

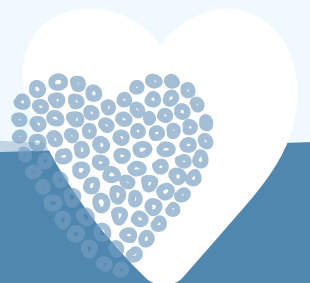


Michael & Stephanie

COMPLETING OUR FAMILY



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OUR LOVE STORY

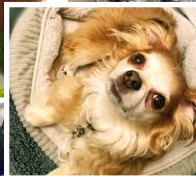
The year was 2002, and we were both working at a large retail store. This was the year that life was changing fast for me and I ended up transferring to another store in the next town over. A few months later, in walks Michael, he transferred there as well. We ended up on the same shift and we became inseparable, at work and at home. I can't help but believe it must have been fate. We got married in November of 2003, and haven't looked back since.

A key to our strength is our family; our children, who are all becoming such great young people. We have a daughter, who lives about an hour away, engaged to be married, and five sons, including our son who passed away from cancer. We have one son who is away at college playing football, another joined the military in less than a month, and the youngest two are still at home going to high school, one getting his driver's license soon and the other is not too far behind.

Our faith has kept us rooted in the right things and we know our love for one another has made us better parents. What a blessing it would be to add another child into our home and into all of our lives.



better together



OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

We recently purchased our first home in a great neighborhood in a small midwestern town. We have spent the last year doing many different projects to make it feel more like ours. We have a huge backyard, surrounded by trees and a great deck to cook out on. We are a short drive from some of the best schools in the state for academics, athletics, music, dance and theater.

Our family has four loving dogs; Symba a Pom-Chi, the oldest and smallest of the group, but somehow the leader. Next is Remy, our sweet girl Doodle, then Loki our loyal Shi-Poo, and lastly our youngest Bowie who is a Maltese.

what we love about each other

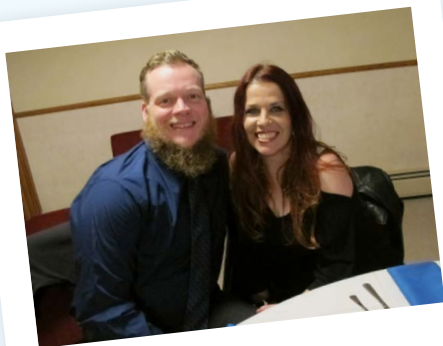
The qualities I love and admire most about Michael are: his strength, both physically and mentally, his fierce love for his family, his commitment to me and our marriage, his overwhelming knowledge of just about anything, his generosity to others, and his love for God. Our family knows that they can always call on Michael and he will be there.

Among the many things I love about Stephanie, one of the biggest is her heart for people. Over the course of our lives together I have seen her become a mother, not only to our children, but to countless people that she has interacted with. Her compassion and nurturing spirit shines through in everything she does and is a big reason for who I am.

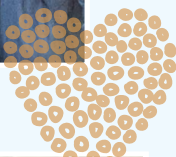
our photos



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MICHAEL

OCCUPATION: Stay at Home Dad
Volunteers at School

EDUCATION: High School
Diploma

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Football

FOOD: Burgers

HOBBY: Lifting/Playing Tennis

FAMILY TRADITION: Easter Egg
Hunt

MUSICAL GROUP: Shane & Shane

MOVIE: *Equalizer*

DREAM VACATION: Ireland

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: *Criminal Minds*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Math

BOOK: *Pilgrims Progress*

OCCUPATION: Store Manager

EDUCATION: High School
Diploma

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Football

FOOD: Steak

HOBBY: Reading/Playing Tennis

FAMILY TRADITION: Decorating
for Christmas

MUSICAL GROUP: Elvis Presley

MOVIE: *Back to the Future*

DREAM VACATION: Germany

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: *Gilmore Girls*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

BOOK: Any book by Nicholas
Sparks



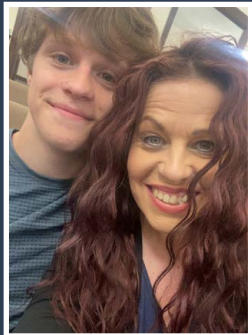
STEPHANIE

our family + friends

In 2018, we lost our son to cancer and it was at this difficult time that our close circle of friends were even more essential in our lives; and they became family. While we may live quite a distance from both of our parents and families, we have surrounded ourselves with a loving, supportive, extended family.

Our family traditions include year round cook outs, even in the snow, fun baking throughout the holidays, and an exciting yet sometimes competitive football season. You can find us all playing tennis around the corner from our house, when the sun's out. However, the most favorite tradition of all is definitely setting up for the Christmas season. The constant streaming of *Home Alone*, *Elf* and *The Santa Clause* movies, make the season even better. We decorate in October and enjoy the holidays all through winter. When the snow melts, the tree finally comes down.

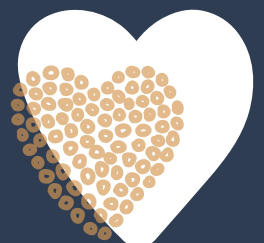
One of our parenting goals has always been to attend every game, every performance, every award presentation that our children are a part of. We attend as a family and always fill up at least a row and support and cheer them on! Rather it be taking a road trip to a football stadium to watch our quarterback shine or over to the high school for our musical theater son to light up the stage, we are always making the most of these moments.

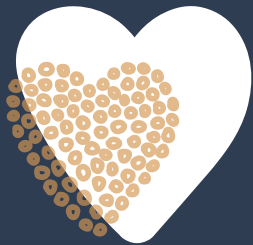


Making memories



Family is forever





OUR LETTER

To you

We are deeply grateful that you would consider us during this process. We can't begin to imagine what you are going through as you make such an important decision for you and your baby. The sacrifice is truly admirable and your strength and bravery is unmeasured.

Selecting us to be your child's parents would mean your baby will be cherished by our entire family. Making sure that their days will be filled with love, from us to older siblings and four furry friends. There is no shortage of affection in our home for your baby.

Together we have already raised four children into confident and loving adults and have two more boys currently in high school, who are both on their way to do great things as well.

We promise to also guide this child and support them in whatever they choose to do, giving them every opportunity that's possible so we can ensure that their dreams become reality.

During this time we pray for your heart, that you are surrounded by love and support as you make this decision, whatever the outcome may be.

Should you choose us to be your child's parents, our family will always remember what you did for your child and what it means for us, and how it made our family complete. Your selflessness will never be diminished in our hearts and in our home and we will always honor you in our lives.

Warmly,

Stephanie and Michael



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