RYAN AND ANNE

ABOUT US

We are Ryan and Anne.

We met through a mutual friend in 2004. Who would have thought our first phone conversation, Anne would end up being locked out on the deck of a two story house in her pajamas?! Our relationship just grew from there. We were married four years later and our only child, Quinn, was born four years after that. We are goofy, we are loving, we are fun, we are competitive, we are comfortable. The road has not always been easy for us. Throughout it all we were able to hold each other up and strengthen our relationship. When one of us feels like the burden is too big, the other steps up to lessen the load and provide comfort. We love being a family and being with one another. We truly are each other's best friend.

ABOUT ANNE BY RYAN

Anne is one of the strongest, compassionate, and loving mothers I know who always puts her family first. I have been married to my partner and crime for 12 years and I can't imagine life without her. We have grown so close through our journey to have a family and often talk and pray for the day that our family is complete. Anne enjoys gardening, reading, and most of all spending quality time with family. The one thing I admire about her is that no matter what, she is always there for her friends and family. It is difficult to put into words what she means to me and our family. Her dedication is second to none.

ABOUT RYAN BY ANNE

The word that best describes Ryan is "passionate." He is passionate about everything and everyone in his life. His enthusiasm and loving nature are apparent in everything he does and rubs off on everyone he comes in contact with. He is the most honest, genuine person I know. I cannot imagine my life without him! He is supportive, kind, loving, makes me smile, and in general gives me something to look forward to coming home to every day. Watching him become a father and continue to grow as a father melts my heart and leaves me in awe on a daily basis. Our family is his world and he is ours!

OUR HOME

Our home is truly our sanctuary!

We bought our dream house in June of 2015. It is out in the country in a small community where Anne grew up. We knew most of the neighbors before we even moved in! Just the other day we were sitting on the back porch overlooking the haybales in the distance, the child's pool blown up in the backyard by the wooden swingset, watching the sunset. Contentment is what best explains the feeling that scene brought. Our hope Is that our children's friends, neighbors, our friends, and family all feel content when they are here. It is not about the possessions that surround us as much as it is by the company we keep. At the end of the day home is where we want to be.

OUR PETS

Our family started with a cat named "Woody B". She runs the place and has a special place in our hearts as she was the first connection between us. Our dog, Kane, is a Bichon Frise. He came into our lives as a puppy shortly after we were married. He is used to being the baby of the household. They are both getting older but have responded very well to Quinn and other children who have come into the household. They are a joy and are definitely a part of our family!

FAVORITES OR FUN FACTS

Family movie and poopcorn

Family Favorites: Campfires, Basketball, Watching a movie cuddled up on the couch with a big bowl of popcorn, Holden Beach, Family outings, The Ohio State Buckeyes, Swimming, Nightly ice cream

Ryan: Coaching (High school tennis and Quinn's basketball team), Landscaping, Learning how to fix things with his dad

Anne: Reading, Gardening, Scrapbooking, Baking

Quinn: Minecraft, Legos, Football (defense), Family Sleepovers, Cooking with Mom, Running through the sprinkler, Going down the slide

OUR FAMILY

Our family plays a big part in our life. First of all we are lucky to have a son, Quinn, who was born in December of 2012. He is truly the light of our lives! He looks forward to being a big brother. We live in between our parents (15 minutes each way). Neither one of us grew up nearby our grandparents for different reasons and feel so blessed that our children will get the opportunity we always dreamed of. They have spoiled Quinn beyond compare and are looking forward to yet another child to love and spoil. Anne is an only child but Ryan has two siblings. His older brother is married with two children living nearby. His younger sister adopted one child and is in the process of adopting another. She also lives nearby. We are blessed to have these children in our lives as part of our family! Both sides of the family gather on holidays and birthdays for entire family events. Sometimes we even invent occasions to get together. Who needs an excuse for a cookout?! We have gone on vacation together (Holden Beach is definitely a favorite yearly treat). Ryan and Anne are also lucky to have friends that we call family whom we visit when we get a chance. You should see a bunch of Ohio State fans in Michigan Country and the shenanigans that go on! As our family continues to grow, so does our love for our family as a whole. Each addition adds that extra piece of the puzzle who makes us who we are.

Grandma with her grandchidlren

Trick or Treating with extended family

Ice Cream with Nini

Family at Disney World

Valentines box with Grandpa

Zoo Trip

Putting up the flag with Gaggy

Polar Express with cousins

Thanksgiving with family

Reading with Grandpa

Dear Birthmother

We met through a leap of faith that we both took in regards to a mutual friend feeling like we would be compatible. This is the same leap of faith that we continue to take with each other throughout the process of expanding our family. The same leap of faith you would be taking in us to trust us to raise and nurture this child. Our faith has no race, gender, or ability defined within it. Love is love no matter the person. This love not only extends to the child but also to the child's biological family. We cannot imagine the amount of love you have for this child in order to make this difficult decision. This child will grow knowing of your love and taking comfort in it. We only hope and pray that when the time is right we can take part in your leap of faith.

Ryan is a special education teacher at the local high school and Anne is a social worker (Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant) at the local mental health agency. We work with children on a daily basis. Anne's job is to strengthen resilience in young children and their families specializing in ages 0-6 years old. That is also the hope of our own family. We want to be strong for one another. We root for each other and support each other's dream and aspirations, even if they are different from our own. We would do the same for this child. Quinn already talks about what he will do to help his baby brother or sister grow and learn. Some days that is all he can talk about.

We want you to know our story, trust in it, and believe that we are in it for only one reason - love. We wish you nothing but the best during this journey and hope that love can extend to this child and your family. We can take this leap of faith together.

Sincerely,

Ryan and Anne

WHY ADOPTION:

Adoption has always been near and dear to our hearts. Anne has cousins who were adopted as infants and Ryan's sister is a foster to adopt parent in which she has adopted one child and is in the process of adopting another. We have always discussed adopting, even before we were married. We were blessed to be able to conceive through infertility treatments but still feel like our family is not complete. Adoption is NOT our last option, it is the path we chose in order to be blessed by another child to complete our family.

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