Jamie + Ryan



Hello!



Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We hope these pages give you a genuine sense of who we are - not just what we say, but how we live and care for the people in our lives. At the center of everything is kindness, laughter, and a deep commitment to creating a safe and loving home.

We can only imagine how much thought, love, and strength it takes to consider all of your options, and we approach this with deep respect for you and your journey.

Adoption has been on our hearts for several years. After trying to grow our family in other ways, we came to a place of peace knowing this is the path that feels right for us.

No matter what you decide, we wish you strength, clarity, and support. Thank you again for considering getting to know us.



our Story

We met the way a lot of people do these days—online. But it honestly felt like the universe was nudging us toward each other long before that.

Within our first few dates, we started uncovering small but meaningful connections. We were living just a few blocks apart without realizing it, shared several of the same people in our lives, and had even crossed paths before we met. It felt like our lives had been quietly overlapping all along.

Those connections helped us feel comfortable right away, but what really made us fall in love was how naturally we fit together. We realized we shared the same values and love geeking out over books and comics, exploring new places, sharing music, and making people smile with humor and silliness. We balance each other in the best ways and are a true team.



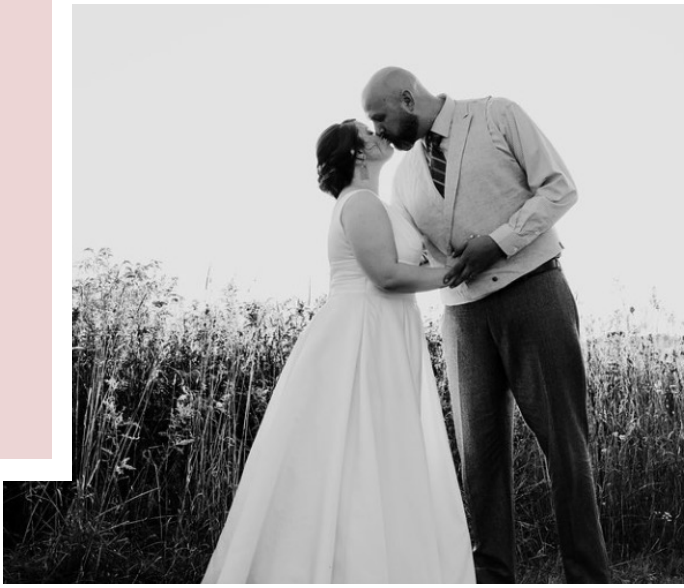






We got engaged about a year after meeting and were married in 2017, surrounded by family and friends who had already seen how special our relationship was. One unique thing about us is that we proposed to each other—it was fun planning it in secret together.

Since then, we've built a life full of love, laughter, and shared experiences. We've supported each other through challenges, celebrated milestones, and grown stronger together.





At the heart of our relationship is deep respect and a shared commitment to a life rooted in love, kindness, and community. That's what brings us to this next step. We feel ready and so excited to grow our family and share that love with a child.



Hi, I'm Jamie

I grew up in a small town in a neighborhood full of kids, where I was always involved in something—swim team, marching band, and French Club, which sparked my love for all things French. I've lived in France twice, and I've always hoped to teach my own child French one day. My other passion is books - both reading and collecting them. Building a home library has been a lifelong dream of mine and we've already started our collection of children's books.

I work in a college of education, and even though I'm not a teacher, education has always been an important part of my life. I'm excited to have a child attending our Early Childhood Learning Center just down the hall from me while I work.

I'm someone who feels best in the quiet parts of everyday life. I tend to be a calm, thoughtful presence and value kindness, curiosity, and growth in both my personal and professional life. I come off quiet when you first meet me and usually surprise people with my humor when they get to know me.

Fun facts about Jamie:

TAUGHT ENGLISH IN FRANCE

LOVES THE WATER - SATURDAY MORNING SWIMS, AND RAINY DAYS

WORKED AT AN ORPHANAGE IN HAITI

REALLY ENJOYS THE FALL SEASON AND ANYTHING COZY

WALKED 75 MILES THROUGH A DESERT AND 500 MILES ACROSS SPAIN!







What Ryan loves best about her...

Wherever Jamie is, I am home. She has a calm, steady presence that makes me feel safe and grounded, no matter what's going on around us.

She also brings so much warmth, curiosity, and joy into our lives. She makes me smile every day—sometimes without even trying.

One of the things I love most about Jamie is the way she cares for people. She listens deeply, shows up fully, and makes others feel seen and valued.

Life with Jamie feels like a meaningful and joyful adventure. Whether we're traveling somewhere new, laughing over something small, or sitting together in a quiet moment, I feel incredibly lucky.

I know Jamie will be an amazing parent. She leads with love, patience, and intention, and she has a natural ability to nurture and encourage others. A child in our home will feel deeply loved and truly known because of her.



Hey, I'm Ryan

I grew up in a major Midwestern city, and now live with Jamie and our dog Birdie in a tree-lined suburban neighborhood that we love.

I'm a creative and a bit of a geek about music, art, and storytelling, and I tend to notice the small, slightly offbeat moments that make everyday life interesting.

My passion and career have always been about helping people and communities heal. That can be challenging, but the best part is when people find the joy and purpose that comes from facing the hard stuff.

I hope people experience me as someone who is warm, thoughtful, and grounded—someone who shows up, builds connection, and helps people feel seen and valued.

Fun facts about Ryan:

COLLECTS VINYL RECORDS

LOVES MUSIC (JAZZ, MOTOWN, HIP HOP)

SCI-FI NERD

LOVES TO MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH









What Jamie loves best about him...

When I describe Ryan to others, I often say he's a gem. When other people describe him, they often call him a "gentle giant," which fits him perfectly. He has a big heart and cares deeply about others and making the world a better place. One of the things I admire most is the way he lives out his beliefs. The work that he has done to make the world a better place for people is truly impressive.

Ryan brings so much joy into our lives—whether it's through his humor, his love of music, or the way he encourages me to grow and dream big. He has introduced me to new things that are now my favorite things: Detroit-style pizza, a few different musicians, and North Carolina's Outer Banks, to name a few. He definitely brings a "cool" factor to my life. On a deeper level, he challenges me in the best ways while always being supportive and steady. He truly is my best friend.

I know Ryan will be an incredible father because he will model what it means to be kind, compassionate, and a welcoming person to all people. He has a playful, silly side that makes being around him so fun, and I've seen how he lights up when he's with children. I can already picture the love, laughter, and care he will bring to being a parent and I am excited to be a parent with him.

a few of our Favorites (how we fill our days)







In our free time, we enjoy both quiet moments and time out in the world together. Some of our favorite times are long weekends away—often near the water—where we can relax, recharge, and be outside.

During the week, you'll often find us at our local YMCA swimming or staying active, or at home reading, listening to music, and unwinding. Many evenings end with music playing, dinner together, and our dog Birdie nearby (begging for pets, of course).

We enjoy a mix of everyday routines and unique experiences, and we're excited to share both with a child.







We love going to concerts, plays, and musicals—those are some of our favorite date nights.

We also like spending time with the people we love, whether that's gathering for football games, exploring new cities, or hanging out at a bonfire. There's a great local children's museum, and Jamie gets excited when she gets to tag along with friends' kids to play in the exhibits.







Where we live

We live in a cozy, welcoming home in a diverse neighborhood just outside a mid-sized city in Michigan. We bought our first home about four years ago during a very competitive market, which makes it feel even more special to us. We wrote a letter to the seller, and it still means a lot that they chose us.

We quickly fell in love with the neighborhood. We're close to parks, an elementary school, a great local library, and it feels like a place where kids can grow and explore. It's active and friendly—especially during holidays, when houses are decorated and kids fill the streets trick-or-treating. We often run into neighbors while out for walks and end up stopping to chat.

Our home is a place where we can relax and be ourselves. It's peaceful, full of personality, and truly feels like home. We look forward to sharing that sense of comfort and connection with a child.

meet Birdie

We adopted our dog, Birdie, in March of 2020. She came from a rescue in Georgia, and we feel so lucky she found her way to us.

She's an adorable English Pointer mix with big floppy ears and a lot of personality. She loves chasing bunnies, lying in the sun, playing with her favorite squirrel toy, and soaking up as many pets as she can get. One of her sweetest habits is gently leaning in for kisses.

She has been around children and loves attention and playtime. We know she will be so happy to have a little one in the house to play with and get even more pets from!















Jamie's Family







I have a very large and very close family. Most of my family lives nearby but I also have aunts and uncles across the Northeast. We make a point of gathering several times a year, including a week-long camping trip every summer that we've been doing for over 20 years—often with more than 30 of us.

My family is incredibly welcoming and has a way of making everyone feel like they belong. We often have friends join us for gatherings and you wouldn't know that they aren't family. I'm excited for a child to grow up surrounded by that kind of love and connection. Any child in our home will be very lucky to have these same experiences and memories.

Favorite memories and traditions:

- My grandpa taking a new child outside to experience their first rain
- Singing around the campfire during our family camping trips
- Watching thunderstorms from the garage
- Summer nights learning the constellations in the sky
- White-water rafting, hiking along rivers, and playing in waterfalls

My family is blended, close-knit, and deeply connected. I have one sister, Krista, who I am very close with, and she and her wife Susan live nearby and are part of our everyday life.

Adoption is also part of my family's story. My mom and her twin sister were adopted as infants, which has shaped how we think about family and connection.

My mom has a gentle, reflective spirit. She writes poetry and has a way of being fully present with people.

My dad is a longtime pastor, and that shows in how he cares for people— He shows up, he figures it out, and he doesn't let people fall through the cracks.

Krista and Susan are a big part of our lives. They've also built a strong and large community of friends and are super excited about being "aunties."

In our family, a child would be surrounded by people who show up for one another and care deeply about the people in their lives.



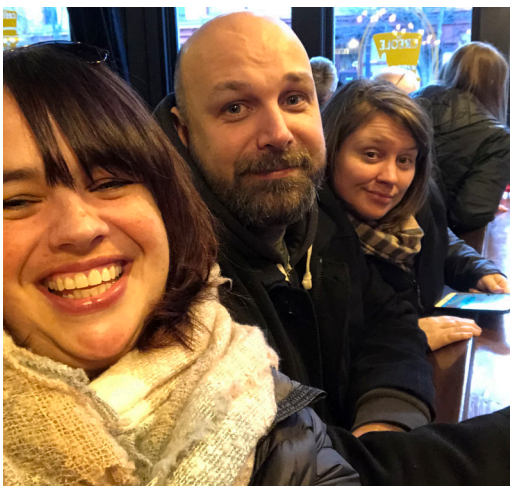




Ryan's Family









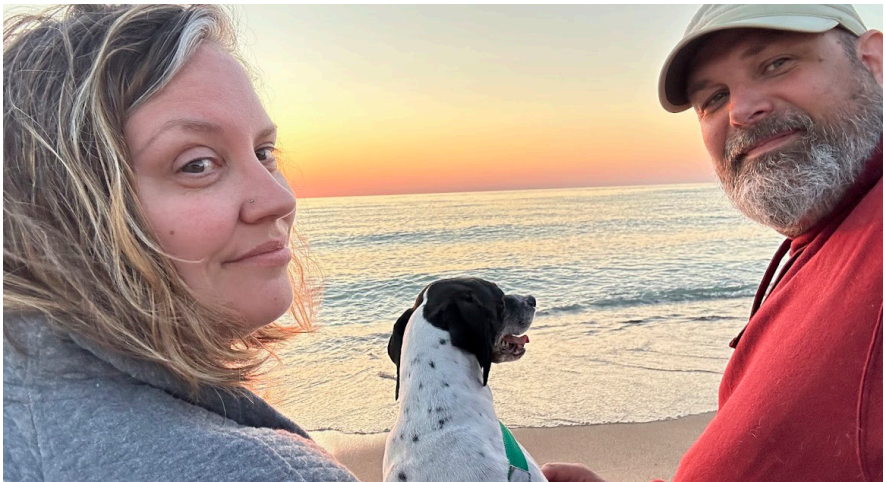
Making Memories

Our traditions are often simple, but they're some of the moments we look forward to most.

- Christmas has a lot of traditions. Every Friday after Thanksgiving, we attend the Christmas Tree lighting in Jamie's hometown. Shortly after we cut down our tree at a local farm. On Christmas Eve, we take a quiet break from the busyness to sit by the fireplace, exchange a new book, and read while eating chocolate.
- On New Year's Day, we take a walk through the woods to reflect on the past year and think about what we hope for in the year ahead.
- In the Fall, we take trips to the cider mill, drive to see the Fall colors, and decorate our house for Halloween. Jamie also takes an annual reading retreat.
- Every Labor Day, we spend a week with family at the same place each year on Lake Michigan. We also spend a week camping with Jamie's extended family, filled with laughter, good food, bonfires, and long-standing traditions.

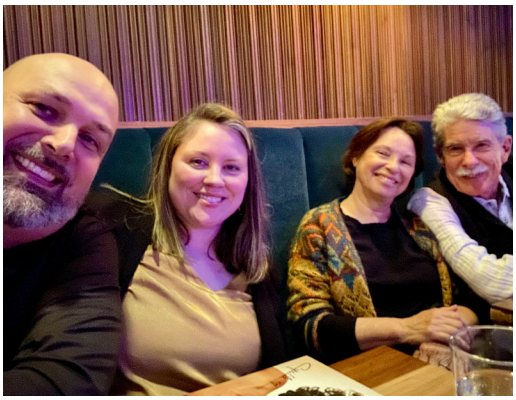






These moments are reminders of the life we have built with the people we love, and they always give us something to look forward to. We hope that our child loves these traditions as much as we do and is happy to continue them on with their own family.







Friends & Community

One of our greatest joys and gifts to give to a child is our extended family of friends and community. We are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing support network of friends, faith communities, mentors, and other parents of young children. They are a big part of us living happy, healthy lives and will be a big part of supporting us as parents and **surrounding a child raised with Love, friendship, wisdom, and role models.** Our "village" rocks.

















Our Promise

If you choose us, our promise to you is that your child would be deeply loved for exactly who they are. We would welcome them into a home filled with warmth, laughter, and encouragement.

We would support their growth, honor their story, and make sure they always know where they came from. We would speak about you with respect and gratitude and honor whatever level of connection feels right to you, now and over time. We recognize this is a deeply personal and emotional decision. We want you to know that we see you, we respect you, and we are holding space for whatever path feels right to you.

Above all, we will show up every day with love, patience, and care—to raise a child who feels safe, valued, and free to become who they choose to be.

Thank you

for getting to know us a little!



Wishing you all the best, no matter where this journey leads you.

Warmly,
Jamie & Ryan