
TODD & TERESA



Hello!

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family. We can't begin to know everything you may be thinking or feeling right now, but we're grateful you're here and hope these pages give you a real glimpse into who we are.

Adoption has been part of our family's story for many years. Our son, Dutton, joined our family through adoption, and being his parents has brought more joy to our lives than we ever could have imagined. We would love to grow our family again and welcome another child to love and raise alongside him.

We know we haven't met you yet, but if you choose our family, we want you to know that you would matter to us, too. We would always want your child to know who you are and how important you are. We'd love to have a relationship with you if that's something you want, but we also know that might look different for everyone. We would follow your lead and respect whatever feels right and comfortable for you.

Thank you for considering our family. We're praying for you and your baby as you decide what feels right for both of you.

Todd and Teresa

MEET

Teresa



I'm happiest when I'm with the people I love, laughing and enjoying life together. I don't take myself too seriously, and I'm usually the one dancing, singing, being a little goofy, and talking my friends into joining me.

I love an iced latte and time with my hubby and Dutton. Being a wife and mom is truly what I always dreamed of, and I love the life we've built together.

Above all else, I love Jesus. My faith is a big part of who I am, and music has always been one of my favorite ways to worship. I sing in our church choir and recently joined a local community performance choir, something I'd wanted to do for years.

When I'm not singing, you'll usually find me doing Pilates, spending time outside, or hanging out with friends. Give me a giant iced latte, good conversation, and lots of laughs, and I'm pretty happy.

But my favorite days are the ordinary ones with Dutton: dance parties in the kitchen, little adventures, bedtime snuggles, and getting to see the world through his eyes.

A FEW THINGS ABOUT TERESA

01

I taught elementary school for 15 years.

02

I have a major sweet tooth and I love anything chocolate.

03

I love football and I cheer for Iowa, Iowa State, and the Chiefs.













HOWDY I'M

TODD

The things that matter most to me are pretty simple: my faith, my family, and loving people well. I try to work hard, keep my word, and show up for the people I love.

I was born and raised in Arizona and grew up with four siblings in a close-knit family. I've always loved being outdoors, whether I'm riding horses, grilling in the backyard, or exploring somewhere new with Teresa and Dutton.

I also love reading and learning new things. Teresa jokes that I own enough books to open a library. I never meet a stranger and genuinely enjoy getting to know people, hearing their stories, and encouraging them.

Becoming Dutton's dad has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I love taking him on little adventures, teaching him new things, making him laugh, and watching him discover the world. I can't wait to do it all again with another child.

A FEW THINGS ABOUT TODD

01

I love horses and I've been on several trail rides.

02

The movie Cars was basically filmed in my hometown.

03

Authentic Mexican food. Always.






DELTA





"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
Joshua 24:15



OUR

Story

how it all began

We met thanks to a mutual friend I had taught with years before. She knew both of us and was convinced we'd be a great match. She was right!

We started talking, and it didn't take long to realize we had a lot in common. We shared the same faith, many of the same values, and could talk for hours. When we finally met for dinner, that's exactly what we did. We laughed, shared our stories, and stayed until the restaurant closed. On our second date, Todd showed up at my door with flowers and took me to a cozy Italian restaurant. From that point on, we were pretty much inseparable.

A year later, Todd proposed over dinner, and I happily said yes. Three months later, we were married. We are best friends and feel so lucky to do life together.

We are best friends and enjoy doing life together.



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ABOUT

Todd

BY TERESA

KIND HEART
STRONG VALUES
ALWAYS THERE





If you ask me what first comes to mind when I think of Todd, it's this: he's the kind of person who makes you feel safe. He's steady, dependable, and always the first one to step in when someone needs help. He has a quiet strength about him that brings peace to our home, and I never have to wonder where his priorities are. He loves Jesus, he loves his family, and he lives those things out every single day.

One of my favorite things about Todd is the way he loves Dutton. Whether they're grilling together, exploring outside, reading books before bed, or making each other laugh, he's fully present. He's patient, playful, and intentional, and I love watching their relationship grow.

Todd never meets a stranger. He genuinely enjoys getting to know people, hearing their stories, and finding ways to encourage them. He works hard, keeps his word, and treats everyone with kindness and respect, whether it's a lifelong friend or someone he's just met.

And then there's his laugh. It's contagious. When Todd laughs, everyone else usually does too. He brings so much joy to our family, and I'm incredibly thankful that I get to do life with him. I truly can't imagine a better husband, father, or partner.

Simply put, Todd is the best man I've ever known.

I AM BEYOND THANKFUL TO CALL HIM MY HUSBAND AND THE FATHER OF OUR CHILD AND OUR FUTURE CHILDREN.

ABOUT

Teresa

BY TODD

JOYFUL
BEST SMILE
ALWAYS THERE



“Teresa is the heart of our family and the best thing that ever happened to me.”

Teresa brings joy wherever she goes. She’s the kind of person who’s always laughing, singing, or finding a reason to celebrate, and she has a way of making ordinary days feel special. Whether she’s dancing in the kitchen with Dutton, talking friends into karaoke, or planning our next adventure, life is simply more fun because she’s in it.

Her faith is the foundation of who she is. She loves Jesus wholeheartedly, and that shapes the way she loves our family and everyone around her. She has an incredible ability to make people feel welcomed, cared for, and valued. Kids are naturally drawn to her, and I honestly think it’s because they know they’re loved.

The thing I admire most, though, is the kind of mom she is. She has always dreamed of being a mom, and she pours her whole heart into it every day. She creates a home that’s filled with laughter, love, and unforgettable memories. Dutton absolutely adores her, and so do I. I knew when I married her that she’d be an incredible mom, and every day she proves me right.

WIFE | MOM | BEST FRIEND



OUR

Adoption Story

One of the first things we discovered we had in common was how much we both wanted to be parents. In fact, we were talking about our future family before our appetizers even made it to the table on our first date. We also talked about adoption, and neither of us saw it as a second choice. We both saw it as a beautiful way to build a family.

When we eventually faced infertility, adoption wasn't a new idea for us. It was something we'd already talked about, prayed about, and believed in for a long time. Then Dutton came into our lives.

Becoming his parents has been the greatest gift we've ever been given. He didn't just make us Mom and Dad. He gave us an even deeper love and appreciation for adoption than we ever imagined.

One thing we didn't expect was just how much our appreciation for birth mothers would grow. We always respected them, but after becoming Dutton's parents, that respect grew even deeper. We'll never take for granted the love it takes to make an adoption plan or the women who have given families like ours such an incredible gift.

Looking back, it's pretty amazing that one of the very first conversations we ever had became such a big part of our story.



Adoption has brought us more joy than we ever imagined.

AND WE'LL ALWAYS BE
GRATEFUL GOD LED US HERE.



MEET

Dutton

THREE YEARS OLD • FUTURE BIG BROTHER

Dutton is three years old, and keeping up with him is one of our favorite parts of life. He's curious, funny, and always ready for whatever adventure comes next. He has the biggest laugh, asks a million questions, and somehow has a way of making everyone around him smile.

Right now, he's all about cars, trucks, tractors, and anything else with wheels. He also loves horses and pretty much every animal he sees. Going to the zoo is one of his favorite things to do, and he could happily spend the whole day there.

One of the things we love most about Dutton is how much he enjoys being around people. He'll wave to just about anyone, loves making new friends, and isn't shy about handing out hugs. He's especially sweet with our dog, Lucy, who gets plenty of snuggles and attention every day.

Lately, he's become fascinated with babies and gets so excited anytime he sees one. We can't wait to watch him become a big brother. We have a feeling he'll be the first to share his toys, make silly faces, and invite his little brother or sister along on every adventure.







01 Trucks + tractors

02 Horses + animals

03 Biggest smiles + laughs

Dutton is the king of hugs and kisses, and he'll have plenty to give a little brother or sister.

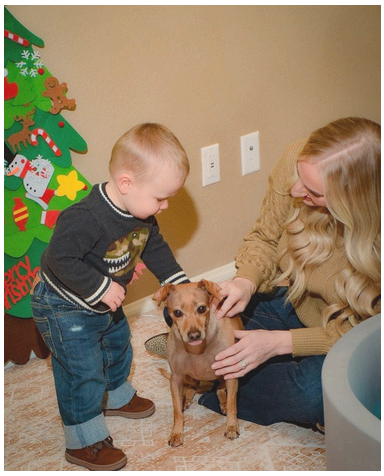
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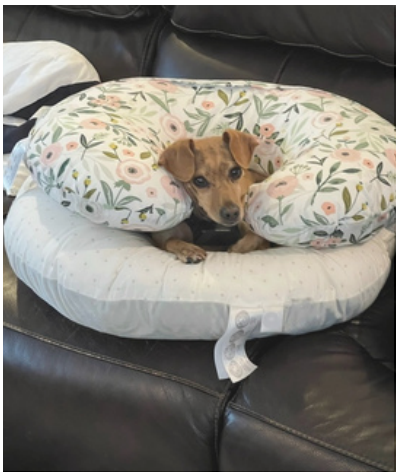
Lucy











Lucy has been our cuddly little fur baby for over 10 years, and she's been spoiled from the very beginning. She loves being wherever we are and honestly thinks she's a lap dog, even when there's barely any room left!

If you can't find Lucy, there's a good chance she's curled up under a cozy blanket, soaking up the sunshine by the window, or following Dutton around the house. The two of them have the sweetest bond, and watching them grow up together has been one of our favorite things. Wherever Dutton goes, Lucy usually isn't far behind.

She has the gentlest personality and loves people almost as much as she loves snuggling. Whether she's greeting us at the door with a wagging tail or squeezing in for family movie night, she brings so much love and laughter to our home.

To us, Lucy is so much more than a pet. She's family. She's been by our side through so many seasons of life, and we know she'll be the sweetest little sidekick to another child someday. We can't wait to watch her share her cuddles, kisses, and unconditional love with one more little best friend.





OUR Home

A PLACE TO BELONG

It is one of our favorite places to be. It's warm, cozy, and filled with reminders of the life we've built together. Family photos line our walls and always make us smile as we walk by. We love looking back on vacations, holidays, and everyday moments that remind us how blessed we are.

With three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a big backyard, there's plenty of room for little imaginations to grow. Dutton is getting ready to move from his fire truck bedroom into his new cowboy room, and we can't wait to create another special bedroom for the child we're praying will join our family.







Some of our favorite memories are made right at home. We love reading books before bed, baking cookies in the kitchen, playing games, building forts in the living room, and ending the day gathered around the dinner table.

Outside, you'll usually find us grilling dinner while Dutton rides his bike, digs in the dirt, pushes his trucks through the yard, or chases bubbles across the grass. Lucy is never far behind, hoping for a belly rub or sneaking into whatever adventure Dutton has dreamed up.

One of the things we love most is our neighborhood. It's a quiet, gated community where neighbors wave as they drive by, kids play outside, and people stop to chat during evening walks. It feels safe, welcoming, and like the kind of place where childhood is meant to happen.

Home is where we spend our favorite days.

OUR

Daily Life

Our weeks have a rhythm we really love. A few mornings each week, Dutton heads to his part-time Catholic preschool, and the rest of the time he's home with Mom. Our days are filled with reading books, building train tracks, playing outside, library trips, dance parties in the kitchen, and little adventures.

Todd works from home, which has been such a gift for our family. Even on busy days, he'll come out for lunch, a quick game with Dutton, or to see the latest Magna-Tile masterpiece. We love having him close by.

Our faith is simply part of who we are. Todd leads a men's Bible study and faith formation program, Teresa leads a women's Bible study and sings in the choir, and Dutton happily hands out high-fives to everyone he sees. We joke that he's already part of the welcome team.

Fridays and weekends are family time. We love hiking, exploring local festivals and farmers markets, trying new restaurants, or finding an adventure Dutton will love. Other weekends are spent grilling in the backyard while Dutton rides his bike, plays with his trucks, and Lucy follows him everywhere.

Most days end with snuggles, a classic Disney movie, and some ice cream. It's a simple life, and we wouldn't have it any other way.




















IT'S THE LITTLE
MOMENTS THAT
MATTER THE MOST



OUR Friends

THE PEOPLE WE DO LIFE WITH

One of the best parts of living here has been the friendships we've made. We have an amazing group of close friends who have truly become like family to us. We spend a lot of time together, whether we're getting together for dinner, celebrating birthdays and holidays, or just hanging out while the kids play.

We especially love that our children get to grow up together. Dutton has little friends he gets excited to see, and we're surrounded by people who genuinely care about our family. We feel really lucky to have found such a wonderful group of people to do everyday life with.











DINNERS · BIRTHDAYS · WEEKENDS

OUR Community

We absolutely love the community we call home. It has that small-town feel where people are genuinely kind, families are always out and about, and there's usually something fun happening around town.

We love Saturday mornings at the farmers market, walking around local festivals, listening to live music on the courthouse square, and making memories at the annual rodeo and Christmas parade. One of our favorite traditions is the Courthouse Lighting each Christmas.

We also love how family-friendly our community is. There are always kids at the parks, neighbors out walking their dogs, and families enjoying time together. It feels like such a special place for our kids to grow up.









OUTDOOR ADVENTURES • LOCAL SHOPS • COMMUNITY EVENTS • FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS

TERESA'S

Family







Teresa is incredibly close to her family and talks with them every day. They genuinely enjoy spending time together, whether it's celebrating holidays, taking their annual family vacation, or simply catching up. Her parents, Terry and Beverly, have been married for 50 years, and their marriage has been a wonderful example of love, faith, and commitment.

Teresa and her two younger sisters, Anndrea and Cathleen, have always been the best of friends. They laugh a lot, cheer each other on, and are always there for one another. Growing up with sisters was one of Teresa's greatest gifts, and it's a big part of why she's always hoped her children would have siblings to share life with.

As "Auntie Teresa," she absolutely loves spending time with her nieces and nephews. Whether they're together for birthdays, holidays, or family vacations, there's always a lot of laughter, playing, and making memories.

Dutton is adored by the whole family, and everyone loves watching him grow. Spending time together is something they never take for granted, and some of their very best memories have been made simply by being together.







TODD'S

Family

Todd has always been incredibly family-oriented and stays close with his parents, siblings, step-siblings, and extended family. With a brother, sister, stepbrother, and stepsister, he's often the one bringing everyone together and making sure no one feels left out. Family traditions are important to him, and he loves creating opportunities for everyone to spend time together.

We spend a lot of time with Todd's father and stepmother, enjoying family dinners, holidays, and weekends together. Although Todd's mother and stepfather have passed away, the love they poured into their family continues to shape the way he values and cares for the people he loves.

One of Todd's favorite traditions is organizing our annual family reunion, which recently brought together more than 220 relatives—including a 103-year-old family matriarch! It's a wonderful time for cousins to play, stories to be shared, and new memories to be made.

Todd's family has completely embraced Dutton from the very beginning, and they love being part of his life. They have been such a wonderful source of love and encouragement throughout our adoption journey, and we're incredibly grateful for the close-knit family that surrounds us.



OUR Holidays

Some of our favorite memories are made during the holidays. They're a chance to slow down, celebrate our faith, and spend time with the people we love most.

Easter begins at church celebrating Christ's resurrection, followed by family time and Dutton's favorite, an Easter egg hunt. Halloween is all about costumes, laughter, and our church's Trunk or Treat. Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude and togetherness. For the past two years, we've loved hosting family in our home, gathering around the table for good food and lots of laughter.

Christmas is our favorite season. We decorate the tree, listen to Christmas music, ride the Santa train, look at lights, bake cookies, and drink hot cocoa. Christmas Eve Mass is one of our most treasured traditions.

Sharing these traditions with both sides of our family and watching Dutton experience the excitement of each holiday makes these moments even more special.











CORE Values

OUR FAITH IS AT THE HEART OF OUR FAMILY
AND SHAPES THE WAY WE LIVE EACH DAY.

When we think about the values we hope to pass on to our children, one stands above the rest: we want them to know how deeply they are loved. Our faith is the foundation of our family, and we hope to teach our children to love Jesus, show kindness to others, and be grateful for the life God has given them.

Family is something we never take for granted. We want our home to be filled with laughter, grace, encouragement, prayer, and plenty of silly moments. We hope it's always a place where our children know they belong and can always come home.

We aren't a perfect family, but we laugh often, ask for forgiveness when we need to, and grow together. We hope our children find joy in ordinary days and never lose their sense of wonder. More than anything, we hope they grow up rooted in their faith, grateful for life's blessings, and ready to love others well.



" KEEP GOD'S COMMANDS IN YOUR HEART AND DILIGENTLY TEACH
THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE DAY."

DEUTERONOMY 6:6–7



OUR PROMISES TO

You

We will honor you.
Your child will always know their story and how deeply they are loved by you. We'll speak about you with gratitude and respect because you'll always be an important part of who they are.

We will love your child with everything we have.
Your child will grow up surrounded by love, laughter, encouragement, and lots of hugs. We'll read bedtime stories, cheer them on at every milestone, make family memories, laugh often, and remind them every single day just how deeply they're loved.

We will raise them to know Jesus and love people well.
Our faith is part of our everyday life, and we'll do our best to lead by example. We want our children to know God's love, extend that love to others, and grow into kind, compassionate people.

We will never stop praying for you.
No matter where this journey leads, you'll always hold a special place in our hearts. We'll continue praying for you and trusting that God is gently leading you each step of the way.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family. We're grateful you've allowed us to share a little of our lives with you, and we'll continue praying for you and your baby.

Todd and Teresa

