AMANDA & MICHAEL

About Us

We met in 2015 and our adventure began! We were having so much fun that we decided to make it forever! We got married in 2018, surrounded by our beautiful friends and family. Michael works as a mechanical technician for an automation company and enjoys learning new skills. Amanda is a Public Safety Coordinator and enjoys helping people as well as the challenge her career brings every day. Our careers are not only rewarding, but provide us financial stability as well as the ability to travel as often as possible. We have been on many awesome adventures together and look forward to many more. We enjoy finding new places to explore and love setting sail on a cruise to anywhere. In 2019, we began our baseball bucket list with the goal to visit every Major League Baseball stadium over many years to come. We are huge baseball, college basketball, auto racing, and football fans. Together, we attend all kinds of sporting events. We value cooking dinner together, going for walks, and making time to enjoy each other's company, even when life gets busy. We are happy to be on this adoption journey together.

About Amanda
(written by michael)

Amanda is the sweetest person I know. She is kind, caring, and loving. She puts others before herself. Amanda has a great work ethic and is amazing at her job. She has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and takes pride in her work every single day. Amanda herself was adopted at birth. She comes from a small but wonderful, supportive family. Amanda loves animals, especially her kitty, Champ who she loves to cuddle with on the couch. Her favorite hobby is to travel to new places to find new adventures. Amanda is an amazing human who I feel lucky to be married to!

About Michael
(written by amanda)

Michael is outgoing, hardworking, hilarious, and genuine. People gravitate toward him, as he is welcoming, friendly, and knows no strangers. There are few things Michael does not know how to do. If there is, he enjoys the challenge of teaching himself how. He will go out of his way to help friends and family who call upon him frequently for odd jobs. Michael has the biggest heart, tells it like it is, and makes the most of every day! As a husband, Michael is my number one fan and pushes me to be the best version of myself. He is my best friend and I cannot wait to see him as the most goofy, fun, and caring father!

OUR HOME

Our home is our happy place. We have worked together to update and decorate the entire house ourselves. We live in a very quiet and safe neighborhood that is centrally located near shopping, several beautiful parks and playgrounds, many schools and churches, and close to many medical facilities. We enjoy watching families playing with their children in their yards and walking around the neighborhood.

Our Pets - We have two cats who run the roost! Champ, is a tuxedo cat with the best personality. He is playful, adorable, and loves to snuggle. If we are sitting on the couch, Champ is sure to be right there in one of our laps. Lucy is a beautiful, multi-colored tortoise cat who is a bit more shy but loves chin rubs and to chase her tail. She is also obsessed with water and chasing ice cubes.

FAVORITES

	MICHAEL	AMANDA
OCCUPATION	Mechanical Technician	Public Safety Coordinator
EDUCATION	High School	Bachelor's Degree
COLOR	Green	Pink
FOOD	BBQ	Tacos
HOLIDAY	Thanksgiving	Christmas
BEST VACATION	Caribbean cruise	Caribbean cruise
SPORT	Football and auto racing	Baseball
HOBBIES	Sports, bowling, cars, dinner with friends, watching TV, cooking/grilling	Watching sports, traveling, time with friends and family, puzzles
FUN FACT	I used to be an electrician	I was adopted as a newborn baby

Our Friends & Family

Us with Amanda's mother

Our friends

Michael with our niece

Amanda's family

Amanda and friends

Our families may not be huge, but they are both full of so much love and fun. Michael's parents have been married for thirty-seven years and counting. He is close to his younger sister and brother-in-law. We enjoy spending time with our ten-year-old niece Haylee and eight-year-old nephew, Lucas. Haylee was brought to tears when we told her we were going to adopt and she will have a new cousin. We have one remaining grandparent, our grandma who is 92 years old and determined to make it to 100! Amanda was adopted by her parents who were married for 25 years before her dad passed away in 2007. They were incredible examples of what marriage and family should be. Her mom is her best friend. Amanda is close with her brother who is married and has two kids. Our sweet nieces, Blakely, 3 and Finley, 4 months old are a joy to watch grow! We both have life long memories of fun family vacations and traditions, which we cannot wait to continue with our family. Family is incredibly important to us and we love to spend time with them every chance we get. Family holidays are always special and full of laughter.

Our friends make our hearts complete. Many of our friends have become family, as we have been friends since we were kids. We are lucky to have many local friends as well as many scattered throughout the country. We love to have game nights, dinner dates, and celebrate life changes and milestones. We love to make memories with our friends' children who fondly call us "Aunt Amanda and Uncle Mike."

We are blessed to have the love and support of our friends and family who cannot wait for us to become parents. They never fail to support us, especially on our adoption journey. They truly believe in the amazing parents we will be and cannot wait to welcome, love, teach, and make memories with our future child.

Michael's family

Michael's mom and Amanda

DEAR BIRTHPARENTS,

We want to thank you for taking the time to get to know a little about us. Becoming parents and sharing our lives with a child means the world to us. We are not able to conceive children of our own so we are so thrilled to be on our adoption journey. Amanda was adopted as a newborn so it is an honor to be in this position today. Adoption truly gave Amanda a chance at living a beautiful, happy life. We cannot begin to imagine how difficult this time has been for you, but we could not be more proud of you and thankful that you have chosen adoption. We want to assure you that we will do our best to be the most loving, supportive, and patient parents. We will love this child unconditionally and with everything we have. We cannot wait to meet you and get to know each other better.

Sincerely,
Amanda & Michael

WHY ADOPTION?

As soon as we got married in 2018, we began our journey to become parents. We have dreamed of creating a family. After more than 2 years of struggling with infertility, we had to face the hard truth that it would not happen naturally. We knew immediately that we were being called to adopt. Amanda was adopted as a newborn and it was the best thing that could have ever happened for her. Therefore, our decision to begin our adoption journey was very natural to us. We are open to a child of any race. Although the child may not look like us, we plan to celebrate their race and help them grow up knowing what makes them so special and unique.