

## Jeremy & Heidi



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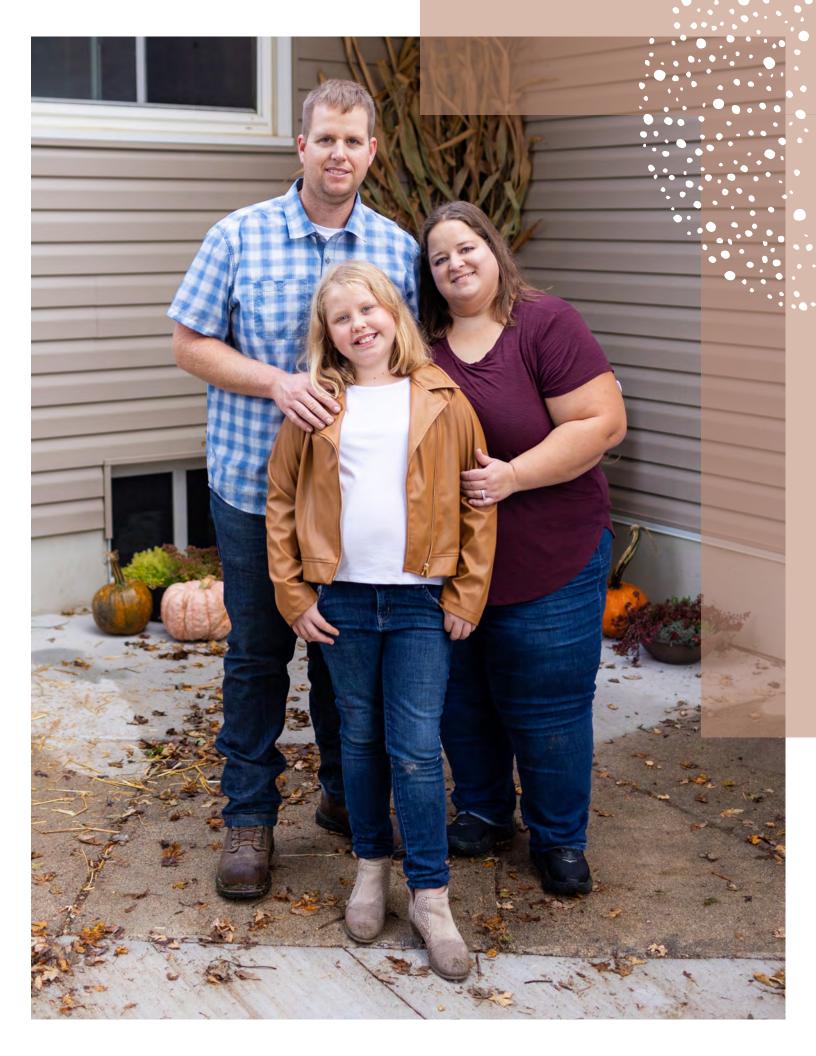
Thank you for taking the time to read through our profile and learn more about our family. Although we do not know your story, we would be honored to be there for you on this journey. We are genuinely excited to get to know you and would love to build a relationship with you, if that's what you desire. We want you to know that **you are valued, respected, and worthy** regardless of what decision you choose. We knew from the beginning that fertility and pregnancy might be a difficult journey for us. We have known that adoption would be a wonderful blessing in our lives. We would be honored to be the family that gives you some peace knowing your child is **loved, protected, and cherished for a lifetime.** 

- Jeremy + Heidi

Adoption has always been on our minds and in our hearts. Jeremy and I have always known we wanted to grow our family but that it may not be possible naturally. We have so much love to give, and adoption provides us the option to grow our family and gives you options as you consider the best plan for your child. Raising Katie and giving her opportunities to excel is one of the greatest blessings we have been given, and it is our heart's desire to be able to provide that to another child.

## our hearts







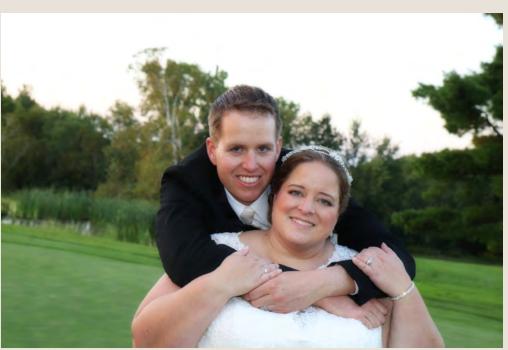
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the dating days ...

Jeremy and I met through an online dating site in 2016. I was looking through profiles and saw a picture of Jeremy with his daughter, and I thought it was adorable. They both looked so happy. I read through his profile and thought he sounded nice. I sent him a quick hello message. I was excited when he responded! We spent the first month getting to know each other via phone conversations and text messages before we had our first date. We met at a local restaurant for dinner and then went bowling. I won! We clicked right away. We could spend hours talking about anything. We both really enjoyed our night together and agreed to another date. We dated for about a year before we became engaged.

"We are each other's best friend, and life is so sweet. We've been married for 3 years!"





engaged at last.

I was so nervous to propose to Heidi. I knew I wanted to propose in the fall while the leaves were turning color. I knew of a beautiful place in the woods on a cliff overlooking the valley. I knew she would love it. The day I had planned to propose, Heidi was sick with a cold. It took some convincing, but I was able to get her to go on a 4-wheeler ride with me. I put the ring box in my jacket pocket so I wouldn't lose it, and as Heidi put her arms around me, it was the first thing she felt. I knew I was busted, but I was going to pretend I didn't notice and continue with the plan. Apparently, Heidi decided to do the same, haha! I was able to propose to her right as the sun was setting. She immediately said yes! It was beautiful.



Together forever

Jeremy and I were married in a local church in the fall of 2018 in front of family and friends. My cousin officiated our wedding, which was something I had always wanted and was very special for me. The reception was outside at a golf course on top of a bluff. It had wonderful views. It had rained a lot the week prior, and things got a little muddy, but it made the event even more memorable.



according to her husband...

Heidi has many traits that I admire. She is honest, loyal, devoted, loving, kind, sincere, and spiritual. She has a great gift of empathy towards others and always finds a way to comunitate with those around her. She has great compassion for people that are struggling and wants to help them in any way she can. She likes to volunteer and has taken Katie with her in the past. What makes Heidi so special to me is the way she healed my heart when it was broken. Her devoted love to me keeps me going strong.

Heidi has always loved children. She is very involved with her nieces and nephew and enjoys spending time with them whenever she can. She enjoys teaching them new things and watching them grow. She is great at getting kids to start talking when they are being shy and helps to pull them out of their shell. Heidi is very excited to raise a child with the values she grew up with. She is a very caring and loving step-mom to Katie.







my work.

I work for a medical clinic and hospital as a senior delivery manager. I am fortunate to be able to work from home. It gives me the opportunity to be flexible and have a great work/life balance. I am able to take Katie to school and be here when she gets home. We plan to use a local daycare while our child is younger, but as they become school aged, they will be able to be home with us after school. My job allows me to take time off when the baby arrives. I plan to take off as much time as needed to get us all settled in.

### my passions

I am a life-long learner. This leads to many different types of hobbies. Some of my favorite things to do are gardening, crocheting, putting puzzles together, reading fiction books, and helping Jeremy on the farm. One of my favorite things to grow in the garden are tomatoes. I love all the different varieties that exist and how unique tomatoes can look. The garden has taught me a lot. Patience, failure, and the rewards of hard work. Each year is a little different, and I never get bored. A couple years ago, I taught myself how to crochet for something to do during the winter months. I started out making blankets and scarves. Being able to snuggle into the couch and binge-watch a good show is also a favorite of mine. This is one of Katie's favorite things to do with me.

#### hard working

#### funny

#### dedicated



according to his wife ...

I fell in love with leremy because he looks at me in a way nobody has before. He sees me at my best and at my worst, but it doesn't change his love for me. He makes me feel safe and like we can get through anything as long as we are together. He is my best friend. He also brought his daughter, Katie, into my life. She has taught me so much over the years. Children are amazing, and to be able to have the opportunity to help shape them into who they will be is both a blessing and an honor.

Jeremy is a wonderful father and uncle. He is patient and takes the time to listen. When Katie is sad or upset, he often tries to get her to laugh. It normally doesn't take long. He is the type of father/uncle that you will find rolling around on the floor with the children, running around the house playing tag, or pretending the carpet is a field that needs harvesting.







my work

I am self-employed as a dairy farmer. I grew up knowing that I wanted to farm and hopefully someday take over the family farm. Farming can be very time consuming, but it also allows me a lot of flexibility throughout my day. I am able to arrange my schedule so that I can go to events with Heidi and Katie. My family is also able to spend time with me on the farm, which I love. I work mostly with my Dad and a couple of part-time employees. They would describe me as hard working and easy to get along with. I plan to take some time off when we bring the baby home.

my possions

Farming has always been my passion, and I am very lucky to be able to do that every day. One of my favorite things is to get into the tractor and start driving. I have liked large farm equipment since I was a child. When I am not working, I like to spend time with Heidi and Katie. We often go shopping, to the pool, or go find a park to play at. I look forward to being fully involved in a child's life and being able to watch them grow up with the opportunities I have had.







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meet:

Katie is the biological daughter of Jeremy. She is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade. She splits her time between here and her biological mom's house. We swap every other week. When Katie is with us, life certainly gets busier, and we love it!

Katie wears her heart on her sleeve. She is very aware of what is happening around her and often has big feelings. Katie loves animals, especially baby animals. She likes to play with them and cuddle them. She is always working to tame the cats on the farm and has a few favorite cows that she visits when she is here. Katie also loves to craft. Currently, she is into painting and likes to paint different nature scenes to hang up in her bedroom. Katie is very excited to have a sibling at our house!



"I grew up on a farm near a small town. I am so happy that we are able to give our children the same opportunity. My home was always a safe place to be, and that is something we ensure our house is also. I have so many memories I have taken with me into adulthood, and we will work to create great memories that our children can take with them into adulthood."

- HEIDI







as a family

The farm keeps us very busy, and a lot of our time together is spent doing different activities on the farm. From milking together or picking up round bales with the tractor and truck. We like to watch movies together and snuggle up on the couch with a bowl of popcorn and some blankets. When we get some time off, we often find ourselves traveling to visit family. During the summer, one of Katie and Heidi's favorite pastimes is to go to the local swimming pool.

as a couple.

Jeremy spends a lot of time at the farm, and that means we get to find unique ways to spend quality time together. Sometimes, it means I ride along with him in the tractor! During the summer you will often find us in our garden. We like to try new and unique vegetables every year and things we can't find in the grocery store. As long as we are together, we find ways to make it fun and memorable. Whether that is doing chores together at the farm, going to the local pool, visiting family, or just snuggling up on the couch together to watch a movie.







Jeremy's Side.

Jeremy's parents are Maynard and Judy. He has a younger brother and sister, Josh and Jordie. Josh is married to Felicia. Jeremy's parents live right down the road on the family farm, and we are able to see them almost daily. Jeremy's siblings live a couple hours away, but we are still able to see them regularly throughout the year and also on holidays.





# family

Heidi's Side.

Heidi's parents are Paul and Gaylene. She has a twin brother, Mike, who has 2 girls Mikayla (13) and Mackenzie (9). Heidi's sister, Tracy, and her husband, Joe, have two children. Ruby (5) and Alex (2). They all live 1-3 hours away, but we enjoy getting together on random weekends, birthdays, and holidays. Katie loves spending time with her cousins. Mikayla and Mackenzie come to our farm for a week during the summer and time always flies.

Family is very important to me and Jeremy. We like to see them as often as possible. We also have many aunts/uncles/cousins in the area that we are able to get together with a few times a year. My mom's family gets together for every holiday. It is always lots of laughs, food, and games. Everyone is very excited for the arrival of our child. There will be no shortage of baby kisses and snuggles.

"Our family is so excited to welcome a precious baby into the mix! They are ready and willing to support us all along the way. They are praying for you and your child!"



"we Treasure our time together athome - the place that memories are made"

Our 3 bedroom, 2 bath home sits on just over an acre of land. We live in the country with beautiful views and lots of room to run and play. The family farm is just down the road which is perfect for us because it's close enough to be able to go back and forth as needed throughout the day. We are part of the same small community that Jeremy grew up in. There are a lot of roots and history here. We are also a short drive away from a nearby city. On occasion, we like to take day trips there to the theater, zoo, or the county fair. We enjoy being able to have a balance of both rural and urban life. We both feel that diverse experiences help a child grow in empathy and understanding of different cultures.

## welcome home







C O m m u n i t

We live in a great small town outside of a larger city that has much diversity, culture, and family events. Our community has multiple walking trails and parks to spend time at. It also puts on multiple community celebrations throughout the year. We have a lot of small local shops to shop at, and one of our favorite things to do is go to the farmer's market on Thursdays to see if we can find any fun new vegetables to try. The swimming pool is by far Katie's favorite place to be in the summer. We enjoy the safety and ease that a smaller town brings and also the ability to travel into the city for additional adventures.

Our Pels



Heidi has a 16 year old cat that she rescued when she was 5. Her name is Kenga. She lives 100% indoors. She likes to spend most of her time sleeping these days. She is very patient with children, and when she has had enough she retreats to the bedroom to hide and be left alone. We have a few outdoor cats that we rescued a couple years ago. Their names are George, Gus, and Callie. They have become our constant companions when we are outside. They are even allowed indoors sometimes. They want attention from everyone and anyone. Jeremy's parents have many cats and also a dog that we like to call our own sometimes. Her name is Austin, and she adores children. She follows Katie around everywhere on the farm. She is always very happy when children come over to visit.

### what lies ahead

We plan to stay in our community and are committed to helping it grow and continue to be a great community to raise a family in. We hope to be able to continue to grow our family, but we do not know the plans God has in store for us. We will be a happy and whole family regardless of how many people that ends up being.

We currently plan to send our children to public school. We do know that each child is individual and unique, and if we have to make adjustments we will. We will always support our children in whatever path they choose to take. We believe we are here to help guide them and be there for them when they need us. We believe that education is important, but that knowledge can be obtained in many different ways. Whether that be through college, apprenticeship, or on the job training, we will support them and encourage them to follow their dreams.









### our faith

The church we attend is in our local community and is filled with people of all ages. We enjoy attending to continue to increase our faith and also to share in fellowship with those around us. Katie attends Sunday school and loves it! Our church is very involved in the community. We want our child to also be part of this wonderful church community and to learn to love it as we do.

we would be honored to come alongside you on this journey...

## before you go.

We are so grateful that you took the time to learn more about us. We pray we get the opportunity to learn more about you and your journey. We respect and honor any decision you may make. If you choose us, your child will grow up knowing about you, about their adoption, and what a great gift you gave us. We believe in honesty in all things. They will always know where they came from and that their story started with love. We will always speak of you with respect and honor. We will do all we can to make sure your child is raised with amazing opportunities. **Your child will be loved beyond words** by us and our extended families.

Thank you for your great bravery and unconditional love. We are praying for you, your child, and your family as you walk through this season.

- Jeremy + Heidi

you are so loved. D