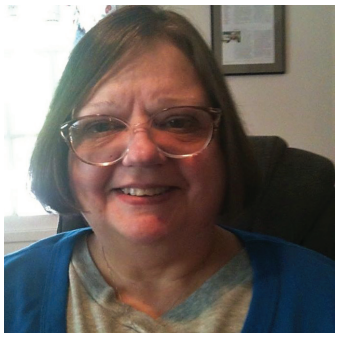
Born in 2016, Genevieve was very much hoped and prayed for. While we can clearly see ways that we each influence her, she is increasingly her own unique, independent, clever, funny self. (Did we mention independent?) Now that she's in preschool, she is starting to understand what having a sibling really means and knows that adoption is one of the ways a baby can come into a family. She is nearly as eager as we are to grow our family!

Our Family & Friends:

We grew up in another state and most extended family still lives in that area. Through video chats and phone calls, we have little trouble maintaining close relationships despite the physical distance. We visit with them a few times each year which has become a special treat our daughter looks forward to, as well as a chance for them to shower love and attention on her (and any future children). We have close friends both where we grew up and where we live now. Spending time with them provides many additional opportunities for special activities and memories. This mix of experiences allows us the best of both worlds by continuing meaningful traditions we brought with us with creating new ones as our family develops in unique ways.

Our nephews w/Genevieve

Jen's Dad w/our Daughter



Jen's Mom

Jen and Amanda

Shawn's Stepdad, Mom & Aunt

Jen's Brother

Our Good Friends

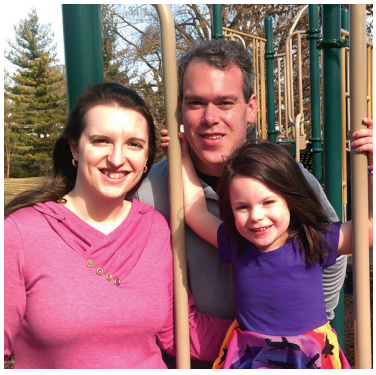
Jason and Kari

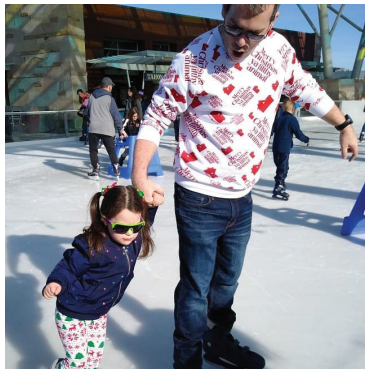
Our Good Friends

Dear Birthparent

We are grateful for the opportunity you've given us to try and show you a little about who we are and what we hope to bring to your child as adoptive parents. We have put a lot of work into the adoption process – much as we've done through all aspects of our journey to parenthood – and we know it is worth it to give you as much comfort as possible with the decision you are trying to make. We plan to raise our children with the knowledge that adoption is part of our story right from the start, because as we've taught our daughter this is one of the many ways families grow. You can rest assured that this child will always know just how immensely loved they are by all of us, including you. We will do everything we can to raise all our children to know they are valuable, have gifts and potential, and to be caring people who help make the world better. Thank you for giving life to this child, and this child to a family who will be so very blessed!

Shawn and Jen





Why Adoption

Through the miracles of both God and science, we had our daughter and she is everything we imagined she could be. But we also have 3 angel babies who didn't make it, and it's time to try things differently. We considered adoption at several points in our marriage, and for once we seem to have all the pieces lined up at the same time: having some experience now as parents, we are mentally ready; having taken our time with this decision, we are emotionally ready; having planned for this process, we are financially ready. We simply want to bring another child into our family and would welcome a child from any race (or combination of races). It would be our pleasure to learn about another race and fold that into our family's culture and traditions so all our children will benefit and feel truly connected.