

MEET JACLYN & JEFF



*Loving married couple from Virginia
excited to start their family and
welcome you with open arms*

ABOUT US

Jaclyn



I grew up in NJ as the oldest of 12 close knit cousins that I helped take care of. I was always involved in activities like softball, cheerleading, science fairs, or theater.

I went to college in NC studying school psychology and moved to VA right outside DC with many of my childhood and college friends.

Jaclyn is...

- **Playful** - Creates memorable experiences and brings energy and fun to those around her.
- **Reliable** - The one that all friends and family turn to.
- **Comforting** - Exudes warmth and makes everyone instantly comfortable and heard.

She enjoys...

Book Club | Gardening | Hosting

Jeff



I grew up with my sister in a small MA town biking everywhere with friends. In middle school we moved to CO and I found my passion for mountain living and played soccer.

I went to college in CT to study government and worked in Denver before moving to DC and making close friends through work.

Jeff is...

- **Optimistic** - Finds joy in every day moments and approaches life with zest.
- **Organized** - Brings calm and structure to daily life activities.
- **Nurturing** - Ensures that everyone's needs are taken care of through thoughtful actions.

He enjoys...

Movies | Outer Space | Being Handy

Together



Competitive game lovers



Silly extroverts



Adventure seekers

OUR STORY

We met on a dating app in May 2020 and got married in 2023

Yes, that is right, we met during COVID and video dated getting to know each other deeply before meeting in person.

Adoption has been a part of our family plan since our 3rd date

Jaclyn knew she would likely have fertility issues and we decided early on that we would love to grow our family through adoption.

We cannot wait to love our child unconditionally

We have both always wanted to be parents and view family as a choice to love and support one another.

We love to travel and explore new foods, cultures and beautiful locations

One of our shared interests is exploring the world and we cannot wait to have our child join us.



OUR VALUES

We hope to raise a child who feels deeply loved, confident in who they are, and comfortable turning to us for support through every stage of life. Our goal is to create a home where they feel safe being themselves, know their voice matters, and are surrounded by people who celebrate them exactly as they are.



Family at cousin's lacrosse game

Build Confidence Through Family Fan Base

Our child will grow up surrounded by people who show up. In our family, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends travel hours to attend games, recitals, graduations, and celebrations. Our child will always know they have a team cheering them on through both successes and challenges.



Family putting together a puzzle

Create Family Connection With Game Nights

Some of our favorite memories happen around a table playing Backgammon, Scrabble, Sequence, Cribbage, or Rummikub with family and friends. We look forward to sharing game nights that give our child a strong sense of belonging, teamwork and problem-solving.



Teaching our nephew to cook

Develop Independence and Life Skills

We want our child to know they are capable. Whether learning to ride a bike, cook a meal, navigate friendships, or solve a problem, we'll be there to guide and encourage them while helping them build confidence in their own abilities.



Visiting NASA in FL

Inspire Curiosity and Love of Science

Curiosity is a big part of who we are. Jeff's work in the space industry and Jaclyn's love of science and hands-on learning mean our child will grow up exploring museums, building volcanoes, watching rocket launches, making slime, and asking plenty of "why" questions.

Make Childhood Fun with Hands-On, Interactive Play

We've been told by more than one friend's child that we're their "favorite adults," and we think that's because we genuinely enjoy joining in the fun. Whether it's building forts, reading stories, playing backyard baseball, making art projects, or spending the day at the beach, we want our child to have a childhood filled with laughter, adventure, and plenty of opportunities to just be a kid.



Swimming with our friend's kids



Caring for friend's baby



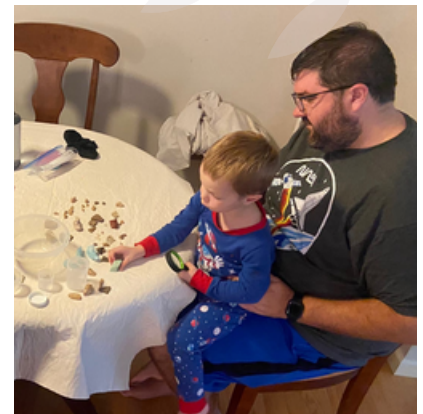
Building with our nephew



Constructing forts with our nephew



Climbing in playground with our nephew



Learning about rocks with friend's kid

OUR HOME & DOG

Home

We live in a 3-bed, 2.5 bath home with a playroom, screened in porch, deck and large backyard with both a grass area for playing and a wooded area for exploring and seeing wildlife.



Neighborhood

We live an 8-min walk to the elementary school and are a 15-20 min walk to our best friends, numerous playgrounds, a pool, grocery stores, restaurants, shops, movie theater, and even bowling.



Our Dog



On a hike with us

We have a 5-year old rescue dog, Bartlet, who LOVES children. He is very protective of them and enjoys playing with them. He has been exposed through our friends from infant to 12-year olds and lets the kids do whatever they want to them.

We adopted him in 2021 after one of our friends who initially rescued him was no longer able to care for him.



Playing with our friend's kids

DAILY LIFE



Our flexible work & time off means we will always be available for our child

Jaclyn works from home and has the flexibility to be there for school drop-offs, field trips, and after-school activities. Jeff works from home several days a week and has generous time off, making it easy for us to show up at the drop of the hat.

We cook together and our child will join sit-down family meals to share their day

We enjoy cooking everything from salmon and grilled chicken to homemade pizza and simple comfort foods. We look forward to sharing family dinners with our child, hearing about their day, and eventually adding dino nuggets to the menu.

We make time for each other in the little every day moments

Most evenings are spent walking our dog in the neighborhood, tackling a few chores, or playing a card or board game together.

We love cozy evenings at home snuggling on the couch

At the end of the day, you'll usually find us curled up on the couch with our dog watching a favorite show and debating whether we can stay awake for one more episode.



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

We fill our weekends with friends and family who can't wait to have our child join in. Whether it is hosting gatherings at our house, going to community events in our town, exploring museums in DC, or taking day trips to the countryside, our child will never be bored.



Hosting friends for dinner & games

Our child will get to play in the yard with our friends' kids and join family-style dinners



Community fairs & events

A favorite is going to the nearby farms for 'you-pick' festivals filled with music & good food



Sports games & theater

Our child will get to cheer for the Nationals baseball team, DC United soccer and enjoy singing-along at musicals and plays at the Kennedy Center. Jaclyn's favorite is Wicked!



Outdoor adventures in the mountains or at the beach

We'll take our child with us on our hiking, tubing, and kayaking outings in the Shenandoah Valley and swimming in the ocean in New Jersey



Washington, DC museums & events

There are numerous museums nearby that we can't wait to take our child to. We love walking around the monuments and exploring new exhibits, especially at the air & space museum

ANNUAL TRADITIONS



Halloween

Halloween is Jaclyn's favorite holiday. We decorate the house, host friends, and hand out candy to more than 100 trick-or-treaters each year.

We look forward to family costumes, neighborhood adventures, and letting our child's imagination run wild.

Thanksgiving

We have a loud, rowdy Thanksgiving where both sides of our family gather for a 30+ person feast, followed by our annual day-after bowling tradition.

We will instill with our child to be welcoming and that there is always a seat at the table to those who want one.



Christmas

Christmas Eve is spent with Jeff's family decorating cookies and hanging special ornaments on the tree. Christmas Day brings stockings, gifts, and a big family gathering with Jaclyn's extended family.

We can't wait to add traditions of our own, from leaving cookies for Santa to watching our child experience the magic of the season through their eyes.



Family Vacation to Florida

Each year we vacation with Jaclyn's parents, brother, sister-in-law, and nephew, exploring new places and spending quality time together. Our nephew is ready for a playmate to join that's friendlier than Molly the alligator.

Easter

We attend church and then celebrate with close friends and their children, complete with an egg hunt and egg fight.

We hope our child grows up with traditions that they can pass down in the future.



Joint Family Weekend

Once a year, both of our families come together for a weekend of brunches, sightseeing, games, and time together.

We hope our child grows up seeing how different families can come together, support one another, and become one larger family.



Memorial Day

Our town hosts an annual Memorial Day parade, and our close friends host a gathering along the parade route to kick off the start of summer.

We want to provide our child strong friendships and being part of a close-knit community.





4th of July

We spend the Fourth of July with Jeff's parents on Martha's Vineyard, enjoying the parade, boat rides, beach picnics, and fireworks.

We look forward to sharing those simple summer traditions and creating memories our child will remember for years to come.

Summer at our Family Beach House

Most of summer is spent at Jaclyn's family beach house, where cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents all pile in to enjoy the beach.

We can already picture sandcastle competitions, collecting shells, ice cream runs, and a child who grows up knowing the joy of being surrounded by family.



Carting our nephew to the beach



Relaxing with our nephew



Enjoying sunset bay views



Building a sandcastle with our nephew



Playing backgammon with our nephew



Watching end of season fireworks

EXTENDED FAMILY

If you haven't been able to tell by now, we spend a lot of time with family and friends. We can't wait for our child to grow up surrounded by people—including others who are adopted—who will love, support, and cheer them on.



Jeff's parents are 1 hour away

Our child will frequently get to spend the day with them or do DC adventures all together.



Cousins are always talking & visiting

Jaclyn's cousins are like younger siblings. They all can't wait to spoil our child.



Jaclyn's uncle is adopted

Adoption is already a part of our family story. We have watched the emotional journey of our uncle connecting with his birth family for the first time in his late 50s, so we see the value in an open relationship.



We see Jaclyn's immediate family at least monthly

Our nephew is the most excited to have a playmate on his visits, when we are at the beach or on family vacations.



Two of our close friends' kids are adopted

Our child will grow up knowing adoption is normal and will have the opportunity to learn from and connect with peers (kids on the right) who share an important part of their story.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We will honor your love for your child

Your child will always know their story began with a mother who loved them deeply. We will never lose sight of the love behind your decision.

We will keep you part of their story

We will always speak about you with kindness, respect, and gratitude. Your place in their story will always matter.

We welcome openness and connection

We welcome ongoing connection and will work together to build a relationship that feels comfortable and meaningful.

We will love them wholeheartedly

We will show up for the big moments and the everyday ones. Your child will grow up surrounded by love, encouragement and laughter.

