

Livonia

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I am glad you are reading this letter. I invite you to get to know me as you review my profile book. I hope that you will feel the zest I have for life and the love I have to share with a child through the gift of adoption. I am thankful you are seeking a loving person to raise and nurture your child. I cannot imagine how difficult this time in your life must be. I pray God will give you comfort as you consider adoption and decide what is best for your child.

The following is a note from my sister-in-law Ginny:

"Livonia and I met 21 years ago after I started dating her brother, who is now my husband. We have two children who adore their aunt Livonia. I describe Livonia first, and foremost, as a faithful woman of God. She has an independent spirit and the heart of a servant. These qualities have allowed her to persevere and follow her own path by: traveling to Haiti and spreading the love of Christ through missions, going back to school to earn her Bachelor's degree several years after leaving college, and working her way "up the ladder" in her career. She puts her all into everything she does and I am certain that she will make a loving and nurturing mother for your child."

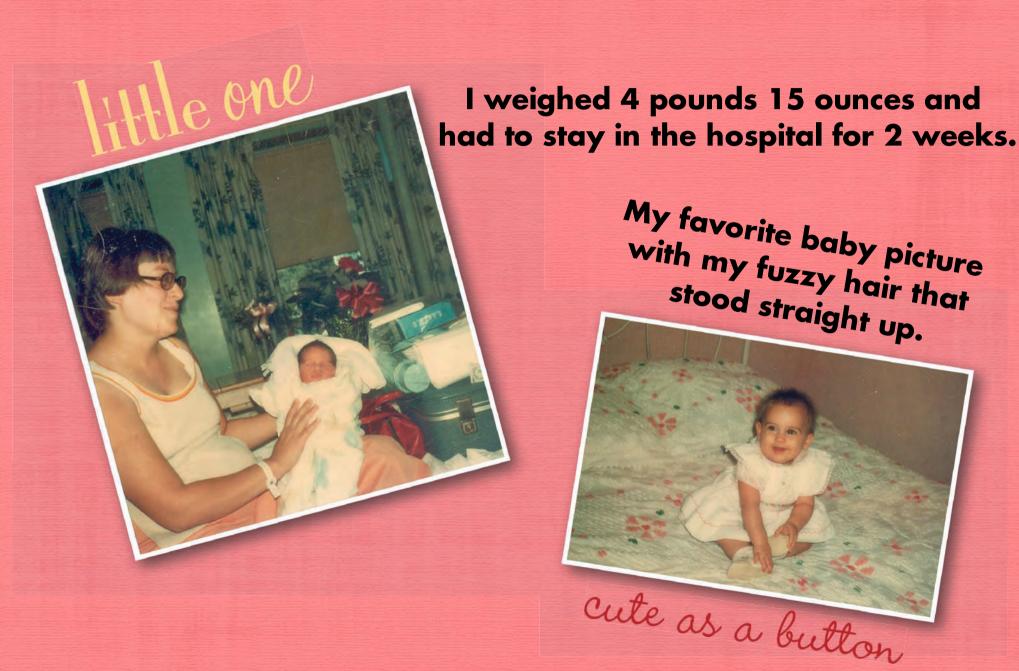
I am single, though I plan to marry when I find the right person. I adopted my daughter Eva in 2015. I long to expand my family thru adoption. I am active in my community and challenge myself to get outside my comfort zone to experience life more fully. I spend a lot of time with my mom, siblings, nieces and nephews and church family. I am very blessed in my life to have reached the point where I can lovingly and financially provide a stable home for another child.

I hope that you will consider me to adopt your child. I will encourage him/her to try new things and discover new talents. I will provide many opportunities for him/her to appreciate the blessings he/she has and share those blessings with others. I will encourage him/her to be creative, have an imagination, and pursue opportunities to cultivate them.

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Thank You, Livonia

When I was a Baby



Growing Up



l was a baton twirler.



I'm proudly marching in my first parade.





I adored my Grandma.

The Christmas I wanted to be a country music singer.

Haiti

In 2008, I took my first mission trip to Haiti.

That year I met a mother with twin girls.
I have been blessed to return to Haiti several times and see them grow up.











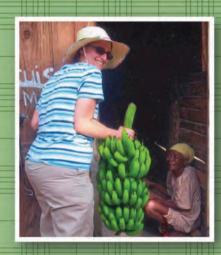




I was the pharmacist in the medical clinics.



Nathalie is sponsored so she can go to school.



These plantains are heavy.



Jacob and I learned how to make bread from scratch.

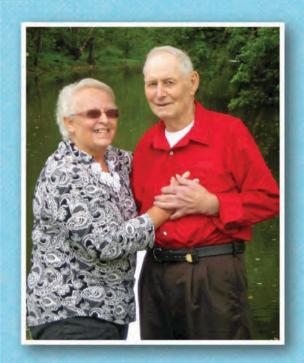
Education





I graduated from high school and earned an Associates degree before entering the workforce. I earned my Bachelor's degree while working full-time.





My Parents

Don & Mary, married 45 years.



My Dad died in July 2016.

My Mom moved in with Eva
and me later that year.



Mom and I enjoy taking bus trips to see plays and go shopping.

My Brother's Family





Aubrey, Ginny, Seth & West



My Sister's Family



Junior, Jason, Cassidy & Chelsea



DeLeta & Todd



Cody & girlfriend







My Daughter Eva













Eva's Fun Activities

























Church Family



Our church is family and where we feel at home. We carve pumpkins, tailgate, decorate for Trunk-or-Treat, **hunt for Easter** eggs, and attend services weekly. Eva received an award for helping others in her class and always demonstrating kindness.



Home Sweet Home



I live in central
Virginia near
beautiful mountain
ranges.



I live in a very quiet neighborhood with a safe place to take walks and ride bikes.





1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails.





To baby cousin:

I've been trying to write this for a month, wanting it to be perfect, so that when you read this, when you're older, you can look back at it and know what your older cousin was like and how cool she was. Whatever your purpose is, I know that God will be with you every step of the way. Your big sister is the best. You might fight over dumb stuff, but that's what siblings do. I hope that you will have a fun and good life. By the time you're my age, I will probably be taking you and your sister on car rides and hiking. If I haven't, call me and we can do it. Don't have your nose stuck in your phone. Go outside and play and have fresh air. Last few things, I don't know if there is going to be one or two of you. If there are two of you, I might have to get a minivan as my first car. Just know that I love you and you're amazing! Sincerely from the best cousin, Aubrey

Livonia, 48

Education: Associate's degree in Office Technology, Bachelor's degree in Information Technology and various certifications in computer applications

Occupation: Quality Assurance Engineer

Personality: Friendly, compassionate, generous, outgoing, creative, organized, dependable, reliable, supportive, hands-on, goal-oriented and committed

Hobbies: Reading, writing, spending time with my family, attending church, performing community service, hiking, baking, and attending plays and music concerts

Child(ren): I adopted Eva in 2015. She is almost 8 years old. She is very smart and athletic. She loves to participate in everything. I love her very much.

Pet(s): I have a cat, Missy. She loves to chase balls and have her belly rubbed.

Marriage/Activities:

I am single, having never married. My family and I get together often and enjoy each other's company, especially around the dinner table during holiday festivities. Christmas is the time of year when I love to be in the kitchen baking. I set up an assembly line to make dozens of pumpkin rolls, cookies, and fudge. It is worth all the labor to see the smile on people's faces when I give away the goodies. I enjoy living in the country and taking walks/bike rides on a cool afternoon. My home is nestled in the foothills of some beautiful mountains, which affords me the opportunity to enjoy the fresh air and hike at my leisure. I couple that with eating healthy, going to the gym regularly, and reading, writing, and telling stories. It is a safe community with excellent schools, medical care, shopping and dining. I am blessed to live in an area that is a day trip away from several state and national parks, wildlife centers, zoos, museums, art festivals, theaters, historical sites, beaches, amusement parks, trains, and even the nation's capital. Friends and I congregate often to shop, attend plays, and enjoy music concerts. My community is important to me, so I actively volunteer with the United Way, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Food Bank, YMCA and Comfort Care Women's Health. Knowing that my community extends beyond the home, I have had the humbling experience of participating in mission work in Haiti from 2008 to 2013.

Church Denomination/Significance of Spiritual Beliefs in Family Life:

As a Christian, I trust the Holy Spirit to guide my thoughts, prayers, actions, decisions, and finances. My experiences in Haiti have helped me to appreciate all the blessings I have in life and to not take anything for granted. I find joy in life, not in changing circumstances. As an active church member, I regularly attend Sunday school and worship services. I participate with church members to raise money for Comfort Care Women's Health, whose mission is to help women with unplanned pregnancies choose life. My spiritual growth extends internationally by attending mission trips to Haiti and sponsoring a child to go to school. My family, friends, and church family encourage my spiritual growth and support me as I seek to follow the Lord's lead. Our support and encouragement for one another is constant as we praise and trust Jesus through all of life's ups and downs.



My Plans for Child Care:

I will be taking 6 months of paid parental leave. My company offers typical hours, Monday through Friday, 8am - 5pm with weekends off as well as flexible working arrangements. This means I can create a work schedule that will help me best achieve a healthy work-life balance for my family. I will be utilizing daycare when working and am currently researching daycare options. During my free time, I look forward to spending every moment with my children. Trusted family and friends will babysit as needed. As a single mom, it is very important to me to ensure my child has good role models in his/her life. I am blessed to have great family, friends, and church family who are excited to be a part of my child's life.

My General Ideas about Child-Rearing and Discipline:

Consistency with discipline is vital and I think it is extremely important for children to know that they are loved regardless of their actions. I will be approachable so my child is comfortable talking to me about everything. And like my parents did with me, I will mentor, encourage, and discipline my child not only because I love them, but because I want him/her to be equipped to handle the boundaries in life and consequences for crossing them. I believe in age- and personality-appropriate discipline with a focus on natural consequences. I am excited to discover my child's personality and how they learn and will incorporate this in life lessons.

Experiences and Opportunities that I Feel are Important to Provide My Children:

I promise to raise this child in a loving, Christian home and teach by example. Together, we will pray, read the Bible, attend church and serve others, through which the virtues of love, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion will be instilled. Children should be confident in who they are, what they believe, and how they can be a positive, active member in society. As such, I will provide opportunities for my child to serve others through missions and be exposed to various cultures. It is important to me that my children learn not only from textbooks, but experience life for himself/herself.

Why I Want to Build My Family through Adoption:

Adoption has always been a part of my life plan; it is an extension of who I am. My heart aches to be a mother and to love and nurture a child. Volunteering and mission trips to Haiti have opened my eyes to the need for people willing to adopt. I am very blessed in my life to have a loving, Christian family; be able to graduate from college; be employed full-time; buy a house; and become financially stable. These blessings enabled me to reach the point where I can lovingly and financially provide a stable home for another child.

Adoption Openness with Birthparent:

I am interested in an open adoption that includes mailing/emailing letters and pictures on a regular basis. I like the idea of being able to ask questions and get medical information on an ongoing basis. It is also important to me for my child to have the opportunity to have a relationship with his/her birth family.

Discussing Adoption with the Child:

When it is appropriate (by age and maturity), I plan to openly discuss adoption so that my child is aware of and comfortable with his/her adoption story. It is my hope that my child will gain strength and a solid identity by being confident in who he/she is and how much he/she is loved.

