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#### **OUR LIFESTYLE**

We are an Army family, so for the next 8 years we get to move frequently. This gives our family the opportunity to explore and have adventures every weekend in our new state. We also are fully aware that as our military time ends our kids will be at an elementary age, meaning they get the best of both worlds, they will get the adventures while also making friends to grow up with.

On our last move, we went from Kansas to Washington. On our trip we got to swim in the Great Salt Lake, eat in huge aquarium restaurants, and take pictures at giant egg statues that the kids still talk about because they believe they have dinosaurs inside. We are given the opportunity to travel and see places we may have never seen on our own and want to give our kids all of those amazing memories. Once in our new state we take every opportunity to hike and sight see. In Washington, we have explored Seattle, Mount Rainier, Mount Olympic, and so many beaches.











### **OUR HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD**

We currently live in a kid friendly neighborhood; kids are always out at the park or playing in the street. Our house is right across from the park which is up at the top of the hill; this makes riding bikes around the neighborhood harder but not impossible. Our house has 5 bedrooms, all upstairs, and a spacious backyard that we spend much of our time in. We planted a large vegetable and flower garden this year. The kids love to swing and play in the little pool all summer long. The current favorite activity is finding all the worms under rocks and making them a new dirt home.

### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT EACH OTHER

We met after college while I, Laura, was teaching and Robbie got his first job in Texas. On our second date we met to listen to a live band, then grabbed food, followed by going to a movie, and then sat on my front porch talking and laughing until the sun came up, all to keep the date from ending. We joke that our second date never ended and that we are actually still on it. We have had hard things happen in our life such as death of people we love, deployment, and moving far away from family. At the end of the day, we have loved this crazy journey together and are so thankful to have had each other in those hard moments.



# PHOTOS

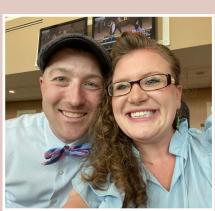
















### more about ROBBIE

Occupation: Human Resource

for the Army

**Education:** Masters in Business

and Masters of Operational

Studies

Race: White

**Religion:** Christian

**Sport:** Winter Olympics

Food: Steak or anything asian

**Hobby:** Woodworking, watch collecting, anything creative

Family Tradition: Celebrating

Passover as a Christian

**Musical Group:** Pentatonix

Movie: James Bond

**Dream Vacation:** Japan

Holiday: Easter

**TV Show:** *MacGyver* 

Subject in School: Material

Science

**Book:** SciFi/Fantasy





## more about LAURA

Occupation: Former teacher,

now stay-at-home mom

**Education:** Bachelors of Education, Minor in Special

Education

Race: White

Religion: Christian

**Sport:** Anything Olympics

related

Food: All Asian foods

Hobby: Gardening, cooking,

exploring

Family Tradition: Celebrating

the German Christmas

**Musical Group:** Anything Christian or Country

Movie: Rat Race

**Dream Vacation:** Morocco

**Holiday:** Christmas

TV Show: Cooking competitions

Subject in School: Choir

**Book:** Futuristic Fiction



## OUR FAMILY and friends

After meeting Robbie, we were inseparable. We were best friends, told each other everything and quickly fell in love. That love has grown and changed but never wavered. Since being married in 2015 we have had 3 amazing kids. Wallace, age 4, loves trains, fire trucks and plants. Gwen, age 3, is a leader, loves making people laugh, greatly enjoys her nails being done, and is also not afraid of dirt. Walter, age 1, is happy, loves to explore and be right in the action, he wants to be doing anything the big kids are doing.

All of our extended family lives in Texas. We work very hard for the kids to know and have relationships with their grandparents and aunt/uncles. We do FaceTime, have lots of phone calls, and the grandparents visit as often as they can; typically 2-3 times a year.

While in Washington, it is important that we have friends that double as family that we can lean on when family isn't here. We always try to make our house the gathering home for summer BBQs, splash days, Christmas cookie making, and holiday dinners. We love making these sweet friends part of our family.







Our Letter
to You

In high school I, Laura, felt strongly led to adopt. It has been something so strong that while dating my now husband, Robbie, I made it clear that adoption had been placed on my heart and that if it wasn't on his we didn't have a future. Over the years we have prayed about when to start the adoption journey, and we felt that God was clearly telling us to wait, until now.

We are so excited to finally meet the child we have been praying for for almost 20 years. We have spoken to the kids about how God has called us as a family to search with love for this last child and they are so excited, telling everyone about how they are going to have another baby but this one is a special surprise from God. This baby is seen as pure and utter joy and blessing in all of our lives!

Although it is so exciting to start this long awaited journey, I know that it also means that you have been experiencing pain. I just want you to know you have been in our minds and hearts daily for so many years. Even in the moments when you have felt alone you have had people praying for you and loving you. We know that this exciting blessing in our life is because of your selfless love.

We can not wait to connect!

The almost complete, Family rooted in love



