

Joey and Kristen





hello!

Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile and learn a bit about us. We hope the following pages will give you an idea of who we are and what we value as a family- faith, commitment to each other and living life to the fullest.

We have no idea what you are feeling as you look through these profiles, but we both understand that many of life's experiences bring sorrow and hope side by side. We hope you receive the love and support you and your baby need. Thank you again for your time.

WITH LOVE,

Joey and Kristen



OUR STORY

is full of twists and turns...

It is uniquely ours, and we are grateful for every step! Both of us brought a lot of life experiences to the table when we got married. Joey was married previously, and his beautiful wife Maygan passed away in 2021. Prior to Maygan's passing, Kristen, Joey and Maygan knew each other from church and were part of the same circle of friends.



In early 2023 Joey took a huge leap of faith and pursued a relationship with Kristen. Things progressed quickly and we were married in the fall of 2023. Our family motto is, "We'll figure it out together." We are both committed to living that motto as we face whatever life throws at us!

Why Adoption?

A man and a woman are smiling for a photo. The man, on the left, has glasses and is wearing a white shirt and a patterned tie. The woman, on the right, has long dark hair and is wearing a yellow top. They are standing in front of a white metal fence with circular patterns. The background shows a building and a clear blue sky with a bright sun flare.

Adoption is a topic we started discussing early on in our relationship.

Adoption has been on Kristen's heart for many years, and she was licensed for adoption through foster care before she and Joey started dating. We knew when we got married that having biological children may not be in the cards for us, and discussing and counseling together about adoption has been an easy and natural thing for us. We are both excited to grow our family through adoption.



ALL ABOUT JOEY



“Joey is loyal, gentle, strong and funny. He is very skilled at building and fixing things. He always takes opportunities to use his talents and abilities to serve the people around him.” -Kristen

I was born in Columbus, Indiana and grew up on a family farm. I grew up learning how to work hard and use my hands. My father taught me a great deal, from how to work on cars to fixing a leaking toilet. I also enjoyed spending time with my grandfather fishing and anything else outdoors. At a young age I fell in love with all sports, but mainly baseball and the majority of my summers growing up were spent playing. I stay connected to the game now by umpiring high school games. After graduating high school, I served a mission for my church for two years in Colorado. After returning home, I went to Purdue University and got my Mechanical Engineering degree. I love being an engineer and using my hands to fix and build things. In 2015 I was married to my first wife, Maygan. We were married for 5.5 years before she passed away. That has been the hardest thing that I have had to endure. In 2023 I fell in love with and married Kristen.



ALL ABOUT Kristen

“Kristen is loving, selfless, smart and witty. She is always up for an adventure and joining me at sporting events, hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities. She loves to take walks and read books. She is always thinking of ways to help people who are in need or less fortunate.” -Joey

I was born in Louisiana and lived in four states and two countries before I graduated from high school. Growing up, I was involved in music (piano and choir), sports (soccer), and church youth group. I spent three of my elementary school years living in Mexico, where my sisters and I were blessed to learn Spanish and all about the wonderful Mexican culture. Every summer when I was growing up my family would travel to Utah to visit grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Some of my fondest childhood memories are from those summers—camping, cousin sleepovers, gardening with my Grandma, and being together with my family. I moved to Utah after high school to go to college, and lived there until 2017 when I moved to Indiana.



Things we love!

JOEY LOVES:

Camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, baseball, Mustangs, riding motorcycles, ice cream and Dr. Pepper

KRISTEN LOVES

Piano, singing, dark chocolate, running, anything outdoors, reading, the color blue and Christmas music



Our Faith

We are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and are very involved in our church community. Our faith is the center of our lives individually and together as a couple. We attend church together every Sunday and regularly participate in other church activities such as youth group activities, ministering to members of our community, and social gatherings. We believe in the importance of strong families, serving others, and following God's commandments.



home sweet home

Our neighborhood is quiet, diverse and friendly!



We'll figure it out together



We live in a tri-level, 5 bedroom-2 bathroom house built in 1960. We have three bedrooms upstairs that are ready and waiting to be kids' rooms. We have done several home projects to make the space just how we want it. Inside, we love our sun room, basement, and cozy living room with a fireplace. Outside, we love our large deck, fenced-in backyard, and fire pit area. Several of our neighbors have children, and there are often neighborhood kids playing together outside when the weather is nice. We are excited to take walks around the neighborhood and play catch in the backyard with our children. We live in a quiet area of the city, but close enough to downtown to make excursions easy. We can easily get to the zoo, several parks, trails, and museums from our house.



OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Joey's family consists of his parents, older sister and younger brother. Both his siblings are married and have children, so we have 5 nieces and nephews on that side. Kristen's family consists of her parents and five sisters- one older and four younger. There are 14 nieces and nephews on that side. Some of our siblings live locally and some of them live in other states. We cherish our roles as aunt and uncle and spend as much time with the kiddos as we can. Joey's parents live about an hour away from us and Kristen's parents are in the process of moving from Utah from Virginia. We are excited to have them closer by! Both sets of parents are doting, loving grandparents. They cannot wait for more grandkids to love on. We also maintain a close relationship with Maygan's family, and see them regularly for family dinners and other events.



Our friends

We are blessed with a strong community of supportive friends, coworkers and neighbors. Many of our close friends come from our church congregation. We both also have several good friends from our college days that we maintain close contact with. We love to share meals, go to sporting events and have game nights with friends. All our friends have been very supportive of our adoption process and are excited to help us welcome a child to our family. Most of our friends have children who we know will become great friends with our children.





We love To TRAVEL!

We have had several travel adventures since being married. We have traveled together to Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Florida, Mexico and Kentucky, in addition to trips to Virginia, Nebraska, Illinois and Utah to visit family. We have made it a priority to regularly visit our family members that live in other states, and we will keep that a priority as we add children to our family.



OUR PROMISES

To you and your child....

We promise to foster a strong relationship between us, you and your child

We promise to raise your child in an environment of faith, safety and love

We promise to maintain open and honest communication with you and other members of your family

We promise to help your child learn the value of service and contributing positively to the world

We promise to honor your child's culture and heritage

We are ready and excited to develop a strong, long-term relationship with you and other members of your family. We would love to have visits with you at least quarterly, and exchange updates through text or email in between visits. We want you to feel honored and respected in your decisions and life goals, and are ready to work together to create the best life possible for your child.

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