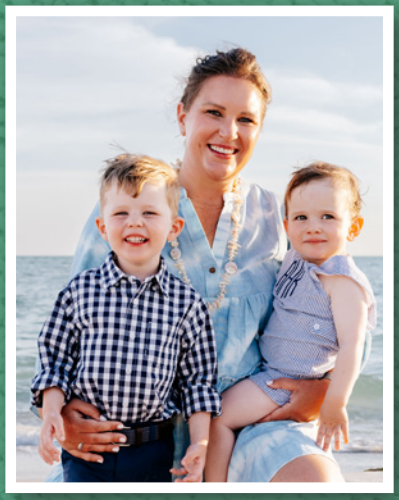
Michael and Carolyn

About Us

We were introduced by mutual friends on Halloween in 2013 where we immediately connected over our love for nature. Carolyn was taking classes to earn her Master's in Teaching with an environmental education focus and Michael was working as an environmental attorney. We were married in 2016 and have built a wonderful life together ever since. As a family we focus on the "three C's" of courage, conscience, and character.

In terms of parenting, our lives revolve around our children and encouraging them to be their best selves. We have two wonderful boys, Bobby (3 and ½ years old) and Gus (1 and ½ years old), who love music, reading books, and "spooky" decorations around Halloween. We try to keep them busy with things they love like tumbling, playgroup, library classes, and park visits but we always come back together in the evenings for some quality time and games. We also love holidays with the kids. We grow our own pumpkins and have an annual pumpkin carving contest before Halloween. Since Michael and Carolyn met on Halloween, it is a now a special holiday to celebrate as a family.

Our family loves the outdoors and traveling. We've explored trails from the Appalachian Mountains to the Redwood Forest. Last Thanksgiving the boys loved hiking through the Black Hills in South Dakota. Being connected to nature is an important part of our lives and how we plan to raise our children.



About Carolyn

Occupation: Math Specialist

Hobbies: Cooking and hiking

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Favorite season: Summer

Favorite Family Movie: Nightmare before Christmas

About Michael

Occupation: Environmental Attorney

Hobbies: Gardening & board games

Favorite holiday: Halloween

Favorite season: Fall

Favorite Family Movie: The Goonies

About Carolyn *(by Michael):*

Carolyn is my best friend. She will never let the people she loves go through life without realizing their full potential, whether they are her students, her kids, or her husband. And she is the funniest person I have ever met. We have been together almost a decade and there has never been a day when she has not made me laugh, no matter how my day is going.

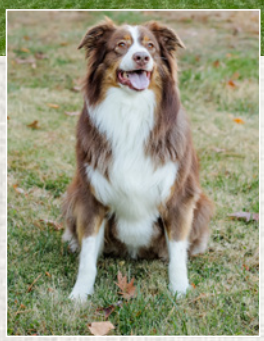
And while I could not have asked for a better life partner, being a mother is where Carolyn truly excels. I am so proud of our boys and the people they are growing up to be. I am proud of and grateful for every day that I get to spend with Carolyn and our family.

About Michael *(by Carolyn):*

I could not ask for a better husband than Michael. I always say that marrying him was the best decision I have ever made. His positive outlook on life always brings me up when I need it and he is the hardest worker I know. Michael is a family man to his core and loves nothing more than time spent with family. He is a great father that is genuinely present in our boys' lives and is the best role model for them. People refer to him as a gentle giant due to the fact that he is 6'7 and the nicest person they know.

Michael is always willing to lend a helping hand and support those around him. He also loves to clean, which is a godsend with two messy boys! We have the best time together and are so proud of the life we have set up for one another.

Our Home



We have a cozy house in a safe, walkable neighborhood. We live across the street from baseball fields and a park, which backs up against trails through the woods and along a stream. We live less than half a mile away from a movie theater and an ice cream shop in one direction and a neighborhood pool and tennis courts in the other. Every weekend morning, we walk to get coffee and pastries and pick up our groceries from the neighborhood farmer's market. During the spring, summer, and fall, the boys plant and pick vegetables in our garden and ride their scooters around the neighborhood. In the winter, we explore the trails around our house and look at the Christmas decorations.

We live in an award-winning school district and can easily walk to and from the elementary school. It's a wonderful place to raise a family.

Our Family & Friends

Our greatest blessing has been the opportunity to go through life with each other and our children. We eat dinner together almost every night and on the weekends we make waffles for breakfast and (weather permitting) eat breakfast during our morning walk. The boys love to cook, especially when they get to whisk ingredients together.

Our neighborhood is full of kids and young families, and there is no shortage of activities and play dates throughout the week. We also live within two miles of our sisters and brothers-in-law and six nieces and nephews.

The entire family gets together most Sundays for family dinner and the older cousins love playing with our boys.

And although we have some family members who live out of state, we are fortunate that we get the opportunity to see them regularly, often at our family cottage in Michigan or on the beach in Florida where we spend most summers.

Spiderman at Bobby's Birthday Party

Easter with our cousins

Hiking in South Dakota

Carolyn's Family on Vacation in Florida

Driving the boat with Papa

Excited to see Grandma in Michigan

Michael's Family celebrating Grandma and Papa's anniversary

Dear Birthparent(s),

We sincerely appreciate your consideration and the decision that you are making. Whatever you choose, this child is a blessing. We will never be able to fully express our gratitude for the opportunity to bring another child into our family, but we hope that we can convey some amount of the love and devotion we would show any child if we have the opportunity to welcome him or her into our family.

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Why Adoption

We have discussed adoption since before we got married and the only question has always been when, not if. Michael was raised in a mixed family and is close to his step-father and extended family. He learned from a young age that you do not need biology to raise children in a loving environment. And while Carolyn may have grown up in a more traditional family, as a teacher, she quickly learned how different family units can provide equally loving environments.

We waited to adopt because we knew it would be safer for the health of the baby to have children when we were younger, but we have always wanted to adopt. We have no preference on gender, race, or ethnicity. We look forward to welcoming any child into our family with the same love and enthusiasm as we have welcomed our two boys.