



TONY *and* KATIE



TOGETHER,
WE MAKE ONE
beautiful family.



hi there!

IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU.

We're so grateful that you're taking the time to look through our profile. These pages offer just a glimpse of who we are, but we hope that they show that we are a fun and adventurous family. We know that words can't fully express our feelings, but we hope you can see our genuine love and excitement.

We understand the immense love and strength it must take to consider making an adoption plan for your child, and we want you to know that we are here with open minds and profound respect for your journey.

No matter your decision, we are here to support you with compassion and care. We would be honored to share more about our lives and our commitment to providing your precious baby with a loving, nurturing home.

All our love,

TONY, KATIE + MAE

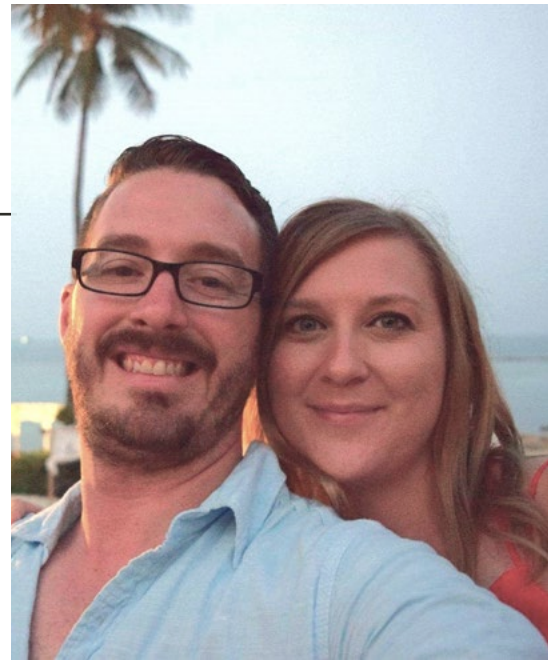
this is our story

WHERE WE STARTED

Our journey began 20+ years ago when we met through mutual friends in college. After graduation, we reconnected and went on our first date, and it's been a whirlwind ever since!

For our first real adventure, we moved to Vegas so that Katie could attend graduate school.

After that, we continued west to California, where we spent seven years before returning to the Midwest to be closer to family.



LIFE TOGETHER

Over the years, we've had so many fun adventures, from hiking through the national parks to taco tours through Tijuana. While we love going on grand adventures, we also treasure our day-to-day lives. We love to really live life and are so excited to share this life with children.



FUN FACT

We've been together for nearly 20 years!

We dated for nine years before we got married (we know, we know, what took us so long?!) and will be celebrating our 11th wedding anniversary this year.





Why adoption?

WE SPENT MANY YEARS DREAMING OF STARTING A FAMILY, AND WE ARE SO EXCITED TO GROW OUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION, AGAIN!

After learning we would not be able to have biological children, we knew without hesitation that what mattered most to us was becoming parents—not how we became them. That belief led us on the incredible journey of adopting our daughter, Mae, and being her parents has filled our lives with more joy, purpose, and love than we could have ever imagined.

Now, as we look to grow our family again through adoption, our hearts feel even more ready and grounded. We love the family we've created together, and we're excited to share that love with another child, shower them with love and support, teach them how to be a good person, and give them all the beautiful childhood memories and adventures our parents provided for us. **We want you to know that if you choose us to love and raise your child, you will forever be part of our family, too, and our stories will always be intertwined.**



Meet Katie!

as told by Tony

Allow me to introduce my wife, Katie, the architect, planner, travel agent, organizer, designer, bookkeeper, and steady center of our family. She may not be a morning person, but once she's had her coffee, she's an unstoppable force.

Her passion for life is contagious, and her humor, independence, and energy make every day brighter. I truly can't imagine navigating life without her by my side. When it's time to slow down, you'll often find Katie snuggled on the couch with our daughter and pups, enjoying a quiet moment together.

Watching Katie as a mom to Mae has only deepened everything I already knew about her. She brings curiosity, excitement, and intention into everyday moments, turning them into meaningful adventures. She has a natural way of teaching, encouraging, and celebrating Mae as she grows. **As we hope to welcome another child into our family, I know Katie is ready to share that same love, laughter, and sense of wonder again, guiding both children with patience, joy, and an open heart.**



Meet Tony!

as told by Katie

Tony is my better half, no question. He's funny, confident, generous, and endlessly curious, even if we tease him about occasionally exaggerating a bit. His superpower is figuring things out. His mother tells stories of him dissecting household objects into millions of pieces and putting them back together just to see how it all worked, and he has carried that curiosity into adulthood. His support for my wild ideas is unwavering, whether that means remodeling or adding more puppies to our home. He has worked hard to build a career in the asset protection/loss prevention industry that he's proud of and enjoys thoroughly.

Tony has always been the favorite with our nieces and nephews, jumping into any game they imagine, and now he brings that same energy to being Mae's dad. Parenthood has brought out the very best in him, and watching his love for Mae grow has been a joy. **I know he would bring that same warmth, presence, and excitement to another child, embracing all the moments that make family life so meaningful.**

Our daughter

MAE IS OUR BEAUTIFUL NINE MONTH OLD DAUGHTER!

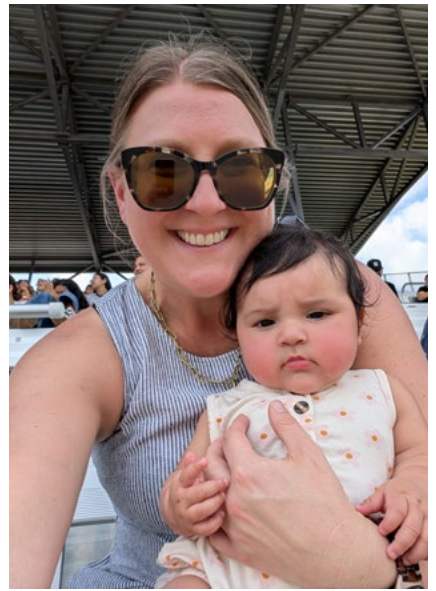


Mae is always happy, endlessly social, and ready to play with every friend she meets at daycare. She chatters her way through each moment, curious about everything and eager to explore the world around her.

Mae adores her puppies, loves being read to, and lights up for walks and every adventure we take together—from (five!) trips to the state fair to visiting grandmas and traveling to four states already (and the next trip already in the works!).

Determined and full of heart, she tackles every new experience like a girl on a mission, even turning bathtime into a mini swim session. As she's transitioned to being one of the older babies in her daycare room she has taken it upon herself to be the welcome crew and showing all the new babies the best toys to play with so **we know she is going to love being a big sister!**







home sweet home

OUR IOWA HOME IS A 100-YEAR-OLD TWO-STORY STUCCO HOUSE WITH THREE BEDROOMS AND BATHROOMS.

We are so lucky to have a park and golf course right across the street and a front patio with a firepit to relax on overlooking it. In addition to all the fun wildlife we see, the park provides a wooded trail to hike through, several playgrounds, a splash pad, and a frisbee golf course that is sure to keep little ones plenty entertained! There is also a popular bike/walking trail nearby that you can find us on often. It ends at a lake that hosts summer entertainment, lots of wildlife, restaurants, and another playground.



WE LOVE WHERE WE
LIVE AND CAN'T WAIT TO
FILL OUR HOME WITH
EVEN MORE GIGGLES AND
BEDTIME STORIES!

We have a fully fenced backyard
to keep kiddos and dogs corralled,
and we're already dreaming of
all the fun play structures we can
build for our family.

We love to have dinners and
morning coffees out back while
the dogs play in the yard. This
summer Mae will be old enough to
play alongside them!





our pets

OUR DOGS, FINN AND MURPHY, ARE THE BEST ADDITIONS TO OUR FAMILY, AND WE LOVE THEM SO MUCH!



Dogs have been such an important part of our entire lives, so after we lost Bailey (the Schnoodle you've seen in photos), we knew we wanted more dogs right away. In classic fashion for the two of us, we decided to go a bit overboard and get two puppies at the same time! They are quite the dynamic duo!

Murphy | We like to say Murphy chose us. Who can say to no to those cute puppy eyes? He is always so happy and loves us so much. Murphy's loves in life are playing fetch, going on walks, chewing on toys, and snuggling with his humans.

Finn | Finn is the sweetest boy and loves to snuggle up to us. He loves tennis balls and you can always find him running around the backyard with two in his mouth at all times (How? We still don't know...). Finn is a proud member of the neighborhood watch program and spends many hours watching all the neighbors walk by.



Both of them are so great with Mae – Murphy and Mae have become best friends. Mae loves to pet him and he's so patient as Mae uses him as support as she learns to stand. Finn is her protector and loves to give her kisses.



Things we love



TONY LOVES: Tinkering on cars, electronics, house projects • Finding delicious restaurants • Cabin time • Making homemade pizza • Hanging with friends • Minnesota Vikings



KATIE LOVES: Morning coffee • Reading • Snuggling with Mae & her puppies • Beach days • Impromptu vacations & adventures • Cozy fires • Patio sitting





Our adventures

We love traveling and have already started sharing that joy with Mae. We both grew up taking Midwest road trips and camping, which gave us lasting memories of lakes, hiking, and campfires. Those experiences shaped our love for being outdoors and exploring together, and they continue to guide how we spend time as a family.

As adults, our travels have expanded to other countries and cultures, along with the food that comes with them. Between us, we've visited 10 countries and 36 states, and Mae has already been to four. Favorite moments include biking through Copenhagen, enjoying street music in Cuba, camping on California beaches, and discovering a small restaurant in New York City called Katherine meets Toni (ok, the spelling of Tony was a bit off, but still!).



Ten fun facts

ONE

We've lived in 4 states during our relationship— Minnesota, Nevada, California, & Iowa.

TWO

We jumped out of a perfectly good airplane mid-flight– with parachutes!

THREE

We've renovated five houses together.

FOUR

Our front yard is a park full of animals— we regularly see deer, owls, bald eagles, hawks, frogs, raccoons, squirrels, ducks, and the occasional woodchuck. An owl just perched on the front of our house the other night and looked straight at us through our living room window!

FIVE

Our favorite summer activity is going to fairs. Mae went to the Iowa State Fair five times her inaugural summer!



SIX

Tony's favorite food is pizza— even though he's lactose intolerant! He once made us make a special stop at a world-famous 150-year-old pizzeria in Naples, Italy!

SEVEN

Katie thought she was going to be an Olympic gymnast growing up and watched the movie Nadia daily for inspiration. Spoiler alert: she was not good, and the Olympics were absolutely NOT in her future!

EIGHT

After missing out on one too many good travel deals, we made a family rule: Katie is allowed to book one trip a year without discussing it with Tony or waiting for his approval.

NINE

Tony has over 50 cousins — two were adopted!

TEN

There are currently nine dogs between our two families — our family get-togethers are full of fur!

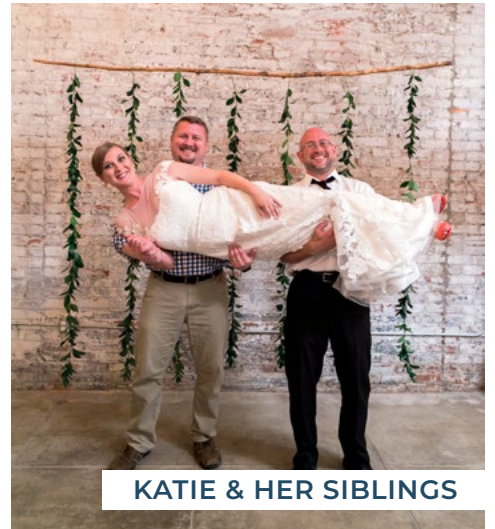


our extended family

MAE & COUSINS



KATIE & HER SIBLINGS



KATIE WITH HER MOM & SISTER-IN-LAWS



WITH KATIE'S FAMILY



KATIE'S FAMILY I am the youngest and have two older brothers—who have never stopped the sibling teasing! We have four nieces and nephews on my side, ranging from 13 to 23, and we have loved watching them grow up. My mom and siblings all live in the area where I grew up, and we love to go up to visit. My love of board/card games started with my family, and every family gathering requires a (not-so-quick) game of Canasta or Mexican train dominoes. At our Christmas gatherings, tradition requires us to make homemade pizzas and devour multiple slices of my mom's cheesecake. The cousins are very involved in sports, so no family gathering is complete without making it to a game or practice.

TONY'S FAMILY I am the oldest and have a younger brother and sister. Between the two of them, we have four nieces and nephews spanning from under 1 to 10, and we have so much fun with them. They, along with my mother and her husband, live within a three-hour drive. Family gatherings on my side are filled with lots of love, music, and laughter. My mom always makes sure the cookie jar is fully stocked for all those grandkids (ok, us too)! During the summer months, we usually gather at her lake cabin, where we get our fill of pontoon rides, kayaking, and our absolute favorite event - small town 4th of July complete with family races/games, a parade, and fireworks. During the colder months, we gather at her house for home-cooked meals, fires, games, and lots of impromptu music performances.



TONY & HIS SIBLINGS



WITH TONY'S FAMILY



TONY WITH NEPHEW JACK



OUR ENTIRE FAMILY



MAE WITH COUSINS JACK & MOLLY

promises

FROM US TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD

We promise to love your child unconditionally, celebrate all their wins, and comfort them on their hard days.

We promise to celebrate their uniqueness and encourage their hopes and dreams.

We promise to provide a solid foundation for them to become respectful, loving, and confident adults.

We promise to be truthful about their adoption, their story, answer their questions, and provide support and guidance throughout their lives.

We promise to give them the most adventurous of lives and fill their childhood with wonder and excitement.

We promise to raise them in a house filled with love and respect.

We promise bedtime stories and laughter, puppy snuggles and kisses, fort-making and sibling shenanigans, lake cabin summers, and matching Christmas jammies. We promise the best memories they could ever wish for.

We know you are on an incredibly difficult journey right now, but know that if you choose adoption, and choose us to raise your child, we will always be respectful of your wishes and the type of relationship you want to have with our family and your child.

TONY, KATIE + MAE
and **FINN + MURPHY**

