Joe AND Beth

About Us

Our story began in 2004 when we were hanging out with our brothers and other friends in a big group. We exchanged phone numbers that night and haven't stopped talking since! We were married in 2011 with friends and family. Elizabeth is going on her 8th year as a kindergarten teacher in a great community. Joseph is a certified welder at a company for the last 9 years. We are blessed by close families on both sides and an amazing group of friends. Our journey has not been easy but what keeps us going is being best friends. We enjoy laughing and spending quality time together! When the weather is nice you can find us kayaking, biking, or at a car show. Throughout our time together we have enjoyed traveling and exploring new places.

Joe

Occupation: Certified Welder

Color: Green

TV Shows/Movie: Any Star Wars Movie

Foods: Pizza

Season: Summer because I like being outdoors.

Vacation: Hawaii

Childhood Memory: Traveling with my family to the beach.

Beth

Occupation: Kindergarten Teacher

Color: Pink

TV Shows/Movie: Friends

Foods: Tacos

Season: Fall because of the beautiful colors.

Vacation: Hawaii

Childhood Memory: Spending the summers in the pool!

About Joe (written by Beth)

Joseph is hard working, practical and reliable. Joseph has always had a passion for cars and enjoys working on them and showing cars at car shows. He is the guy that people call when they need their car looked at. When he isn't working on a car, he enjoys a Star Wars or Marvel movie. He is the middle child in his family and his siblings have blessed us with 6 nieces and nephews to enjoy. They love playing with their Uncle Joe using him like a jungle gym. He is an amazing husband and takes such great care of myself and our home and takes pride in our accomplishments.

About Beth (written by Joe)

To be honest, the first thing that attracted me to Beth is that she has this fantastic smile. She is always so happy! She has the kindest heart and makes our house a home. She likes to laugh and be silly, but warm and honest. I have always known she would make a great mom, and every year takes on 20+ kindergarteners into her heart. She definitely can make delicious meals and desserts. Everyone falls in love with her baked goods and it is mandatory that she makes cookies at Christmas. She just makes life more enjoyable.

Family & Friends

Joseph's parents have been married forever and lived in the same community for most of their marriage. He has a close relationship with his grandmother, who showed how important family is. He is close to his two aunts, both of whom were adopted at birth. One aunt is a nurse at a local hospital and is married with a daughter. Another aunt is a nurse with one son. His brother is married, also to a teacher, and they have two children. Joseph also has a younger sister and she has 4 young children who are very much a part of our lives. Joe's family is extremely supportive of the decision to adopt, because they would not be complete without the adoption of his aunts.

Elizabeth's family is a large blended family where she is the second youngest of 7. She has an older half-sister (2 older children), older stepbrother (who recently passed away) who had 2 older children. She also has another older stepsister and older stepbrother (with 2 teenage children). One biological brother who is a police officer in our hometown. And one younger stepsister who is expecting a baby girl soon. All of us have been together for 28 years and we are blessed to be so close this entire time. We spend a lot of time together at our parent's home where we enjoy laughing and playing games together. Elizabeth's stepfather took on the role of her father early on in life. He is retired and her mother works from home. She is very close to her family and they are very supportive of our journey to expand our family. Our family learned early on that it was being together with love and shared life that brought us together as a family, and nothing to do with blood relations.

We are very lucky to have an amazing support system that comprises of our friends too. Elizabeth still has friends from high school and college. We spend time with them as often as possible. Joseph has gained friends from different parts of life as well. We spend summers with car show friends who are more like family.

Easter with Beth's family

Christmas picture with Joe's family

String Art party with Beth & friends

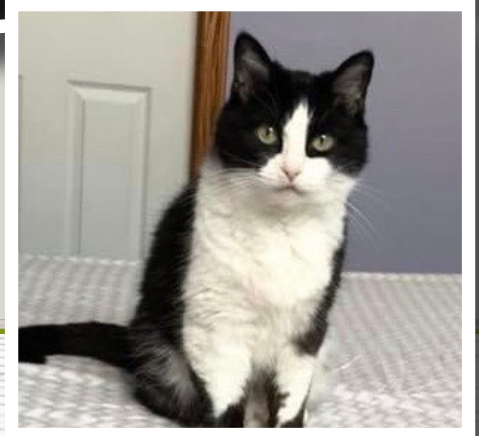
Beth & her sisters

Surprise party for Beth's mom

Joe's niece and nephew

Beth & her mom

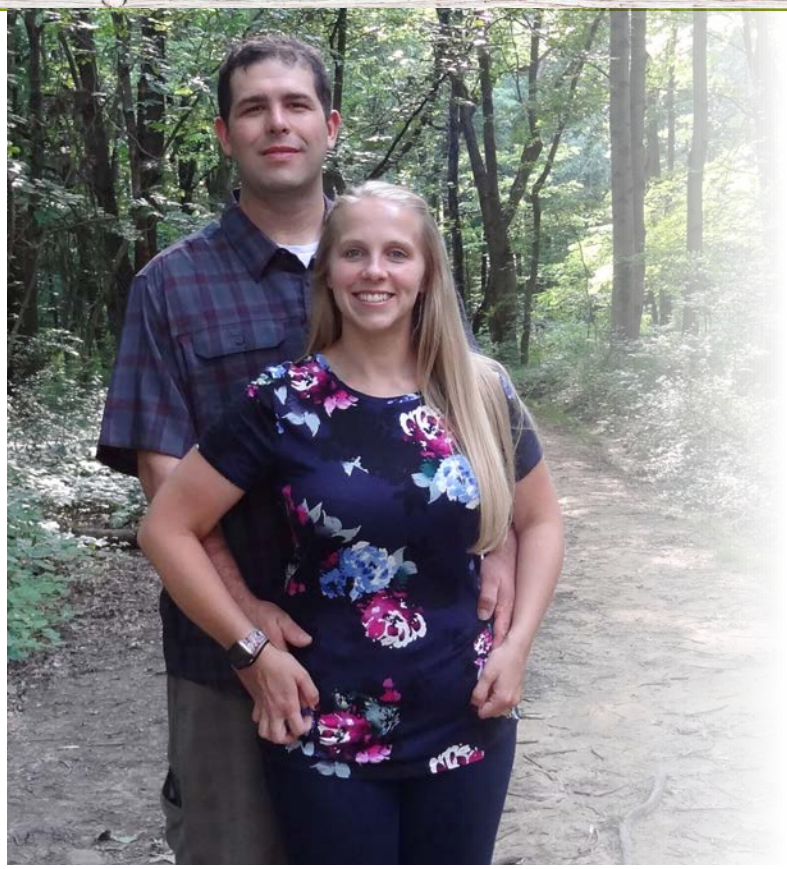
Our good friends & us



Our Home

We bought our home in 2011. Our home was built in 2006 and is a 2-floor home. It is open on the first floor with the kitchen and living room, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, and a finished basement. We enjoy spending time on our deck grilling out and roasting marshmallows. There is an elementary school at the end of our street. And the neighborhood is full of families and we have great friendships since moving here.

We have 2 very loved pets: Tank (dog) and Moo (cat). Tank is a mixed breed dog that we got when he was a puppy, he loves to play with his stuffed animals and go for car rides! Our cat Moo taken in as a kitten. She is a 17-year-old sleepy cat. She is always looking for a comfy lap or a pile of blankets to snuggle with.



Dear Birth Parent,

We appreciate that you have taken the time to read about us and get to know us as best you can from just these words and pictures. This has to be overwhelming and know that if you were to select us, we would support you in whatever way is best for you and with whatever is comfortable for you. We cannot even imagine what pressure you are under, and what strength it must take to make these decisions.

What we cannot show you here, is how much this child would be loved and embraced. We believe that being a parent is to love a child unconditionally, to provide for them, and raise them to know they are loved and cherished.

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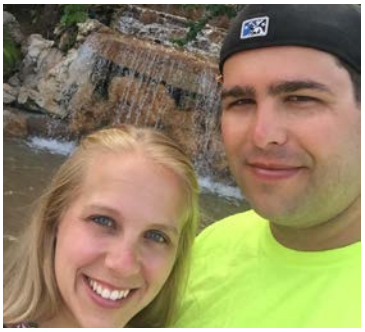
New York during Christmas



Enjoying a hike

Visiting the Grand Canyon

Us in Mexico

Why We Are Adopting

We have struggled with to grow our family for the last 7 years. We felt deep in our hearts that we needed to stop and seek other options. That's when we felt the calling to adoption. After talking with some family members, we saw a movie and unknowing to us that movie was about adoption. When we left there was a group giving out information to adoption. We felt so strongly that this was a clear sign to move forward to where we are now. We thought of Joseph's aunts and how much his grandparents loved them, and he knew it was an opportunity that we must try. We are open to any gender and any race. We are ready to expand our family and welcome a child into our lives.