

Eric & Jamie



hello!



We hope this message finds you well. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for considering us as potential adoptive parents.

Although we have not yet met we have often thought about you and the incredible gift you are contemplating. Thank you for choosing adoption. We understand that this is an incredibly difficult decision for both you and your child, as you strive to provide the best future possible.

We recognize that what may be the happiest day of our lives could also be one of the most challenging for you. As you explore the pages that follow we hope you can feel the love and support that our family is eager to share with you and your child.

Thank you sincerely for your strength and courage. If you choose us it would be a true honor to embark on this journey together.

With Grateful Hearts,

Jamie and Eric





Our Story

From Jamie



We connected on Bumble after a long search for the right person.

For our first date we chose a ramen spot since Eric had spent time in Japan and I thought it would be fun to explore his interests. I think I did most of the talking that night because as we walked to our cars, Eric jokingly said, “You are exhausting.” What can I say? I tend to talk a lot when I’m nervous! But we ended up getting married so I guess I wasn’t that exhausting after all! We agreed early on that our weekend outings would be filled with adventures—like checking out Christmas lights in Wisconsin, bowling, visiting museums, taking a trip to Vegas, and celebrating our birthday at the lake.

We discussed marriage and family pretty early in our relationship, so while a proposal was something I expected eventually, it still caught me off guard.

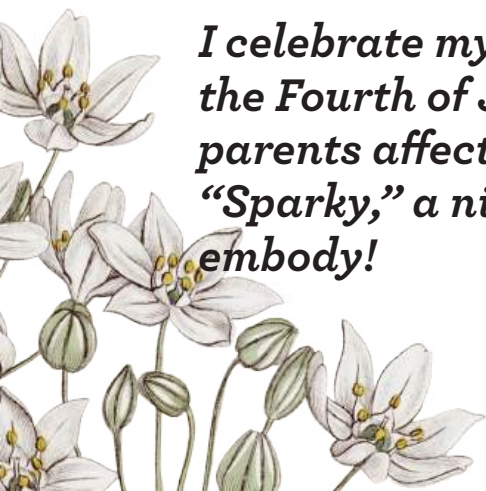
Just before starting a new job I asked Eric to help look at wedding venues, saying “I won’t have time once I start this job.” While we were touring one venue we found ourselves outside by a charming little fountain. I reminded the guide that we weren’t engaged yet. Eric replied, “Well, I can help with that,” and pulled out the ring. It was the only moment in our relationship that left me completely speechless!





meet **Jamie**

I celebrate my birthday on the Fourth of July, and my parents affectionately call me "Sparky," a nickname I truly embody!



I have a knack for infusing fun, joy, laughter, and vibrancy into every situation I encounter. My mother-in-law calls me the light of the family. I grew up an average girl. I was involved in the Girl Scouts for many years and was fortunate enough to attend camps where I got to ride horses. My father was the Scout Master for the local Boy Scout troop so I did get to camp in tents and learn survival skills as well. Because of my dad's role, as a family, we were invited to New Mexico to Philmont Scout Ranch where I hiked mountains and made life long friends around the country.

It took me a while to find myself. I spent a few extra years in college truly figuring out what I wanted to do with my life but once I did I graduated college with a degree in Sociology. After college I continued to thrive in my high school job as a pharmacy technician, where I excelled and took great pride in my work. However, after the passing of my Grandma Gloria I felt a profound calling. I returned to school to pursue a Master's in Human Services with a focus on gerontology, dedicated to serving the elderly. Balancing two jobs while studying was challenging, but I was determined to achieve my dreams. Upon graduation, I took on the role of activities director at a senior care facility, where I had the joy of bringing fun, games, and laughter to the residents. I've since transitioned to the position of Housing Director, which involves less of the playful activities but allows me to manage an entire building and serve more people.



what Eric loves best about Jamie

I love how positive and kind my wife is. She is selfless, she always puts her friends and our families before herself and will help whenever needed. She always sees the best in people and stays cheerful even when things are tough. I love how much she cares about the elderly and admire how she has dedicated her life to helping them through their good and bad times. I can become a bit anxious but she can always bring me out of it with her optimism. She leads from the heart as opposed to the head which makes us a good pair because we balance each other out.



meet Eric

I was born in Darien, IL (just outside of Chicago). When I was four we moved to Norwalk, CA (outside of Los Angeles) where I lived until I was thirteen. My family made our last big move to the Twin Cities where we've made our home ever since.

I attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a double major in English Literature and Religious Studies. After graduation I lived and worked in London, England, for six months before backpacking through Europe for another three months. Soon after I decided to continue my overseas adventures and moved to Tokyo, Japan for two years, working as an English language teacher. I discovered a real passion for teaching there, so after returning to America, I moved to Chicago and earned my Master's degree in Elementary Education. I was an elementary school teacher for ten years before making a career change to banking with Wells Fargo. My passion for travel runs deep. I've hiked at Machu Pichu in Peru, explored King Tuts tomb in Egypt, taken a bath in a volcanic hot spring in Japan among so many other amazing experiences. My passion for travel, seeing the world, and creating those once in a lifetime experiences is something I plan to instill in our child(ren).



what Jamie loves best about Eric

Eric embodies everything I once claimed I didn't want, yet he turns out to be everything I've ever needed. I always thought I wouldn't be attracted to a nerd, but Eric is a total geek; his knowledge is impressive. Every night, as we settle into bed, we engage in our beloved Question of the Day ritual.

The delight on my husband's face when he talks about his passions—like Indiana Jones (which inspired us to name our dog Jonesy), Star Wars, or Dungeons and Dragons, music and travel—is truly heartwarming.

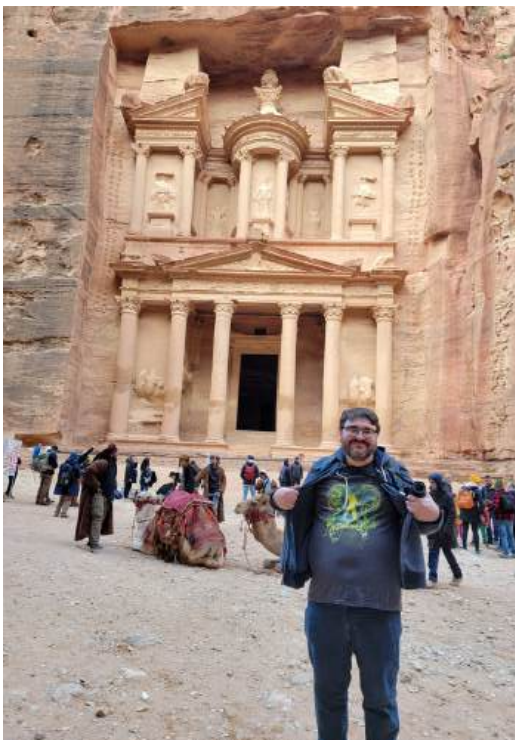
He does have a knack for teasing me, and I've come to understand that it's just part of being loved in this family; his dad playfully jabs at his mom, and his grandpa was just the same.

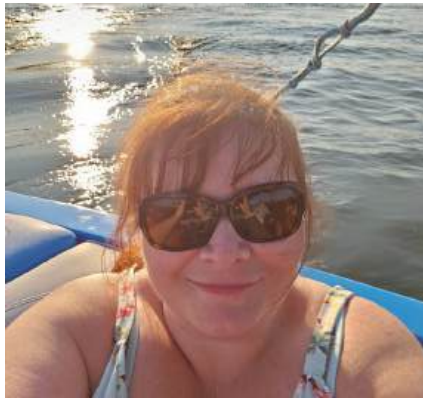
From the very beginning, I knew that Eric would be a fantastic father. Watching him interact with his nieces and nephews confirms it. At my first family gathering, he immediately got down on the floor to play dinosaurs with his then 18-month-old nephew, Nathan "Nate." Eric continues to be an involved Uncle, he checks in with all of the kids asking about school and life.



Eric's Favorite Things

- I love traveling. I've been to over 25 countries and have plenty more on my bucket list. I've lived in London, England and Tokyo, Japan as well.
- I'm kind of a nerd. I love playing video games and tabletop role playing games like Dungeons & Dragons. I actually enjoy being the "Gamemaster" more than being a player because I get to stretch my imagination creating worlds and stories that I think my players will enjoy.
- Movies have always been a big part of my life. One of my first memories as a child was seeing Return of the Jedi in the movie theater and it had such an impact on me I'm still a huge Star Wars nerd to this day! I want to pass on that love to my child(ren) so we can bond over our favorite movies.
- Music has also been a passion of mine. I've attempted to learn guitar multiple times but I'm far more happy sitting in my comfy brown chair and listening to one of my over 500 CDs or nearly 500 vinyl records. My dad had a huge music collection when I was growing up and he loved introducing me to his favorite bands from when he was younger.





Jamie's Favorite Things

- I love to travel too, but I haven't been to as many places as Eric. It's still a passion of mine that we will continue to enjoy with our child(ren).
- I love to host a good party whether it be a small gathering or larger reunion. I love bringing people together!
- I love to bake! I take after my Grandma Rose in that way because we both felt that to feed someone is to show them love.
- I love being near water. Being on my paddle board in the middle of the lake or sitting on the beach hearing the waves allows me to recharge my soul.

Making Memories

- **4TH OF JULY:** Jamie's family always goes to her aunt and uncle's house on the lake in Northern Minnesota on the 4th of July to celebrate her birthday. The neighbors on the lake come together for a boat parade and make a lap around the lake before having a party at the beach. Eric is now part of that tradition as his birthday is the 4th of July just like Jamie.
- **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING:** Eric's parents host a Christmas tree decorating party the weekend after Thanksgiving. The family gets together and watches the kids put ornaments on the tree and the decorations around grandma and grandpa's house. Jamie makes elaborate charcuterie boards for the occasion.
- **CHRISTMAS:** Christmas gets busy now that two families have combined. Jamie's family celebrates Christmas on the 25th. We do Christmas morning with immediate family and then later in the day we gather with Jamie's mom's side of the family to celebrate. Eric's family is more flexible when during Christmas week we gather with the immediate family and open presents while eating delicious food. However, special to Eric's family is the family gathering in Chicago that started with his Grandma Eileen. All of Eric's aunts, uncles and cousins from around the states come together every 2 years to reconnect in person.



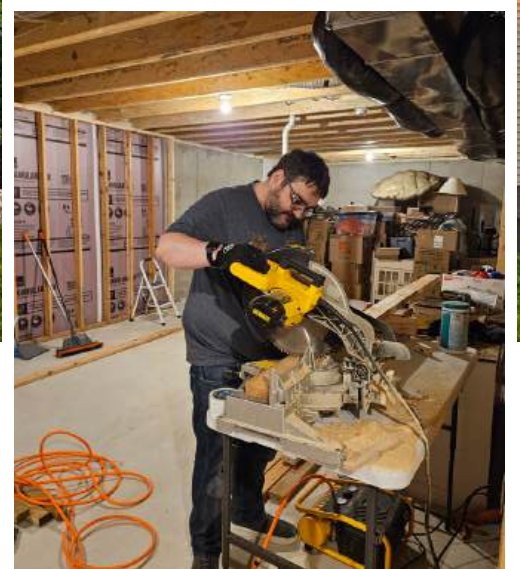


Hello from beautiful Minnesota!

We're situated just 30 minutes from the vibrant city of Minneapolis in a lovely, tranquil town. It truly feels like we get the best of both worlds here, enjoying the peace of our home while having easy access to the bustling city and all its wonderful opportunities. We were drawn to this area mainly because of its excellent school system, as we're excitedly planning for our future child(ren).

To celebrate our 3-month anniversary, we took a big step and signed the paperwork to build our dream home, where we hope to grow our family. Our current house features 3 cozy bedrooms and 2 ½ bathrooms. Eric and his dad are working together to finish the basement, which will include a fantastic entertainment space, an additional bedroom, and a bathroom. We're also fortunate to have a spacious, fenced backyard where our dogs, Charlotte and Jonesy, can run and play alongside their future human sibling(s).

Our neighborhood is vibrant with kids playing happily in the streets and at the nearby park, making it a wonderful place to call home. Our neighborhood has lots of walking and biking paths to explore the ponds and nature around us.





Jamie's Family

My immediate family is small but very close. My parents tied the knot in 1975 and are gearing up to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. They first crossed paths as teenagers while working at White Castle (we even had White Castle cater their 40th Anniversary!). I have an older brother named Jeff who has been with his partner Jillian for a decade now and I affectionately refer to her as my sister-in-law. Although my parents and brother live about 45 minutes away from Eric and me they are always just a call away and ready to help whenever I need them.

On the other hand, I come from a large extended family with 90% of them residing in Minnesota! I like to organize family reunions every couple of years because I grew up surrounded by my Grandma Rosie's ten siblings and their closeness. Now that I married Eric I gained four wonderful nieces and nephews; becoming an Auntie was something I never expected but always dreamed of!



Eric's Family

My mom and dad tied the knot in 1977 when they were just 19 and 21 years old. It's heartwarming to see how they are still together today, as deeply in love as ever. I have one brother, Patrick, who came along in 1982. He's now a dad himself, with four wonderful kids: Jack, Audrina, Lilly, and Nathan. Our family wouldn't be complete without our two playful dogs, Charlotte and Jonesy,

who always keep us entertained and on our toes! I like to think I inherited my sense of humor from both my dad and grandpa; we share a knack for gentle teasing. One of my favorite things about my mom is her ability to chat with just about anyone. She has such close bonds with her brothers and sisters, who all live in Chicago. It's really nice to have such a loving and connected family!

Why we hope to adopt

We knew early on that we wanted to be parents and would spend nights discussing the future. We started trying right after we got married, excited about the future we had talked about. Unfortunately, that was not God's plan and after going through several rounds of fertility treatment we were unsuccessful. We still knew we had love to give so we decided on adoption and sharing our love with a child and his/her birth mother.

Our promise to you & your child

- To love them unconditionally
- To always provide a loving and supportive environment and family (extended family included)
- To make it our life's work to help them succeed and dream big
- To instill in them virtues like empathy, respect and compassion
- To help them understand and honor their roots



Thank you
for getting
to know us!



*"Let all that you do
be done in love"*

-1 Corinthians 16:14