Luke & Kimmy

About Us

Kimmy was in college and Luke was teaching when we were introduced by mutual friends. After just 3 months of dating we both knew we were going to get married. It's been 15 years since we met and we're so excited to celebrate our 10 year wedding anniversary soon!

We've been so blessed with our 3 year old daughter, Madison Grace. She's the light of our lives and she's going to make the best big sister. We never thought we'd have Maddie since we lost two babies before her. Those losses made us extremely thankful when we became first-time parents and keep us grateful each and every day.

We're thankful for the little things in life and love to spend quality time together; especially with family and friends. Our faith is the foundation for our marriage and our lives. .

We LOVE our jobs! Luke's a high school Science teacher and football & track coach and Kimmy works from home as a school counselor for an online high school. We consider it a privilege to help our students and we're passionate about making a difference.

Fun Facts

	kimmy	luke
occupation	Middle School Counselor for an Online School (works from home)	High School Science Teacher Football Coach, and Track Coach
education	Master of Arts in Counselor Education	Masters in Educational Theory and Practice
tv show	American Idol	The Office
disney movie	Frozen	Zootopia
restaurant	Panera	Texas Roadhouse
vacation	Traverse City, MI	Traverse City, MI
holiday	Christmas	Halloween
childhood memory	Long summer days spent swimming	Playing basketball in the driveway with my dad
hobbies	Spending time with family and friends, working out, being outdoors, singing on the worship team at church, yoga, volunteering, writing, and reading	Spending time with family and friends, jogging, watching sports, fantasy football, coaching football and track, playing cards with friends

Our home

For nearly 10 years, our home's been the perfect place for gathering family and friends and creating memories. We have 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a large family room that's the center of activities, and a basement with toys, a cozy family room for watching movies, and a workout area. We love our back deck for cookouts with family and friends and lots of yard space for playing.

Our neighborhood has lots of young families and everyone is so friendly. We're within walking distance from the grade school, bike path, parks, library, ice cream shop, YMCA, and downtown. Our favorite nearby things include the river, an outdoor shopping center, amazing parks, the zoo, some awesome colleges, the children's science museum, a community garden, and the lake.

about luke *(written by kimmy)*

I remember calling my dad to tell him Luke was the man I was going to marry. From the very beginning, Luke made me feel safe, loved, and secure. I loved how committed he was to teaching, coaching, and serving others.

Luke's a fun-loving guy with a welcoming personality and he loves football. He also has the softest heart. We call him our "big bear" and he calls us "his girls". One of the things I love most about Luke is how close he is to his family.

I love that Luke is a hard worker. He wakes early every week day for a run and always arrives early to work. He's taught at the same school for seventeen years and will be there until he retires. He's committed to what he does and his students love him because of his funny & not-so-serious personality.

Luke's the rock of our family and provides security and stability. There's something about Luke that keeps me grounded and whenever I take life too seriously, he's the one who makes me laugh.

Luke's an involved husband/dad, amazing cook, he helps with chores, does his own laundry, and shares parenting responsibilities. I'm so excited for our next child to experience the love and fun he has to share.

about kimmy *(written by luke)*

Kimmy's the love of my life and the best person I know. I'm not sure how I made it before having her in my life. Being married to Kimmy has been the best 9+ years of my life because she's the most kind and caring person I know.

Kimmy treats everyone she meets like an old friend. She's super organized (organizing things may be her favorite pastime...), hard working, and goal oriented -- waking up early to workout and get work done before Maddie wakes and doing chores after she puts Maddie to bed. She selflessly takes care of others and works hard to create a loving, safe, and memorable childhood for Maddie.

Lastly, and most importantly, Kimmy's an amazing mother. Maddie adores her and seeing them together melts my heart. Kimmy does such a good job planning and cooking family dinners, creating a cozy home, and planning fun activities, games, and outings. Kimmy provides the most loving home for our family and works extremely hard to give our children the best life.

What I've written barely scratches the surface of who Kimmy really is... unfortunately for this, I'm a Science guy and not a writer. :)

Our Family

We're nerdy and we've called ourselves "Team "our last name" ever since we were married. And now with our daughter, our little crew really is a team – supporting one another, loving one another, and having fun every day.

We don't do it alone though! Our family is amazing. We're so thankful our parents all live in the same State and we see them frequently. Our parents are super involved in our lives and are the BEST grandparents.

Luke grew up an only child and Kimmy has one younger brother. Kimmy grew up really close to her extended family and they bring so much fun to our lives.

Adoption is not a new thing for our family... one of Kimmy's cousins is adopted and he immediately became a part of our family. He's an amazing dad, with a wonderful wife, and two beautiful girls. Luke's mom also has several cousins that were adopted into her family. And years ago, due to circumstances beyond her control, Luke's Grandma placed 6 children for adoption in order to give them the best life possible. His Grandma eventually remarried an AMAZING man - Luke's Grandpa - and they had two children of their own; one of them being Luke's mom. As an adult, Luke's mom has reunited with her half brothers and sisters and they are all doing well; married, successful, and with families of their own.

We're also so lucky to have several close friends we consider family. We all started out as young couples and now as we continue to add kids to the mix, it's so cool to see them become friends.

Maddie & Aggie Donna
(Luke's Mom)

Cheering for Luke's football team!

Maddie & Aggie Annie
(Kimmy's Mom)

Carving pumpkins with
Aggie Donna and Bobba Jeff

Luke and Kimmy's Family

Annual summer vacation to visit family

The ladies on Kimmy's side of the family

Maddie and Bobba Randy
(Kimmy's Dad) at a local farm

Celebrating Easter with some
of Kimmy's family

Kimmy's uncle and cousins
after a triathlon

Cousins at a family party

Our hobbies

We love riding bikes!

Maddie loves gymnastics and dance classes!

We love running! (Kimmy and her cousin after their 1st marathon)

Celebrating our annual "Friendsgiving" with some of our best friends!

We go to the zoo alllll the time. :)

Neighborhood friends!

Playing in the leaves! We are ALWAYS outside - year round!

Kimmy's running friends!

We love serving others! (Kimmy's first mission trip)

Luke's best friends of over 20 years! This group is like family to us. We love getting together for sports!

Luke and Kimmy still make time for girls and guys nights out.

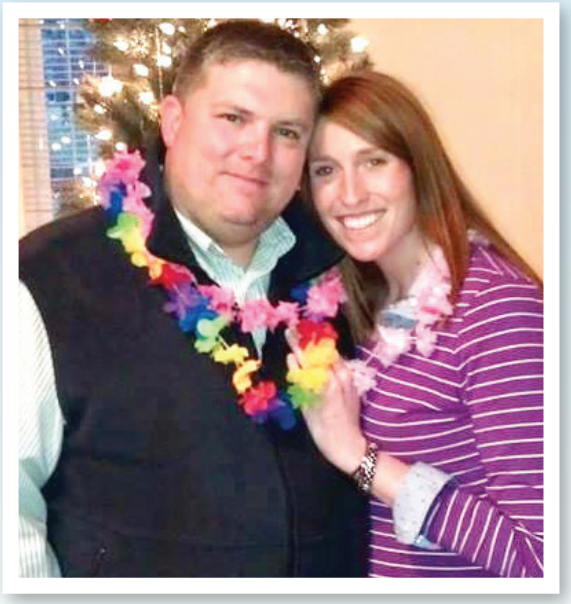
Dear Birthparent(s) -

We wish we could be with you right now because this process seems so hard and impersonal! But we're rolling with it and hoping that we get the chance to meet you soon.

Thank you so much for reading our profile! We hope it gives you a glimpse of who we are and what our life is like. We're not perfect people, but we try our hardest to live life well, to love others, to show kindness to everyone, to work hard, and to have fun while doing it all. Our hearts are full of God's unfailing love. We're grateful every day for the blessings He has provided and we are so thankful we get to share them with our children.

We are anxiously awaiting welcoming a baby of any gender, race, or culture into our family and will forever respect and cherish him or her. Our hearts already love this child and we will love them beyond measure; more than words can describe and the exact same way we love Maddie. Rest assured we will provide a loving, safe, fun, and secure home for him or her to grow into a kind, joyful, successful, and loving person.

With all of our love,
Luke, Kimmy, and Maddie



Why Adoption?

We lost two babies before we had our daughter and after those losses Kimmy wanted to adopt; she'd felt called to adopt from a young age. Luke insisted we try just once more for a biological child. And thank goodness he did, because our daughter wouldn't be here without his faith & persistence!

Our friends and family members who have adopted and/or been adopted have been extremely encouraging and supportive and will continue to be an awesome support for our family.

Words can't explain how much our hearts already love this baby. We cannot wait to meet him or her and welcome them into our family!