

Arran + Jenny

Family ID# 2083953



Hello!

We cannot even begin to understand what you're facing right now as you explore the possibilities for your baby and yourself. You are very brave, and we admire that so much!

We've both lived in the Carolinas almost all of our lives and have been married since 2019. We are best friends and love our life together! We both have large and loving extended families and adore our times together with them. Jenny has three siblings and Arran has five; and together we have 18 nieces and nephews. We love being their Auntie and Uncle—throwing the football, playing games, baking, and having dance parties.

We were single for many years and got married when we were 39 and 42 years old. We thought that we'd be able to conceive, but after almost two years of trying to get pregnant and undergoing many tests, we were told by the doctors that we only had a 1% chance of conception. Even before our diagnosis, we were open to adoption as a way to grow our family. When we were told the news about not conceiving, we gladly began the journey to adopt. We adore our families and are excited to build our own family through adoption.

We love our church and host a weekly Bible study at our house. Our church friends are like family to us. We also love being active, playing games, watching movies, traveling, and are big sports fans—especially football and tennis. We often talk about the adventures that we have had together, and we dream about the adventures we will have in the future with children.

We would like to have an open adoption, to send you photos and letters, and to meet you for visits, if you would like that. You are important to us, and we'd love to have an on-going relationship with you and your family, but we respect your privacy and would be happy with what makes you comfortable.

We have been and will continue to pray for you and your baby. And we wish you all the best, whatever you decide.



Arran & Jenny

Our Love Story

Our love story starts in 2013 when we were matched on eHarmony.

We wrote and talked on the phone for about six weeks, but then we went our separate ways. We didn't break up; we just stopped communicating.

But then—in April 2018 Jenny remembered “that guy she used to talk to online,” so she found Arran on Facebook and friended him. He accepted the friend request and sent her a DM.

Once we reconnected, we realized how much we had in common—church, travel, sports, movies, having fun, and so much more. We loved being together and could talk for hours. After our second date to the Scottish Highland Games, Arran asked Jenny to be his girlfriend.

We dated for 11 months, and then while we were hiking in one of Jenny's favorite state parks, Arran proposed in front of a beautiful waterfall! We were married four months later at Jenny's church surrounded by our friends and family.



Wedding Day

September 07, 2019

Our wedding day was full of love, friendship, and joy! The day came and went so fast. We are very thankful for everyone who came to celebrate with us.



Jenny's Bridesmaids: Sisters Christina and April and sister-in-law Robben.



Jenny fist bumps her dad George before walking down the aisle.



Arran's Groomsmen: Brother Andrew and close friends Dee and David



Once we were announced "husband and wife," the audience gave us a standing ovation—what a fun surprise!!

We loved that both Jenny's brother Champ and Arran's pastor Ant could conduct the ceremony.



About Us

About Arran

I was born and raised in Western North Carolina. I grew up with my parents and a younger brother. I also have two older half-brothers and two older half-sisters, but I did not grow up with them. I have eight nieces and nephews. I showed interest in Architecture while in high school, so I studied Architecture in college. I worked for two Architecture firms in Charlotte until 2009. I then transitioned to my current job in 2010 and moved to Columbia, SC.

I love Jenny and can't wait to raise children together with her! God brought us together. While I don't know how He will use us, I am excited to see how He will.

I love my church community! Ever since becoming a Christian my senior year of high school, God has used community in my life in impactful ways. The folks in my church communities over the years have become my closest friends.

I love being creative! Having a creative outlet is important to me. I especially enjoy digital design.

I love sports! I enjoy watching NFL (especially the Carolina Panthers) and English Premier League soccer (especially Manchester United).

Things I love about Arran—

Arran is incredibly kind! He is a genuinely loving and caring man who looks out for my needs as well as the needs of our neighbors, friends, and church family. He loves people, and He loves God. When we were dating, I kept thinking, "Is this guy for real?" Could he be as thoughtful and kind as he appears to be? Yes, he is! He truly is the best guy ever.

-Jenny

About Jenny

I was born in South Carolina but when I was seven, my family moved to North Carolina where I grew up with my parents, older brother, and two older sisters on a small farm. Since my mom was a teacher, I always wanted to be a teacher when I grew up. In college and grad school, I studied English Education, and then I taught high school English for 15 years. I currently part-time substitute teach, do some medical billing, and work in client relations for a breeder of doodle puppies.

I've always wanted to be a mom. I love my family and cherish the wonderful times we had together when we were growing up—jumping on the trampoline, going on walks in the woods, and playing basketball with my dad. I'm excited about raising a family with Arran. He will be a wonderful dad! I'm excited to create memories and give the kids a wonderful home full of love and adventures.

I love my family! I have 10 nieces and nephews and even got to be in the delivery room for when my seven year-old nephew Hudson was born. So special! Those 10 kids have been my babies for all these years, and I love being Aunt Jenny.

I love to be creative! I love baking, cooking, decorating our house, and refinishing furniture.

I love people! I love having people over to our house for dinner or just hanging out. I am definitely a people-person!

I love to be in nature! I love hiking, jogging, and even just swinging in a hammock as long as it's outside in nature. Our house overlooks a shared pond, and I love watching the ducks and geese swimming around.

Things I love about Jenny—

Jenny is an undeserved and precious gift to me. She is both beautiful inside and out. I love she is a genuinely caring woman. One way she expresses her care for people is through her thoughtfulness, whether it is a kind word or gift. I also love that she is smart and creative. Above all and most importantly, I love that she has a heart for God.

-Arran



Fun Together {Making Memories}



Tennis



Axe throwing



Putt putt on the top deck on a cruise ship



Jenny wins a game of putt putt in summer 2021



Game night out



Arran wins in a game of horse.



Riding bikes at the beach

We enjoy playful competition with each other. We have a traveling trophy that stays in the office of the one who won the last competition.



Fun Facts

Most adventurous things—I went skydiving in South Africa and went great white shark cage diving in Australia.

Random job—I worked in a magic shop one summer.

Favorites—I love Coca Cola!

Family fun—I'm named after an island off the west coast of Scotland. I was blessed to visit in August 2017 (picture to the left).

Place I'd love to visit—I would love to see the Northern Lights.

Family fun—I come from a very tall family. My grandfather was 6'11" And I was even a part of a tall girl's club in college.

High school—I was the school mascot my senior year — Go Lions!

Hidden talent—I can read a book when it's upside down.

Random job—In high school, a farmer paid me and my friends to walk through the cornfields and pull out the tassels from the cornstalks.

Place I'd love to visit—I would love to visit Paris, France.



Fun Facts

Meet Our Families



Jenny with her sister Christina and niece Taylor in New York City



New Year's celebration with Arran's side of the family



Arran's Extended Family



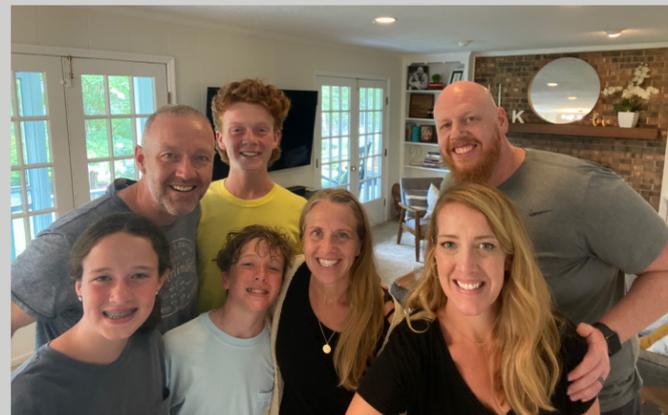
Arran visiting his brother Andrew in Australia in 2011.



Jenny's Extended Family



Arran's immediate family - Andrew, Stephen, and Sandra



Visit from Jenny's brother Champ and his family



Arran eating breakfast with nieces and nephews



Jenny's Immediate Family

Traditions {Family • Church Community}



Arran with his dad Stephen carrying a Celtic cross that his dad carved for the highland games



2021 highland games with Arran's half-brother Shawn



Shawn carrying the carved Celtic cross and Arran carrying the carved caber in Kirk of the Tartans

Arran's family is of Scottish ancestry. His parents, Stephen and Sandra, first met each other at the Highland Games many years ago.

Our family and church community are integral parts of the traditions we celebrate.

Christmas is by far our favorite holiday. Even before we were married, Christmas was a holiday that was incredibly special to both of us. For Arran, he loves being with his family at Christmas time. His side of the family loves to eat his mom's spaghetti, put together puzzles, and give funny gifts as stocking stuffers.

For Jenny, she has always loved spending time with her family and fixing lefse, a family recipe of Norwegian flatbread. Jenny and her family also prepare a birthday cake for Jesus every year, and it's something we want to do with our family, as well.



Annual Christmas party with our church lifegroup



Jenny fixing lefse with her sisters April and Christina



Annual visit to the Christmas tree lot to find the perfect tree



Annual birthday cake for Jesus



Jenny fixing lefse with her mom Joy

Friends + Church Community



80's themed birthday party for Jenny's 40th



Jenny with lifegroup friends at a pumpkin patch



Arran posing with his buddy James



With dear friends Micah, Katie, and baby Floreat



Jenny running a 10K race with friends Ashley, Bekah, and Ashli.



With lifegroup after a church baptism



Church family at our wedding reception



Lifegroup friends Justin, Rakeem, and Tremon surprising Arran on his birthday.



Lifegroup at a church Trunk or Treat

Our Home + Neighborhood



Front of our house



Back of our house

We love our house and enjoy sitting on our back porch and watching the geese and ducks. We have a State Park with walking trails, playground, and splash pad within walking distance of our house; and we have playgrounds, tennis courts, and ball fields only five minutes away.



Our kitchen



Nearby park and playground



Family room (our favorite room)



Shared pond in our backyard

Adventures Together {Making Memories}

We love taking adventures together and seeing new places.

We also enjoy photography and taking pictures of our adventures.

We are best friends and truly do enjoy being together!

We are excited about going on adventures with our kids someday.



Sawyer Glacier, Alaska



Pike's Place Market in Seattle, WA



Space Needle in Seattle, WA



Canada Yukon



This goat had a lot of personality!



At a Jacksonville, FL beach



In Charleston, SC



Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska



Hiking with Jenny's family outside of Phoenix, AZ



At the south rim of the Grand Canyon



At a Carolina Panthers' game in 2021

Closing and a Thank You!

Father's Name: Arran
Occupation: Customer Service Manager
for a Telecommunications Company
Education: Bachelor of Architecture
Religion: Christian
Date of birth: August 11, 1977
Hair color: Red
Eye color: Blue
Height: 6' 3½"

Mother's Name: Jenny
Occupation: Part-time substitute teacher,
medical billing, and client relations
Education: Masters of Education in
English
Religion: Christian
Date of birth: February 20, 1980
Hair color: Blonde
Eye color: Blue
Height: 5'11"

Date of Marriage: September 7, 2019

Interests and Hobbies: Arran enjoys various creative outlets, playing tennis, playing the strategy game Risk with his guy friends, and watching NFL football, especially the Carolina Panthers. Jenny loves baking, decorating the house, refinishing furniture, and being outside in nature. We both love traveling to see new places, watching sports and movies together, and spending time with our large extended families.

Our Home: Our 5-bedroom house sits at the end of a cul-de-sac, and our large yard has azalea bushes and mature trees. Our backyard backs up to a shared pond. Our neighborhood is full of families of all ages and from diverse ethnic backgrounds. We love our house, and we love our neighbors.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? When we got married at ages 39 and 42, we thought that we would be able to conceive, but after almost 2 years of trying to get pregnant and undergoing many tests, we were told by the doctors that we only had a 1% chance of conception. Even before our diagnosis, we were open to adoption as a way to grow our family. When we were told the news about not conceiving, we gladly began the journey to adopt. We adore our siblings and our large extended families, and we are excited to build our own family through adoption.

Openness to birthparent(s): We would like to have an open adoption, to send you photos and letters, and to meet you for visits, if you would like that. We'd love to have an on-going relationship with you and your family, but we would be happy with what makes you comfortable.

Childcare Plans: Jenny plans to be a stay-at-home mom, but Arran also works from home full-time and will be able to be a part of caring for the baby, as well.

Thank you for reading our book. We hope it gives you insight into our family.

We have been and will continue to pray for you and your baby. And we wish you all the best!

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