



MATT *and* **KATIE**



HI THERE,

We might never have the perfect words to explain how we feel about our paths crossing through this process, so we'll start by saying thank you.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and all the love we have to give. But most of all, thank you for showing us one of the greatest acts of love and what it means to be a good parent; putting your child's needs and future above your own, no matter how hard the decision is.

As you look through this book and get a glimpse into our lives, we hope you can feel that we have that same kind of unconditional love in our hearts.

If we are the family who gets the honor of walking alongside you in adoption, we promise to spend our entire lives living up to the honor of raising and loving your child.

*With Love,
Matt and Katie*



OUR STORY

WE MET

2012

we went to the same
high school!

ENGAGED

2018

matt proposed and we
began wedding planning

MARRIED

2019

the best day, surrounded
by our family & friends

PARENTHOOD HOPE

2022

we began the journey of
trying to grow our family



Our story began in the halls of our local high school. We were introduced by Katie's brother, Carson. We started getting to know each other and, before long, we fell in love.

After graduation, life took us in different directions, but a year later we reconnected at Carson's graduation party and have been inseparable ever since. The time apart helped us grow individually, and when we came back together, we knew life was better with each other in it.



GET TO KNOW Matt & Katie



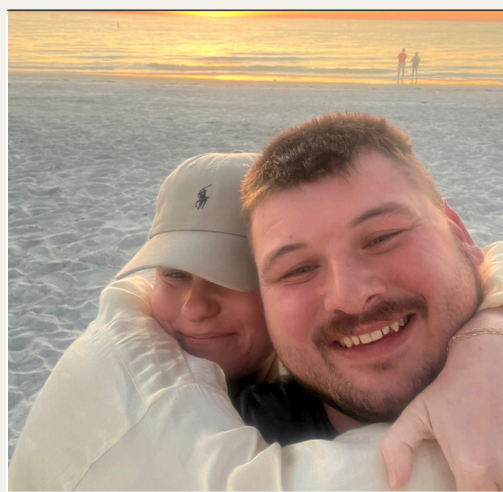
OUR DOG, LILLY, IS OUR
BEST FRIEND. SHE IS 10
YEARS OLD, LOVES TO
SNUGGLE, AND SNORES
VERY LOUD!

WE WERE BOTH BORN
AND RAISED IN KY!

OUR FRIDAY NIGHT
TRADITION:
DINNER AT OUR
FAVORITE MEXICAN
RESTAURANT!



WE LOVE THE
KENTUCKY WILDCATS!
KATIE WENT TO
COLLEGE AT UK AND
MATT HAS BEEN A FAN
SINCE BIRTH!



WE LOVE TAKING TRIPS
TO THE BEACH!

OUR WEDDING SONG:
“STAND BY ME”



OUR FAVORITE MOVIE:
“REMEMBER THE TITANS”



MATT IS MORE SHY, AND KATIE
IS THE “SOCIAL BUTTERFLY”

OUR HEARTS FOR ADOPTION



About two years after getting married, we began to try growing our family. We faced unexplained infertility, failed treatments, and the heartbreak of a miscarriage. Then, we took time to reflect and pray on God's plan for our family, which ultimately led us here—to adoption.

Becoming parents has always been our dream, and adoption has always been special to us. We both grew up knowing that family is built on love, and that love can grow in many different ways.

We feel more confident than ever that we are prepared to embrace all that adoption has to offer—the blessings, the challenges, and even the unexpected moments that will become part of our story.



KATIE

CAREER

Business Strategist at a marketing agency. I work from home and love the flexibility!

FAVORITE THINGS

Birthdays, Reality TV, Ice Cream, Pop Culture, Rom-Com Movies, Family Time, Music, Making People Laugh

HOBBIES

Reading, Singing, Exercising, Shopping, Writing

In Matt's Words

"Katie has a way of making you feel like you have known her your whole life even if you just met her. She is the friendliest person I know and goes out of her way to make anyone she meets feel special and included.

I can't wait to raise a family with Katie and see her live out her dream of being a mom. The way she loves others so deeply is one of her greatest gifts, and I am so proud to call her my wife."





MATT

CAREER

Licensed Electrician.

FAVORITE THINGS

Sports, The Green Bay Packers,
Celebrating Holidays, The Beach,
Trying New Foods, Hanging Out in
My “Man Cave”

HOBBIES

Golfing, Video Games, Playing
Basketball, Grilling, Going to any
Sporting Events

IN KATIE’S WORDS

“I feel so lucky to have Matt in my life. He is kind, caring, and has a gentle heart. He’s everything I could ever want in a husband and best friend, and he makes every day better with his love and positivity. He always knows how to make me laugh, he’s the hardest worker, and he’s truly just the best person I know.

I know Matt was made to be a dad. He will be the dad who shows up for everything—the little moments and the big ones—he will always cheer our child on and make sure they feel safe, valued, and deeply loved.”



Time TOGETHER

We've been married for six years, and through every change, our love and commitment have stayed the same. Life can be hard at times, but having each other makes every challenge easier to face. We believe in teamwork, respect, and supporting one another no matter what.

At the heart of our marriage, we're truly best friends. We love laughing together—whether it's a grocery store run, a date night out, or a cozy evening at home. We've found a great balance of enjoying new adventures but also soaking in the ordinary, everyday moments.



OUR FAVORITE THINGS

- In every city we visit, we go all-in on the touristy spots—zoos, museums, and gift shops are our favorites.
- We love cheering on our favorite sports teams together. For Matt, it's all about the game—for Katie, it's all about the tailgates, snacks, and time with friends.
- We love to travel! Katie's favorite place she has been is Brazil, and Matt loved our honeymoon in Jamaica.
- We go all out for the holidays—Halloween is Matt's favorite, and Katie is all about Christmas!

← WE LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH OUR NIECE AND NEPHEWS



OUR VALUES

SHARE THE LOVE

We believe every day is a chance to make someone's day a little brighter. Our goal is to create a home that reflects love, respect, and compassion for ALL people—no matter who they are, where they come from, or what they believe.

PERFECTLY IMPERFECT

We know we're not perfect, and that's okay. We learn, grow, and give each other grace along the way—celebrating our differences and always helping one another be better than yesterday.

BETTER TOGETHER

Life can be hard and full of challenges, but our family remains a team and tackles those challenges together! We are so blessed to have such a big support system, and leaning on family reminds us that there are people in our corner always loving and supporting us.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

We love each other, others, and God—no matter what. It's the kind of love that doesn't fade when life gets hard but stays strong through everything.



We live in a three bedroom, two bathroom house in the center of a family-filled neighborhood, less than a 10 minute drive from a majority of our family members. As much as we love our home now, we can't wait for the days where our guest bedroom is a nursery and our backyard is filled with swing sets and toys.

We both grew up in the same town in Kentucky and still love living here. Our charming small town is the kind of place where neighbors wave from their porches, kids ride bikes until sunset, and community feels like family. It's peaceful and safe, yet just a short drive from a big city where we can enjoy concerts, try new restaurants, or cheer on our favorite sports teams.



FAITH

Our Christian faith is very important to us and shapes how we live. It gives us strength, helps us through hard times, and teaches us how to treat others. We go to church, study the Bible, and try to live out God's word.

We also believe Jesus showed love, grace, and kindness to everyone, no matter what. While our faith guides us, we are open and respectful to all. We want to always be the kind of people who are accepting, caring, and welcoming to others.

EDUCATION

We know that every child's journey is different, and we will support them no matter what path they choose after high school. Katie went to college, and Matt attended trade school, so we understand that both options—and many others—can lead to success.

Whether they decide to go to college, trade school, or something else, we will encourage them to follow a path that makes them happy and gives them a stable future. Our main goal is to help them find what they love and build a life full of purpose.

AS FUTURE PARENTS

Our parenting will be built on love and acceptance. They will always know that there is nothing that they could ever do to make us stop loving them. We will celebrate who they are, support their dreams, all while teaching them right from wrong and helping them grow into a kind, respectful person.



HOLIDAYS & TRADITIONS

We love any excuse to celebrate and be with our family and friends! We can't wait to continue making new traditions as our family grows.



CHRISTMAS

- Christmas Eve game night at Katie's Mom's house & Christmas morning brunch at Matt's mom's
- Driving around to see the Christmas lights in our PJ's
- Our annual Christmas cookie baking day
- Watching Christmas movies while decorating our tree

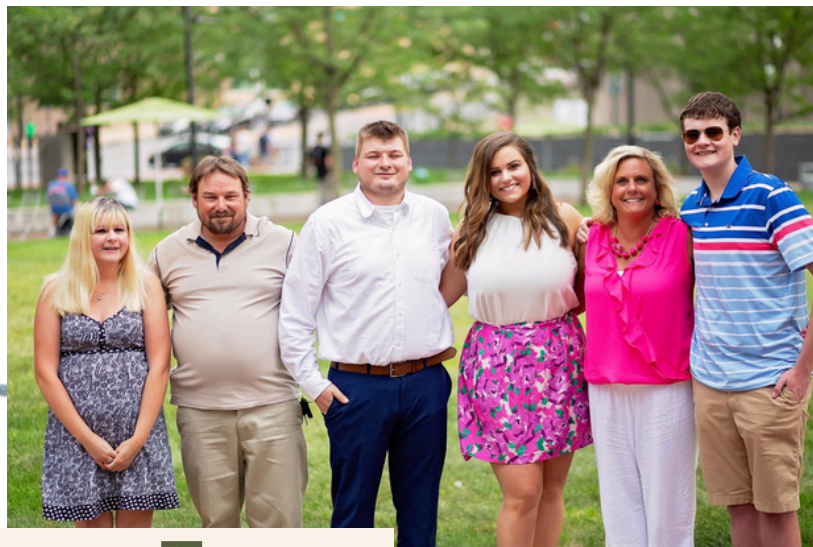
HALLOWEEN

- All of our friends and family gather at our house on trick or treat night! The little ones go house to house while we pass out candy and host our guests! We can't wait until we have our own little one to dress up with.
- We always buy king size candy bars for our nieces and nephews!



BIRTHDAYS

- Birthdays are their own form of holidays in our family!
- We gather with our friends for fun activities and Katie's mom makes the birthday girl/boy whatever meal they want.
- We take off of work for each other's birthdays and spend the day celebrating!



Family

- Katie has one brother and two step-sisters, and Matt is the second oldest of 5 siblings!
- We have four nieces and three nephews!
- Katie and her mom are best friends and talk everyday, and we see her brother, Carson, all of the time because he lives two doors down from us!
- Matt's older brother Robbie is also our neighbor! We love having his family so close by!
- Matt, his dad, and brothers go on a trip every year to watch car races
- Katie has a total of 17 first cousins and Matt has over 10! It is safe to say that holidays are loud, fun, and full of love!
- We always joke that our future child will have the biggest fan club at all of their games, recitals, and school events because our friends and families have been waiting and praying for years for us to welcome a child into our family. We are so thankful to be surrounded by so much love and support.



We hope you have gotten an idea of the love and laughter that fills our home.

We pray that you feel comfortable and at ease, as if you've known us forever.

And if it feels right for you and your baby, we hope we can welcome you into our lives in whatever way feels most comfortable for you.





OUR PROMISE

WE CAN IMAGINE THAT THIS PART OF YOUR JOURNEY IS OVERWHELMING, AND WE KNOW HOW SCARY THE UNKNOWN CAN BE. BUT IF WE CAN HELP BY MAKING YOU SOME PROMISES, IT IS THIS:

There will not be one day that goes by when your child won't know how deeply they are loved—by us and by you. They will be surrounded by stability, laughter, and endless love, growing up in a home where they always feel safe, supported, and cherished.

We promise to support your child as they ask questions and think about their adoption story. We want them to be proud of their background and our family's story, and feel comfortable talking to us about anything. We will always help them understand their feelings and answer any questions they have about adoption.

We promise to always speak about you with love and respect and to pray for you regularly. We want you to be a familiar face in our family's life, if that is what your heart desires too!

Just as you have done, we will always put your baby first—making decisions in their best interest and loving them with all our hearts. They will truly be the joy of our lives.

*Love,
Matt and Katie*