Eric & Cortney

about us

We met about fifteen years prior to dating and remained acquaintances throughout that time. We reconnected at times in our lives when we both just needed a friend. We believe one of the greatest things about our relationship is that it was founded on friendship, genuine care, and support for one another. We have carried these sentiments into our relationship and marriage, for more than four years, and continue to build upon them as we grow together.

Eric is a high school business teacher and head golf coach. One of his favorite aspects of the job is the ability to help shape his students and golfers into incredible adults after high school. Cortney is an HR executive who enjoys advocating for employees and finding new ways to enhance the work experience.

We love the process of cooking: Cortney is the finder of new and unique recipes and Eric is the kitchen master! We also love to travel and in each city we visit, we try to find a historical tour of the city to learn more about its past. Some favorites to visit are the Appalachian region, New Orleans, and New York City. We are avid golfers and love to find time to play together. Eric loves the technical aspect and focuses his efforts on this side of the game and well, Cortney tends to make up her own rules, which usually results in her winning every match.

We live our lives with the belief that kindness, grace, and generosity are the fundamentals to happiness. We love to give of our time and resources by participating in volunteer opportunities in the community and helping to support those in need. Some of our most cherished relationships are centered around these principles.

fun facts about us:

Cortney:

Favorite Tradition: A small gift every day in December leading up to Christmas

Childhood Memory: Baking with my grandma

#1 Bucket List Item: To see the Northern Lights

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Love Language: Gifting

Random Fact: I worked at Disney World for 13 years

Eric:

Favorite Tradition: Picking out and cutting down our live Christmas tree

Childhood Memory: Backyard baseball with brothers and friends

#1 Bucket List Item: Playing golf at St. Andrews (Scotland)

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Love Language: Affection

Random Fact: I clean for fun

about Cortney *by Eric*

So many thoughts come to mind when I think of my beautiful wife. By far, her greatest gift is her kindness. She has a heart so big for others that her care, love, and passion runs endless. She even once attempted to give away our pickup truck to a local man we saw weekly getting groceries on his bicycle.

Our relationship started when I was raising three children under the age of sixteen. She made them a priority and she loved them like her own. She has high integrity and has a strong personality, and is not afraid to speak up. She advocates so hard for the kids when they need her and she never backs down. She loves these kids so fiercely and that feeling is very much reciprocated. She is a strong woman, and this makes me proud to call her my wife.

about Eric *by Cortney*

Before Eric and I started dating, I told my friends that if I did not marry him, then I wasn't going to marry anyone. Knowing him as a friend gave me this beautiful opportunity to see who he was as a person and not just as a potential partner. In everything he does, he gives all of his passion, whether it be to me, being a father, coaching golf, or to his family and friends. I knew that I wanted to raise a child and one advantage that I had was to see Eric be a father to his three children. The word amazing does not begin to describe the time, devotion, and love he pours into each of them.

He is very outgoing and is a social butterfly. When we go out, I can count on him seeing someone he knows or making friends with a stranger. His kindness seems to know no bounds and he is the true definition of a servant leader. I am humbled by how much he does for me and the kids, even if it means him sacrificing doing or getting something he wants. I am the luckiest to be his wife and any child who gets to call him dad will have hit the dad jackpot.

our home

We live in a two-story home in a sleepy village, where we both spent our childhood. As an older home, we work to fix it up to our style. Our house was once described by my aunt as, "a home that looks so inviting to enter and once you're in, it just wraps its arms around you as a cozy welcome". We always have a fresh bouquet of flowers, there's usually a guitar out, and honestly, you'll probably find a pile of laundry that needs to be folded. We have a backyard that is prime for throwing a baseball, having a bonfire, or taking a rest in a hammock. We have a back garage that has a golf practice station set up for the winter months.

We may be biased, but we have the best dog. She is a ten-year-old Shih Tzu named Piper, who Cortney has had since she was a puppy. She's a spritely twelve-pound pup who enjoys sticking her head out of the window during car rides, Starbucks puppuccinos, going for long walks, playing with her toys, finding new ways to get more cookies, and playing with kids. Piper has always loved being around kids and enjoys when our little nieces and nephews come over.

our family

We have an amazing family and a great group of friends! Eric has three biological children from a prior relationship: Grace, Weston, and Ben. We love spending time together as a family and they are looking forward to adding an adoptive sibling to the family. Eric has five siblings, and all but one live within a twenty-minute drive from us. Cortney has one sister who lives in about six-hours away. Both of our parents live within a five-minute drive and we visit them both multiple times per week. We are a tight nit family and love to get together whenever possible.

We have a core group of friends who are dear to us. Two of these friends have adoptive children and we cannot imagine navigating this path without them. Cortney's met her best friends in elementary school during Girl Scouts. Eric met his best friend ten years ago through teaching. We rely on these relationships for guidance and support in so many aspects of our lives.

Brunch out with Eric's siblings

Weston's homecoming

Ben and Cortney's first Yankee's game

Dinner out for Ben's birthday

Eric with our newest nephew, Leer

Cortney and our niece Lexi waiting for brunch

Celebrating our nephew Isaiah's high school graduation

Arts and Crafts with Ashley

Spending the evening with our nieces Charlie and Lydia

Dear Birthparent(s):

We hope that as you journey through this process, you find the right family with whom to place your child and that the decision brings you an overwhelming sense of peace.

We are a family who values our time and experiences with each other over material things. We love to travel, cook new types of foods, and believe in living a debt-free life. The most important thing to us is family; we live within twenty minutes of the vast majority our immediate family. We enjoy sharing meals, playing games, and going out with our family and friends.

We would welcome a child of any gender or race into our family. We envision celebrating our child's race in ways that honor both them and you as birth parents, whether it be through cultural education, learning to cook new cuisines, or through finding new networks to immerse ourselves in tradition.

All the Best,

Eric & Cortney

why adoption?

We knew before getting married we wanted to grow our family. Due to a medical condition, we knew that a biological child might be difficult and always had adoption on our hearts. We knew the timing was right to start the adoption process after our friend's daughter, who happens to be adopted, shared an exceptionally affectionate and impressionable moment with Cortney during a dinner. Although Eric has three biological children, we still believe that together we have so much love to give and would love the opportunity to welcome a new addition into our home.

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