

*Nathan
and
Meredith*



Dear Expectant Parents,

You are bringing into the world a life that has unlimited possibilities and we want to acknowledge that you will make a world of difference in many peoples' lives.

We are honored that you are considering us to be part of this journey and your child's future. Our hope is to share with you the caring, loving, and joyful home we have built for growing our family.

--Meredith and Nathan

Our Story

We met in college at SIU Edwardsville where we both studied to be teachers. We met at a school event, and Meredith was instantly drawn to Nathan's excitement in life while Nathan was captured by Meredith's fun-loving and outgoing personality.

Date nights and time together with friends included: seeing movies, game nights, and watching our favorite TV shows

Nathan proposed at Disney World on vacation with Meredith's family at Christmas after three years of dating, and married in June 2013. After 10 years together, we still go on date nights and enjoy even simple evenings at home.



Our views on adoption

Adoption has been a part of both of our lives since birth. Meredith has two older adopted siblings and Nathan's aunt was also adopted. We have always been open to adoption. After infertility issues, we are excited that adoption will continue being in our families' stories.



Our views on parenting

As future parents, we will provide a safe, stable, positive, and loving environment. To do this we will: use open communication, meet the needs of the child, have boundaries, and be understanding so a child can come to us when life is hard

It is important that we avoid corporal punishment. Instead we plan to foster relationships using natural consequences where the child can learn from mistakes.

Nathan

(according to Meredith)



Nathan is:

-kind-hearted

-thoughtful

-a good son, brother, and friend

People enjoy and love his:

-sense of humor

-good nature

-compassion

I have seen Nathan as an uncle, teacher, and leader in his role in human resources. He understands people and will be a wonderful father, devoting time to a child and family.

Meredith, (according to Nathan)

Meredith is:

- one of the most caring people
- often going out of her own way to help others
- empathetic
- a friend for life once she knows you
- a loving partner
- an excellent teacher

I have been lucky to watch Meredith teach children with special needs. start conversations with anyone (friend or stranger), enjoy one of her favorite roles as an aunt, and use her sense of humor and infectious laugh to make anyone forget their troubles
Meredith will make a wonderful mother, just another reason I love her.



Our Home



We live in a quiet neighborhood on a cul-de-sac with kids of all ages close to us. Our house has: a giant yard for playing, large trees perfect for creating leaf piles in the fall for jumping through, a city park, pool, and playgrounds within walking distance from our house, a local library less than five minutes away, and local schools rated within the top 10 in the state

Luna

Luna is our boxer/pit bull mix. We rescued her in 2018 from a local shelter.

Her favorite activities include:

- snuggling on the couch with a good blanket**
- going on walks**
- greeting the mailman**
- following Meredith around the house**
- laying in sunny spots**





One final note:

**We wish for you to be able
to be at peace with the
decisions you make for
yourself and your child.**

**Whether or not we
become part of your story,
thank you for taking the
time to learn about our
families.**