

Jud
AND
Katy



Hello!







It's so nice to meet you!

We want to start off by thanking you for your courageous and selfless decision to consider adoption. We cannot imagine how hard it has been for you to come to this decision and we hope that you can find some peace in knowing that if you decide to move forward with an adoption plan, your child will be loved, nurtured, cared for and adored.

We have been unable to have biological children due to infertility issues. Our journey through infertility has taught us to trust in God's plan for our lives. We've always dreamed of growing our family, and after careful thought, we've decided to pursue adoption to share our love with a child. We believe family is built on love, not just biology, and we are excited to open our hearts and home to a little one who will bring joy and growth into our lives. We are ready to embrace the unique journey of adoption with patience, empathy, and a commitment to providing a nurturing environment where a child can thrive. Our hearts are wide open, and we can't wait to meet the child who will complete our family.

with love,
Jud + Katy





Our Story

We met through mutual friends at a casual get-together, and from the moment we started talking, we realized we had a lot in common. We both appreciated that the other was down-to-earth, hardworking, and, most importantly, knew how to have fun and embrace adventure. Whether it was exploring new places or just enjoying simple moments together, we clicked in a way that felt easy and natural. After dating for two and a half years, we knew we were ready to take the next step and commit to a lifetime of love, laughter, and shared adventures—we got married, knowing we were building something truly special.



Our Milestones



FIRST MET

March 2014



GOT ENGAGED

December 2016



GOT MARRIED

June 2017





WE'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS

We are thankful for the perfect balance we've found between retaining our individual identities and being partners who work towards the common good of our relationship. We both respect and support each other's personal growth, and at the same time, we're committed to growing together. When it comes to resolving conflict, we've learned that open communication is key. We never shy away from discussing our feelings honestly, and we're both willing to admit when we're wrong. We know that true growth in a relationship comes from working on our flaws, learning from each other, and always striving to be better—for the sake of our marriage and our love for one another. This balance of individuality and partnership is what makes our relationship so strong.

We love spending quality time together, whether it's taking our dog for a walk, enjoying a round of golf, or traveling to new places. One of the things we love about our relationship is how well we support each other's interests. Jud is always up for joining me at an off-Broadway performance, and I'll happily tag along with him on the occasional hunt. We understand the importance of nurturing each other's passions, even if they're different from our own, and it makes our connection even stronger. The balance of shared hobbies and supporting each other's individual loves is what keeps our relationship fun and fulfilling. - Katy

Together we have enjoyed traveling the world, camping, hiking, scuba diving, snorkeling, and viewing wildlife everywhere we go.



Meet Jud



Reliable, Caring, Fun, Trustworthy

Jud is always at ease in all crowds, with all types of people, and has this incredible ability to make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated. His love language is Acts of Service, and it's so evident in the way he cares for everyone in his life—family, friends, clients, and neighbors. As a husband, he is exceptional. He supports all my crazy ideas, whether it's spontaneous travel plans, home renovations, weekend events, or just trying out a new weeknight recipe. He is always ready to lend a helping hand, no matter the situation and his good-hearted nature is always shining through. Another thing I love about Jud is how goofy he is—he keeps me laughing and brings lightheartedness to everything. He has this gift for instantly uplifting any group with his funny quips and unique perspectives. Jud is my equal partner, and I can trust that he'll take care of things without me needing to ask. He is a provider, always looking out for and caring for the people in his life. He truly is everything I could want in a partner and more.

Jud is incredibly patient when interacting with kids. He gives them space to explore their curiosity and learn, all while providing gentle guidance and teaching along the way. He's taken many of our friends' children hunting, not only teaching them to respect nature, but also encouraging them to be confident and try new things. His ability to connect with kids and foster their growth is one of the many reasons I know he'll be a wonderful father. He is truly looking forward to becoming a dad, and is eager to selflessly love and guide a child. His heart is set on helping them grow, learn, and become kind, compassionate individuals. Jud is excited to be there every step of the way—supporting, teaching, and watching as they grow into the best versions of themselves. His warmth, patience, and devotion to nurturing will undoubtedly make him an incredible father.

IN KATY'S WORDS



More About Jud

MY OCCUPATION

I have a number of occupations and have been very fortunate in that aspect of my life. My longest position is in corporate banking sales that I have held since I graduated college. This position gave me a very strong finance background and has led to other successes in my life. In addition to banking, in 2018 I became licensed in insurance and purchased our family insurance agency in 2022. I am fortunate enough to be able to work both positions in a full time role. After my grandparents passed in 2023, I purchased the family farm and now manage a 300 acre row crop operation. Due to the nature of my full time roles being in sales, I have the ability to set my own schedule which allows for me to be very flexible, which will be so helpful as we grow our family.

A FEW OF MY HOBBIES

My family has always had a huge passion for the outdoors, whether that be fishing, hunting, or camping; that passion continues to burn bright within me. Most of my childhood memories with my family revolve around these outdoor activities, but in my younger years much of our family time was spent on the ballfields or in a gym. With my love for the outdoors, naturally, I have a deep respect for wildlife and have always found myself intrigued by all the creatures that surround us. This love of wildlife has extended to my love for pets, not a day in my life has been spent without a pet by my side.

THOUGHTS ON FATHERHOOD

I look forward to sharing all of my experiences when I become a parent. Whether this is rooting for our child at a sporting event, having them tag along on a hunting excursion, or traveling with them, I am excited to help them grow and learn about the world around them. I look forward to creating many of the same fond memories I have of my childhood for my own child. My parents and grandparents provided me with a childhood where I was free to make my own decisions and learn from my mistakes. That freedom came from an upbringing of guidance and discipline, where I was taught to live a life I would be proud of. I pray that our children will be able to live a life of love and to be able to have an upbringing similar to ours. I know that with the support we have around us, we have a wonderful opportunity to offer them a loving, adventure filled life.



Meet Katy



Friendly, Energetic, Adventurous, Go-Getter

Katy is undeniably the most loving, smart, hardworking, and caring person I have ever met. She has the biggest heart and I have been fortunate enough to have her share this with me. Katy works from home often and I can not recall a day that I come home with her not greeting me with open arms and excitement to see me. We have had a labrador retriever our entire relationship and I can confidently say she is more excited than him to see me arrive home! Katy is a special individual who loves deeply. Her smile, laughter, and goofy personality make me love her more each day. While she can be reserved at times, her true self comes out when she fully trusts and feels comfortable with the people around her. Katy's support of my life from hobbies to work has been nothing short of amazing. I love that she stands by me on my adventures. There is no doubt in my mind that Katy makes me a better person in every aspect of my life and I will always cherish her for that.

Katy is the most fun loving and adorable person with children. We tend to have the most interaction with our nephew who loves how Aunt Katy chases him around the house and is willing to play any of his games at the drop of a hat. She loves to dance with him, sing songs, and teach him silly songs from her childhood. I could not be more excited to see Katy as a mother. As nerve racking as motherhood can be, I know she will strive to be the best version of herself as she loves and cares for our child. She is already the most caring, considerate, loving person I know and I have a feeling those natural characteristics will just be magnified as she becomes a mother. It excites me to imagine her as a mother and watch her thrive as she nurtures and cares for our child.

IN JUD'S WORDS



More About Katy

MY OCCUPATION

I'm an accounting director which challenges me daily with new problem solving opportunities. I've been fortunate to have a career that always keeps me learning, something I find deeply rewarding. My job is both family-friendly and flexible. My company offers maternity leave which I will utilize when we adopt. I also have unlimited vacation allowing for additional time off if needed. After Jud and I have utilized our leave we plan to find a daycare for our baby.

A FEW OF MY HOBBIES

I love cooking and gardening. Traveling is one of my biggest passions, and my style is definitely more adventurous than laid-back. I enjoy experiencing new things that I can't do at home, whether it's exploring different cultures, hiking new trails, or trying unique foods. Golf is another favorite pastime, and I love spending time on the course. I'm also a big fan of reading and live music; both bring me joy in different ways. Books take me to new worlds and expand my perspective, and live music fills me with energy. In the summer, I relish spending my free time outside, soaking up the sun and enjoying nature, while in the winter, I often retreat indoors to focus on cooking and getting lost in a good book.

THOUGHTS ON MOTHERHOOD

I look forward to seeing our love grow beyond just the two of us, as we open our hearts to a child and watch that love influence and guide their life. I can't wait to nurture their unique qualities and help them develop into their own person, all while providing the love and support they need. The journey ahead excites me—growing through experiences that only parents truly understand, and embracing the beautiful moments of discovery, learning, and unconditional love that come with raising a child. I am so excited to be a mother and I know that together, Jud and I are ready to create a family full of love, growth, and joy.

My greatest prayer for our child is that they always know how deeply they are loved. I hope they grow up with the confidence of knowing how uniquely and wonderfully they were created, with their own special purpose in this world. I want them to feel supported and encouraged every step of the way, knowing they are valued for who they are and that they have an unwavering foundation of love beneath them.



WELCOME

to Our Home

WE LIVE ON AN ACRE OF LAND IN A SLEEPY LAKE COMMUNITY

We love our neighborhood because although we have neighbors, we also enjoy a good amount of privacy. We recently renovated and added onto our house and it now has four bedrooms, four bathrooms, and a sizable kitchen and living room. We love to entertain and always had a great outdoor space to do so, but now have a great indoor space for it as well. One of our favorite things about our home is the amount of nature around us. Being on a lake, we get to see all types of birds, foxes, and deer and it is a source of great joy and entertainment for us!

OUR COMMUNITY

We live in the midwest, right in between two large cities. Our school district is one of the larger ones in the area that offers many opportunities for clubs and extracurricular activities. Nearby to the city allows for cultural experiences like visiting art museums, musical performances, and a variety of cuisines.



Our Pets

We have two cats. Rupert is a Bengal and acts very much like a dog. He's extremely tolerant with children and loves to be around the action. Rita is a Mainecoon and is much more timid and shy. We also have a black lab, Walter, who is very loving and playful. Every time our friends bring their kids over, the pets are the highlight of their visit!



Our Values



LOYALTY, SERVITUDE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT

We value doing what is right, and we strive to live our lives with integrity, guided by our belief in God. We are committed to extending the love and mercy He shows us to everyone in our lives. We love to serve others and are always looking for ways to uplift and support those around us. It's a foundational part of who we are as a couple, and it's something we're proud to share with the world. It is important to live a life that is something everyone around you can be proud of and this comes with living life through the values we were built on. It is great to surround yourself with joy and joy comes easier when you are able to have a strong foundation.



Our Future Plans



We built our home with the intention of raising our family here, and we look forward to growing old in this space, surrounded by love and laughter. This home is more than just walls; it's a place where we dream of creating lifelong memories and traditions. We love to travel and can't wait to share those experiences with our future children, exploring new places and cultures together. Whether it's walking through the historic streets of Paris, hiking in the Swiss Alps, or relaxing on a sunny beach, we want to show our children the beauty of the world and help them develop a sense of adventure and curiosity. The thought of building our family and creating these shared experiences fills our hearts with joy and anticipation for the future.



Meet Our Family

KATY'S FAMILY

My family includes my parents, Roger and Kathy, and my older sister, Ashley. My parents have been married for almost forty years. They live about two hours away from us, and often come stay for the weekend. I am very close with Ashley and see her often. We enjoy taking a trip each summer with my extended family.



JUD'S FAMILY

My mother, Peg, is remarried to Darrell. They live a short distance from us and we see them frequently. My sister, Maureen, and her son, Matthew, live further away but we are fortunate to see him often. Matthew is the only child in the family so we spoil him and attend many of his events. He spends many weekends at our house. I work with my father, Tom, who is remarried to Liz. We get along with them well and travel with them often. We've had the pleasure of visiting four countries with them - Australia, New Zealand, Norway and Portugal.







FAITH + EDUCATION

It is important to us that our child is raised within the church and has an identity as a member of our church community. We believe that a relationship with God is the most important thing in life and being part of a church community helps foster that relationship. Because of this, we plan on sending our child to a private faith based school. We believe private school will better help foster their faith, surrounding them with positive support and values to pursue and keep a close relationship with God and community.

We do plan to send our children to college, as we believe education expands opportunities and personal growth and development. We want to emphasize to our children that building a career is not about money, but about impacting those around you while enjoying your work and finding fulfillment in your day to day.

OUR PROMISES

to You



- We will always speak about you with love, respect, and gratitude, honoring the incredible decision you made in giving life to your child.
- We promise to raise your child with an understanding of adoption and the love behind it, sharing their adoption story in an age-appropriate way, and celebrating their birth family's role in their life.
- We want your child to be secure in their identity and know a big piece of that comes from you. We want them to always feel comfortable talking about you and know what a courageous decision you made.
- We will honor your wishes regarding openness. Whether you wish for ongoing contact, letters, or a more closed arrangement, we will be respectful of your desires and committed to keeping the lines of communication open in a way that feels comfortable for you.
- We promise to create an environment where your child can ask questions about adoption, their birth family, and their story without fear of judgment, and with the assurance that their story is part of who they are.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US

We could not be more excited to start our family. This is something we have been eagerly waiting for, and we truly can't wait to share our love and life experiences with a child. We are excited to fill our home with the sounds of little feet running around, laughter, and joy. It will be a privilege to teach them the things we cherish and guide them as they grow. If you choose us, we want you to know that we are not only excited to welcome your child into our home, but we also deeply honor the weight of the decision you are making. Our hearts are full of love for your sweet child, but also for you, as you navigate this journey. We understand this is not an easy decision, and we want you to know that we are committed to creating a life for your child where they feel loved, seen, and celebrated for who they are—not just as our child, but as a person with a unique story, culture, and history.

We also want to be here for you. If at any time, you have questions or need to connect with us, we are open and ready to listen. We understand that this journey is not just about your child's future, but about you, too. We'll always approach our relationship with honesty, love, and the deep respect you deserve. You'll never be alone in this—we will walk this path together, as a family.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering us as a potential family for your child. We know this is a difficult and emotional decision, and we are so honored that you are getting to know us. We are committed to being there for you and your child every step of the way, and we promise to create a home filled with love, respect, and understanding for all of you.

*love,
Jud + Katy*

YOU ARE LOVED!



We are so thankful for you!

