

Jacob & Lindsay

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welcome!

WE ARE SO DEEPLY GRATEFUL AND
THANKFUL TO MEET YOU! THANK YOU,
FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS,
FOR GIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
INTRODUCE OURSELVES AND TELL YOU
A LITTLE ABOUT OUR FAMILY, OUR
HOME, AND OUR VISION FOR THE
FUTURE.

ADOPTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR
DREAM, AND WE HOPE THAT IN THE
PAGES OF OUR BOOK, YOU WILL SEE
ALL OF THE LOVE WE HAVE TO GIVE. WE
ABSOLUTELY CANNOT WAIT TO BEGIN
THIS NEW JOURNEY!

WISHING YOU EVERY JOY,
JACOB AND LINDSAY

A LITTLE ABOUT US...

WE ARE JACOB & LINDSAY! WE HAVE BEEN HITCHED FOR JUST OVER 5 YEARS AND HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR A TOTAL OF 9 YEARS. IN OUR YEARS TOGETHER, WE HAVE MADE IT A POINT TO TRAVEL AND EXPLORE; ROME AND HAWAII HAVE BEEN OUR FAVORITE TRIPS SO FAR! WE HAVE A BIG FAMILY AND THERE IS NOTHING WE LOVE MORE THAN SPENDING TIME WITH OUR 2 NEPHEWS AND NIECE. LAST YEAR, WE RENTED A HUGE WATER SLIDE FOR OUR NEPHEWS 6TH BIRTHDAY AND HAD FAMILY AND FRIENDS OVER TO OUR HOUSE TO CELEBRATE. WE LOVE DOING THINGS LIKE THAT WITH THE KIDDOS!!

WE ALSO ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH OUR FRIENDS CATCHING UP OVER WEEKLY DINNERS; USUALLY HOSTED ON OUR BACK PORCH! ALSO ONCE A WEEK, GRAMMY AND PAPA W COOK, OR WE MEET AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT, FOR SOME QUALITY TIME WITH MY SISTER AND HER FAMILY. I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT WE LOVE PEOPLE; OR BETTER YET, WE LOVE TO LAUGH AND SMILE. OUR MARRIAGE HAS THRIVED THROUGH SICKNESS, LOSS AND INFERTILITY. WE OWE THAT TO A PERSISTENT AND CONSTANT LOVE WE CARRY FOR EACH OTHER AND WERE TAUGHT THROUGH THE LOVE OF JESUS.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS TIME TO LEARN ABOUT OUR VALUES AND CHARACTER THROUGH THE PAGES OF THIS BOOK. WE ARE HONORED THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING US FOR THIS LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A MOMMY AND DADDY. WE HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE READY, OR MORE EXCITED FOR ANYTHING IN OUR WHOLE LIVES!!



MEET OUR PUPS, ERNIE & CALVIN

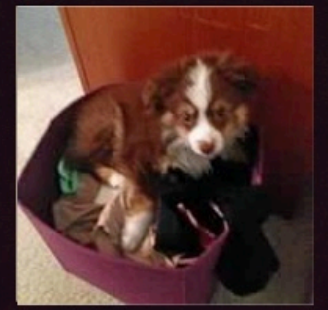
MEET OUR BIRDS, DOLLY AND HANK



ERNIE
*MUTT
*9 YEARS OLD ON JUNE 2ND
*HOBBIES INCLUDE: BEING BAD, CHASING SQUIRRELS, AND CUDDLING



CALVIN
*MINI AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD
*TURNED 7 ON MARCH 11TH
*HOBBIES INCLUDE: ANNOYING HIS BROTHER, BEING SASSY, AND FETCH





JACOB PROPOSED IN APRIL OF 2015. WE TIED THE KNOT JUST 7 MONTHS LATER!

OUR FAMILY VACATION EXPLORING HAWAII!!!



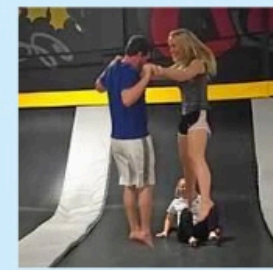
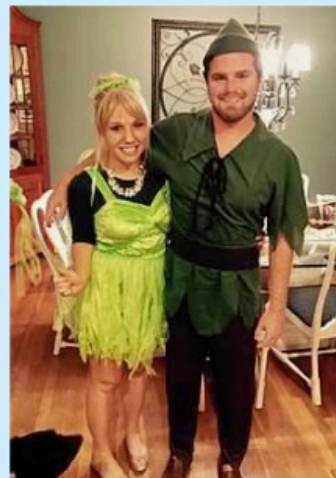
TENNESSEE FOOTBALL GAMES AND BEACH TRIPS ARE SOME OF OUR FAVORITE YEARLY TRADITIONS



WE MET IN COLLEGE AND HAVE BEEN BEST BUDDIES EVER SINCE!



WE LOVE MUSIC, DANCING (BADLY!), BEING WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY TIME, ADVENTURES, AND LAUGHING... A LOT!



OUR TRIP TO ROME WAS AMAZING



A BIT ABOUT JACOB!

WRITTEN BY LINDSAY

Jacob has been my best friend for over 9 years now. I would choose a night of card games (Rummy is our favorite!), a bit of competitive smack talk, and pepperoni pizza with Jacob over just about anything in the world. No question about it; he is my favorite human. There is no other person I respect more. There is no other person that makes me laugh harder. Jacob is silly, routine-loving, hard-working, protective; one of those guys that dances like a fool at weddings. He works hard and has been enormously successful in his career as a Subrogation Analyst.

For Jacob's 30th birthday, I sent him on a scavenger hunt around our old neighborhood. I left a clue with all of his favorite people working at all of his favorite places around town. As we started the hunt, I quickly learned that my husband doesn't know the word 'stranger.' He takes time with people; most others would never think to be this way. He only has one qualification for friendship-kindness.

Even through death, tragedy, chronic illness, job loss, and finding out we would never have children of our own, Jacob chooses to see the joy in life and practices kindness. He is so ready to be a daddy. There is no better provider, no better friend, no better defender than Jacob. His heart is made to love without bounds.

With Jacob, there will be pancakes and bacon, Cartoons and Elton John music on Saturday mornings. Training wheels, park adventures, messy paint projects, giggles, funny faces, singing really badly, dancing even worse, home videos, hard talks, honesty, lessons learned, and love above all.

I adore the man that is my husband. Lord knows, no one is perfect, and Jacob is no exception. When I'm rushing around, he moves as slow as pond water. He takes his time; but with that, comes a deep and rare patience that I wouldn't trade for anything. He loves Tennessee football, probably too much, wears jeans from the 90s, and calling him a penny pincher feels like a drastic understatement. Jacob loves dirt biking with my dad, brother-in-law, and friends. He always waits on the front porch to hand out candy on halloween. He is the first to volunteer when a friend is in need.

We are both far from perfect, but, we practice forgiveness. We practice talking and honest communication. We practice understanding each other and meeting each others needs.

Jacob is a rare, strong, and faithful man. He has made my life better in every single way. This sweet child will know that their number one fan is their daddy.

CLIFF JUMPING
IN HAWAII!



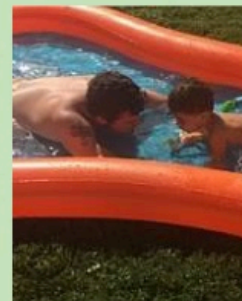
I LOVE MUSIC AND ENJOY
SPENDING TIME STRUMMING
ON THE GUITAR



←
HANGING
OUT WITH
MY BOYS
(NEPHEWS!)
→



I RAN A HALF MARATHON WITH
LINDSAY'S MOM. WE TRAINED FOR
MONTHS AND ACCOMPLISHED THIS BIG
GOAL WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR
FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



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WE RENOVATED OUR FIRST HOME!



SPENDING TIME
WITH MY DAD
AND STEP- MOM



ONE OF MY
FAVORITE
MEMORIES WITH
LINDSAY'S
GRANDPA!



BEING AN UNCLE
IS THE JOY OF MY
LIFE!

MEET JACOB'S FAMILY!



UNCLE, AUNT, AND COUSINS



MY MOM & SISTER
YOUR MIMI & AUNT



MY NEPHEW & NIECE
YOUR COUSINS



MY STEPMOM
YOUR NANNA



MY DAD
YOUR PAPPY

MY SOUTHERN FAMILY IS OVERFLOWING WITH LOVE AND LAUGHTER! PAPPY AND NANNA LIVE ONLY A FEW SHORT HOURS AWAY, AND WE MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME TOGETHER AS POSSIBLE! YOUR MIMI, COUSINS, AND AUNT LIVE ONLY AN HOUR AWAY, AND WE FREQUENTLY SPEND WEEKENDS WITH THEM ADVENTURING IN THE CITY, PLAYING OUTSIDE, CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS, AND JUST RELAXING AS A FAMILY.

EVERY YEAR FOR THANKSGIVING WE VISIT MY UNCLE, AUNT AND COUSINS FOR A LONG WEEKEND FILLED WITH INCREDIBLE FOOD AND BELLY LAUGHS. IT IS ALSO OUR TRADITION TO SPEND CHRISTMAS DAY AT OUR HOME WITH MY MOM, SISTER, NEPHEW, AND NIECE. THESE ARE TIMES THAT I TREASURE, AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU! MY WHOLE FAMILY HAS KNOWN ABOUT MY LOVE FOR YOU FOR QUITE SOME TIME, LITTLE ONE. THEY ARE SO READY TO MEET YOU!!

A BIT ABOUT LINDSAY!

WRITTEN BY JACOB

Today, I want to tell you about my wife, Lindsay. She is my rock, my world, and the love of my life. I can't say where I would be today without her and her go-getter attitude. She has always given her time so freely, and her love is so completely unconditional. This book is a great example. We worked on it together every night, but Lindsay spent extra time making sure it was perfect for you. She read it over and over; she wanted you to feel her sincere love.

Lindsay is the most caring person I know. Every day, like clock work, she makes time to reach out to family and friends just to 'check-in.' She is so genuine. When she says she cares, she shows it. Lindsay has a true passion for others, and as long as I've known her, she has wanted to adopt. When Lindsay was younger, her parents fostered newborns until they found a permanent placement home. This experience changed her and made her long for the day that we too could become that force for good in the life of a child.

Lindsay is hard-working and has been a top pharmaceutical sales woman for over 7 years. She cooks, or at least tries, hahaha, shops for the family, and makes sure our home stays comfortable and safe for our family.

My wife is a goof ball, a worrier, a doer, and she radiates love. She is meant to be a mommy. She will dedicate every ounce of who she is to the job of 'mom.' I am so grateful for this woman; my wife and my best friend. To know her is to love her. I can't wait to watch her be a mommy.



MY SILLY GRANDPA (MET JESUS IN '16)



MY GIRLS



MY NEPHEW.. AKA: STINKY FACE!



MY BEST FRIENDS!



MY MOTHER-IN-LAW ↓



TRIP TO ROME!!



MY GOOFY BOY!! (NEPHEW)

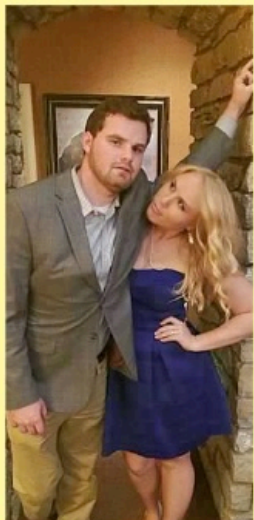


MY SISTER (BEST BUDDY!)



MY MOM & DAD

MY SISTER-IN-LAW



WE LOVE THE ZOO!!



MEET LINDSAY'S BIG FAMILY!



MY MOM & DAD
YOUR GRAMMY & PAPA
(LIVE 1 MILE FROM OUR HOME!)



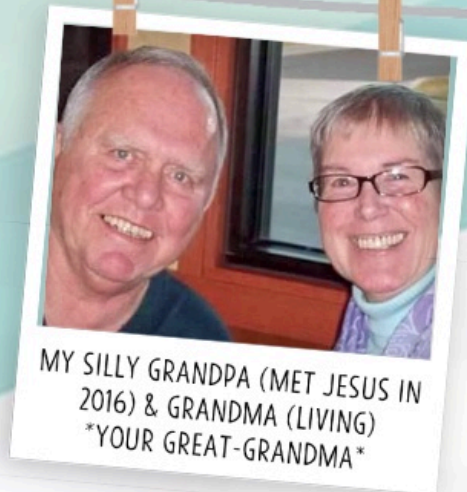
MY SISTER, BROTHER-IN-LAW & NEPHEW
YOUR AUNT, UNCLE, & COUSIN
(LIVE IN THE HOME NEXT TO OURS!)



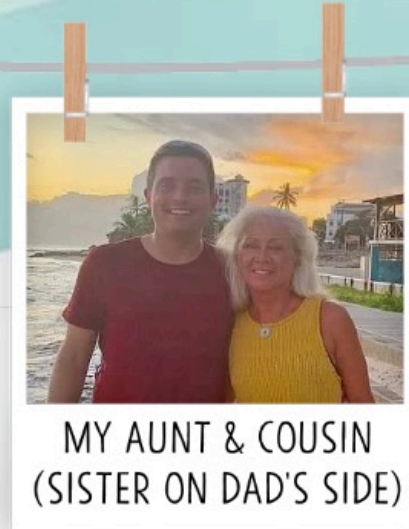
MY DAD BUILT A GATE CONNECTING OUR BACKYARD
WITH MY SISTERS! PLAYTIME WITH YOUR COUSIN IS
ONLY STEPS AWAYS! YOU AND THIS LITTLE GUY ARE
SURE TO BE BEST BUDDIES!



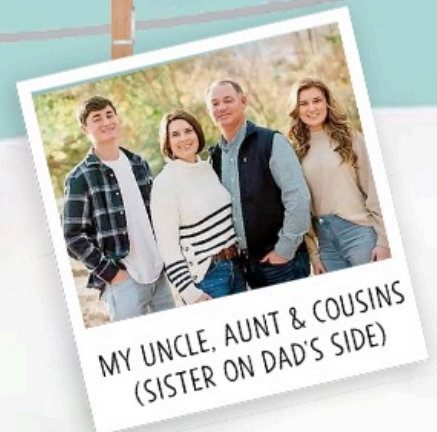
MY MIMI & JIM
YOUR GREAT GRANDMA & JIM



MY SILLY GRANDPA (MET JESUS IN
2016) & GRANDMA (LIVING)
YOUR GREAT-GRANDMA



MY AUNT & COUSIN
(SISTER ON DAD'S SIDE)



MY UNCLE, AUNT & COUSINS
(SISTER ON DAD'S SIDE)



MY GRANDPA (MET JESUS IN 2010) & GRANDMOTHER (LIVING)
YOUR GREAT-GRANDMA



MY MOM HAS 4 SISTERS AND 1 STEP-BROTHER. WE ARE ALL VERY CLOSE AND ALL LIVE MINUTES FROM EACH OTHER!



COUSINS ON MY MOM'S SIDE AND MY GRANDMOTHER
LOTS OF MY FAMILY LIVES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
9 BABIES/KIDDOS IN OUR FAMILY LIVE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE.

I LOVE MY BIG LOUD FAMILY MORE THAN WORDS COULD EVER EXPRESS. THEY ARE MY BEST FRIENDS, MY COMEDIC RELIEF, AND MY REALITY CHECK. THEY ARE THE KINDEST MOST GENEROUS PEOPLE YOU WILL EVER MEET. YOU WILL COME TO KNOW THEM WELL, AND, ALONG WITH JACOB AND I, THEY WILL STAND AS YOUR DAILY SUPPORT SYSTEM. EVERY YEAR, ALL OF US GATHER TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE. JACOB (NOMINATED THROUGH A FAMILY VOTE DUE TO HIS HIGH LEVELS OF JOLLINESS LOL) DRESSES UP AS SANTA, AND GIVES PRESENTS TO ALL OF THE KIDS. THIS IS OUR FAVORITE TRADITION THAT WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO EXPERIENCE IT!! IN THIS FAMILY, YOU WILL LAUGH A LOT, YOU ALWAYS HAVE PEOPLE IN WHICH TO CONFIDE, EARS TO LISTEN, AND OVERFLOWING LOVE MEANT TO BE SHARED. THE WHOLE CREW CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!!



OUR GODDAUGHTER
(DAUGHTER OF MY COUSIN)



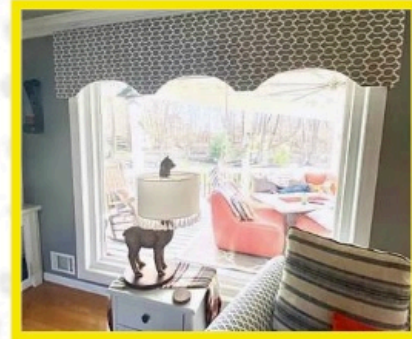
A FEW OF MY COUSINS AND
MY SISTER

WELCOME TO OUR HOME!!



HERE WE WATCH
MOVIES, PLAY
GAMES, GIGGLE,
BUILD FORTS,
HAVE DANCE
PARTIES, AND
SPEND TIME AS
A FAMILY!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MAKE YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE
THE CENTERPIECE OF OUR FAMILY WALL!



OUR HOME OFFICE



CATCHING UP ON THE DAY,
SHARING STORIES, AND
GATHERING AS A FAMILY
EACH NIGHT AROUND THE
DINNER TABLE IS A
TRADITION WE CHERISH!





OUR ROOM



THE ROOM CLOSEST TO OURS WILL BE YOUR ROOM WITH YOUR VERY OWN BATHROOM! WE ARE SO EXCITED TO FILL YOUR ROOM WITH CUDDLY STUFFED ANIMALS, BLANKETS, A SNUGGLY BED, LOTS OF CLOTHES, DIAPERS, WIPES, SHOES, BOOKS, AND A ROCKING CHAIR FOR BED TIME STORIES AND KISSES EACH NIGHT.



THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL GUEST ROOM FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY



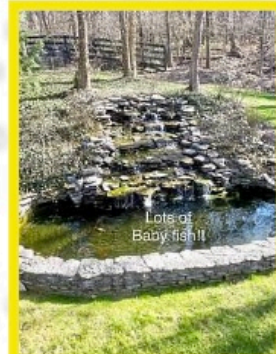
Sister's house



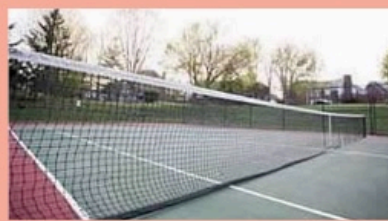
OUR BACK YARD HAS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR SWINGS AND A CLUB HOUSE FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS! YOU WILL LOVE WATCHING THE FISH IN THE POND, GOING ON NATURE WALKS IN THE WOODS, AND RELAXING ON THE PORCH WITH THE FAMILY!



IN OUR WALKOUT BASEMENT WE HAVE A WORKOUT ROOM, A BED ROOM/OFFICE, AND LOTS OF SPACE FOR YOU TO PLAY WITH ALL OF YOUR TOYS AND MAKE ALL KINDS OF CRAFTS!



OUR COZY COMMUNITY AND THE LOVE THAT MAKES IT HOME

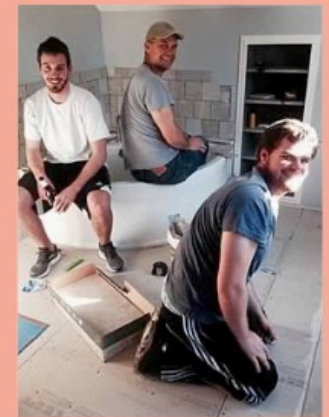
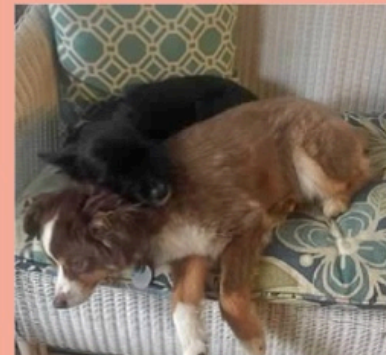


WE THOUGHT OF YOU WHEN WE CHOSE TO LIVE IN ONE OF THE SAFEST AND MOST KID-FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOODS IN KENTUCKY. JUST A SHORT WALK FROM OUR HOUSE, THERE ARE SEVERAL LARGE PONDS, A COMMUNITY POOL (WITH A SWIM TEAM), TENNIS COURTS, A COMMUNITY CLUB HOUSE, MILES OF WALKING PATHS, LARGE FIELDS, AND SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT. ON A NORMAL DAY, IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO SPOT AUNTS WALKING DOGS, GRAMMY AND PAPA WALKING, UNCLES BIKING, COUSINS FILLING THE PARK WITH THEIR WILD KIDDOS, OR OUR SWEET NEPHEW SLEEPING IN HIS STROLLER AS MOMMY AND DADDY WALK AND CHAT ABOUT THE DAY.

IN THE SUMMER, OUR FAMILY RESERVES THE TENNIS COURTS AND WE SPEND DAYS PLAYING PICKLE BALL. LAST YEAR, JACOB WON OUR FAMILY PICKLE BALL CHAMPIONSHIP! BACKYARD COOKOUTS, PORCH NIGHTS, DAYS BY THE POOL, AND NIGHTS BY THE FIRE- WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL AND BLESSED TO KNOW SUCH SWEET COMFORT AND LOVE FROM OUR COMMUNITY. OUR CHURCH (CHRISTIAN) IS ONLY A FEW MILES DOWN THE ROAD WITH A BIG YOUTH GROUP AND A MESSAGE FOCUSED ON LOVE.

IT WOULD BE OUR HONOR, AND THE HONOR OF OUR SURROUNDING FAMILY AND FRIENDS, TO WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY! YOU WILL KNOW UNSELFISH LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT BOTH FROM OUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE FOUND VERY FEW THINGS IN LIFE TO BE MORE FULFILLING, MORE JOYFUL, OR MORE COMFORTING THAN THE LOVE WE SHARE WITH THOSE WE SURROUND OURSELVES WITH! SIMPLY PUT, IT IS A HAPPY PLACE TO BE AND SAFE PLACE TO GROW!



LETTERS FROM YOUR GRANDPARENTS...

My Dearest New Grand Baby,

We haven't met yet, but I wanted to introduce myself to you. I am your Pappy. I want you to know that you are truly loved with all of my heart. You are the newest addition to our wonderful family, and you will always and forevermore be protected and spoiled with eternal love. Your life and adventure are just beginning! The love you get is as pure as it comes because you are chosen.

As you will learn, I like to kid, cut up, and have a good time. Life is supposed to be filled with joy and happiness and I want to you experience all the love and happiness I can share. I love you dearly and will forever be here for you.

Love you,
Pappy



*To my precious unborn
Grand Baby,*

*I am your Mimi and I can
hardly stand waiting for
you to arrive!*

*I can already see myself
holding you and loving
you. On our side, you have
two cousins waiting for you
as well. Our family will
not be complete until we
have you!*

*I already love you to the
moon and back! I so look
forward to meeting you and
loving you, my dearest
Grand Baby.*

*Love you always,
Mimi*



FROM JACOB'S DAD & MOM

Hello little miracle.

Right now Grammy and I have one grandson and he is starting to call me Papaw. I love hearing him try to say my name. This morning we were on the tree swing and while the dogs were barking, he learned to make a dog sound. There are always lots of hugs in our house and lots of stories and laughing.

You will have so many cousins in the neighborhood so finding a friend will not be hard at all. You're Aunt Abby, Uncle Clay and closest cousin, Brooks is right next door. You will love playing with Brooks and their new baby boy due later this year.

My kids always called my dad the silly Grandpa because he loved them so much and he was always fun to be with. I can't wait to love you the same way. I like to build and love my tools, so I am starting work on a tree house in our backyard. We will need to help you to the slide and swings at first but it won't be long before you will be exploring right along with the many cousins in the neighborhood.

Grammy loves to read books and teach. She is so good with babies and will have time to go to the park and the zoo with you. Both Grammy and I have been married for a long time and are so grateful to share our life with you. Our house is warm and full of love, cookouts and endless conversations. Your Mom and Dad are our family and we love just spending time together so you will see us a bunch.

We can't wait to meet you. I am sure you are amazing and special and will teach us so much. See you soon.

Love

Papaw and Grammy.

*Papaw
Grammy*



FROM
LINDSAY'S
DAD &
MOM

OUR VISION FOR PARENTHOOD

AS PARENTS, OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE INDEPENDENT, CONFIDENT, EDUCATED, EQUIPPED, AND JOYFUL CHILDREN. WE HOPE TO ONE DAY HAVE 2-3 CHILDREN; AS WE BOTH BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THE LOVE OF SIBLINGS. WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES, LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD, HAVE ADVENTURES, AND FIND THEIR PURPOSE, OR GOD'S CALLING, FOR THEIR TIME ON THIS EARTH. WE WILL PRACTICE TOUGH LOVE WHEN NEEDED, AND HOPE THAT OUR CHILD FINDS PEACE AND TRUST IN THE ARMS OF OUR FAMILY. WE BELIEVE IN HEALTHY ROUTINES AND DAILY FAMILY DINNERS. WE WILL TAKE OUR KIDS ON YEARLY VACATIONS AND VISIT THE PARK AND ZOO OFTEN. WE HOPE, ABOVE ALL ELSE, THAT OUR FAMILY STANDS FOR LOVE AND THAT OUR CHILD WILL TAKE THAT LOVE AND SHARE IT WITH THE WORLD.



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

WE PROMISE TO LOVE THIS CHILD, OUR CHILD, THROUGH BOTH WORD AND DEED COMPLETELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

WE PROMISE TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL STABILITY. HARD WORK WILL BE TAUGHT AND SEEN IN OUR HOME.

WE PROMISE TO BE HONEST WITH OUR CHILD ABOUT THE ADOPTION AND EVERY ASPECT OF THE PROCESS. WE WANT THEM TO KNOW EVERYTHING, AND IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, WE WANT TO ALWAYS BE THEIR GO-TO RESOURCE. WE KEEP AN ADOPTION NOTEBOOK AND WRITE FREQUENT LETTERS TO OUR CHILD SO THAT HE/SHE MAY KNOW HOW DEEPLY THEY ARE LOVED.

WE PROMISE TO WORK DAILY TO MAINTAIN A STRONG AND HEALTHY MARRIAGE

WE PROMISE TO SMILE AND LAUGH EVERY DAY.

WE PROMISE TO PROVIDE A SAFE, HAPPY, COMFORTABLE, AND JOYOUS HOME.

WE PROMISE TO PRACTICE LOVE AND SHARE OUR FAITH WITH OUR CHILD.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE, OPEN
HEART, AND CONSIDERATION OF US AS
PARENTS FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL MIRACLE.
IT IS THE HONOR AND JOY OF OUR LIVES!

JACOB & LINDSAY



Thank you!!



