





LOVE STORY



We met the old fashioned way,
ONLINE! From the moment we met,
we both knew this was different than anything we had experienced before.

We ate the slowest 4-hour dinner we possibly could. We were smiling, laughing and stalling because we weren't ready to say goodbye. We got married a year later on November 17, 2018 and to this day we have not stopped smiling or laughing. Our relationship is very playful and we still find any reason to spend as much time together as we can! Whether it's running errands, driving around town with the windows down and the song turned up, at the beach or on the water, getting comfy on the couch for a movie or traveling to new places, life is better when we are together. We've created a home full of warmth, love and laughter and we can't wait to share that with our kids someday and have a family of our own.





We love to walk around the harbor

WE HAVE ALWAYS
KNOWN WE WANTED
TO ADOPT.

After getting married, we truly knew that God has called us to adoption for our parenting journey and we trust that He will bring us together. We cannot wait to love your child and welcome both you and this baby into our family.





I'm so proud to be Colombian!
I loved visiting the country
my dad came from



PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD The beach

**DREAM JOB** 

To be a stay at home mom

ICE CREAM

Coconut pineapple

**HOBBY** 

Arranging flowers (I was a florist for 8 years) I also love decorating the house, especially for holidays.

SEASONAL ACTIVITY

Visiting a pumpkin patch

**DESSERT** 

I love all sweets! I worked at a delicious bakery designing wedding and specialty cakes, so I'd probably choose a cake with cream cheese frosting.

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

A favorite drink with me (iced tea, diet soda, coffee, sparkling water)

SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

Other than the Bible, my parents are my role models and give me wonderful, godly advice



### Angie BY JOE

If there is something to know about my wife, it is her commitment to her faith and her love for her family. Growing up in a Christian household, Angie has a personal relationship with the Lord and a strong family dynamic that most would strive for.









Tia and Caroline girls lunch!

Something that I deeply admire about my wife is her love for children and HER DESIRE TO BE THE BEST MOM she can be. She is extremely thoughtful regarding the upbringing, parenting style, and faith that our children will grow up with. Other things Angie is known for is her love for her Colombian background, music, dancing, her keen eye for design, making our home beautiful and welcoming, her ability to throw an amazing party, and most importantly,

her servant's heart. Angie serves at a Bible study where she leads a group of junior high home schoolers to learn more about God's Word. She is also passionate about her family and crazy about her nieces and nephews! Angie plans to be a stay at home mom and to be super involved in everything our kids do. She longs for our home to be the home our kids' friends all want to come to, and to have close relationships with our children. Angie has such a big and loving heart, I cannot wait to see her raise our future crew.



JOE'S FUN FACTS FAVORITES

PLACE TO TAKE A
CHILD

The park

ACCESSORY

Sunglasses

SEASONAL ACTIVITY

Fishing

Chocolate chip cookies

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

Gum

PERFECT DAY

On the water, eating good seafood and surrounded by friends and family

ICE CREAM

Handles Ice Cream's- graham central station

## WRITTEN BY ANGIE

Meet my sweet guy, "Joe Joe" as his family calls him. This guy is one of the friendliest people you'll ever meet. I love how he can make friends with anyone and doesn't know a stranger.

Joe is GENUINE, DOWN TO EARTH, WARM, A LOYAL FRIEND, and A **GREAT LISTENER.** I still get butterflies when he calls or walks through the door, and he always keeps me on my toes! He has a quick sense of humor and usually has his family and friends rolling on the floor with laughter. Joe is an early riser and can't wait to start his day, always on a quest to find a new adventure. He has a wide range of passions and interests, from camping to fishing, taking his boat out, kick boxing, cooking, fixing things in the garage, and learning new things. He is amazing with kids and jumps right in to play with his nieces and nephews, teaching them magic tricks and taking them on all sorts of adventures. I admire how goal oriented Joe is and how dedicated he is to building his career to support our future family. He is a wonderful and supportive husband with a strong faith and relationship with Jesus, and I know he will make an excellent hands-on father to our future kids. I am so excited to see him become a dad and I couldn't imagine building a family with anyone else.







Catch of the day!

JOE LOVES ANIMALS
AND DREAMS OF
HAVING A FEW FARM
ANIMALS ONE DAY!



We live in Southern California in a family-friendly beach town of ORANGE COUNTY. Only 3 miles from the beach, we are also surrounded by canyons, trails, parks, and mountain views. We absolutely love living in such a beautiful place so we can enjoy being outdoors year-round! Whether we're at the beach, in a boat, or on a camping trip, much of our free time involves being outside. In addition, to having large parks in our community within walking distance, families can ride their bikes down to the beach throughout the year to enjoy events, live music, and movie nights. In our neighborhood, we have swimming pools, tennis courts, and playgrounds. We love our church community, which is filled with young families and an awesome

kids' ministry that we look forward to being a part of. Another perk about where we live is being only a mile away from Angie's parents. They live in a beautiful home that has become a favorite gathering place for family get togethers, which include grilling on the patio, playing miniature golf on their putting green, relaxing in

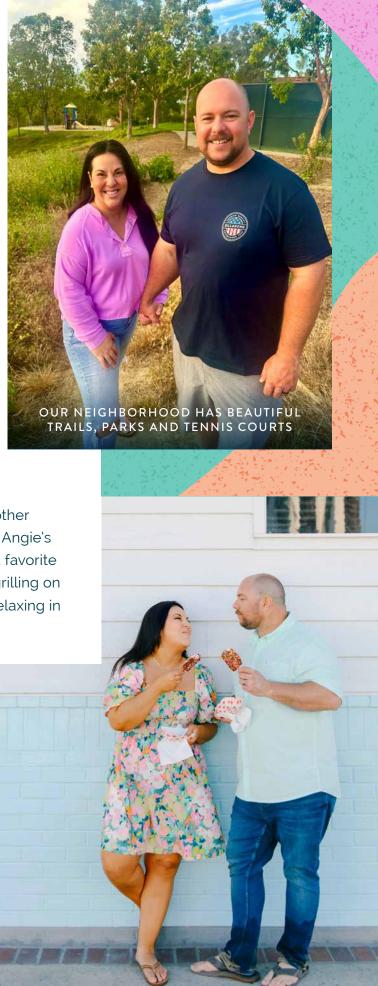
their jacuzzi, and roasting marshmallows at their fire pit.

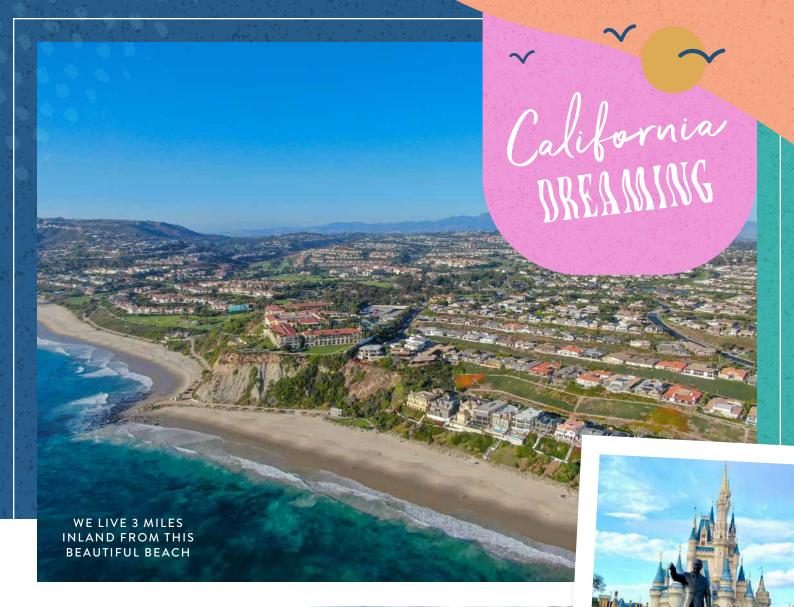


Taking our boat out for fishing is the best!

We love playing chess and board games together!







#### OUR FAU LOCAL PLACES

THE OCEAN - if you haven't noticed, we spend a lot of time at the ocean! Whether it's at the beach or on our boat, much of our time is spent near the water.

THEME PARKS - We live 20 minutes from Disneyland and many other theme parks. We're looking forward to taking our child one day!

OUR CHURCH - we love spending time at church with our church community!



We live 20 minutes from Disney!



A local beach spot that we love

#### When it comes to our families, we hit the jackpot! FAMILY IS EVERYTHING TO US and we

love doing life together. Angie's parents, see their grandkids, at least a few times a week. They always have a new game, craft, or place to explore with the kids, and they spend their whole visit with the kids on the floor, playing with dolls, cars, and Legos, baking cookies, and running around outside. They are such devoted grandparents and we know they will be such a wonderful support system for us when we welcome our little one to the family! Angie and her sister, are extremely close and can't wait to raise their kids together so they'll always have their cousins around. The kiddos call Joe and Angie, Tio and Tia, which is Uncle and Aunt in Spanish.

Joe is also very close to his family. His parents have retired near Phoenix, Arizona and his 3 older siblings and their families live in different parts of Southern California. We love visiting Joe's parents several times a year. Their home is so warm and cozy, and they take such great care of us while we are there! They love having their grandchildren visit during the summer break and they plan a week full of activities, family dinners, movies, and crafts. It's a wonderful time for the kids. They are truly the sweetest grandparents and parents, and they are so excited to welcome a new baby into the family!





## ANGIE'S DAD HAS BEEN PERFECTING THE BEST DEEP FRIED TURKEY FOR OVER 35 YEARS

# WE LOVE BEING A TIO AND TIA! GROUP HUG!



Angie's parents at our "P" theme dinner!



Family Halloween party!

## Traditions THAT WE LOVE

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One of our favorites are "theme dinners," which involves choosing a movie and creating a themed meal and decorations around the movie. We also celebrate holidays to the fullest, which includes an all family costume party on Halloween, deep-fried turkey on Thanksgiving that Angie's dad prepares to perfection each year for the last 35 years, a Colombian feast for Christmas Eve dinner, and a family dance party complete with streamers and strobe lights on New Year's Eve. We look forward to continuing our traditions and making new ones as our family grows!



Annual lights at the harbor



Picking out a pumpkin





### Promises TO YOU

We want you to know that we will love your baby unconditionally and will nurture him or her to grow up to be the best person God created them to be. We promise to provide an upbringing in which your child knows and loves Jesus, and are taught values such as thankfulness, integrity, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. We will devote our lives caring for your child's needs and providing all the love, joy, and security we can offer. We will be at every soccer game, ballet performance, or any other activity he or she wishes to pursue, and encourage your child's hopes and dreams. We promise to provide the best possible education and to always be your child's biggest advocate. We also promise to share your child's

adoption story from the very beginning so that he or she will know where they came from. We promise to raise him or her with an understanding and a deep appreciation for the tremendous sacrifice that you made out of love. Your child will grow up knowing the love you have for him or her and that they are wanted, chosen and loved.



WALKING THE

TRAILS BEHIND

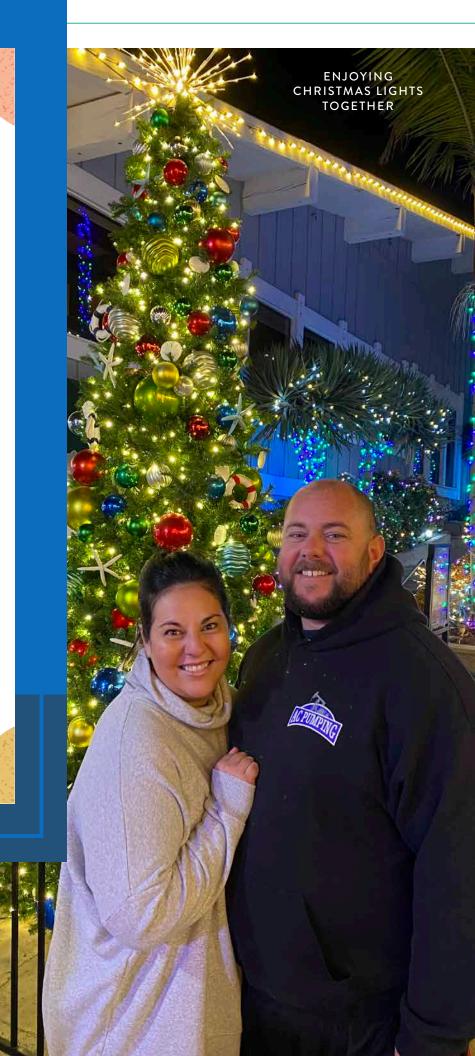
**OUR HOUSE** 



### HOPES & DREAMS

It is our deepest desire and prayer to have a wonderful relationship with you. We know that open adoptions are very important for the well-being of the child, you, and everyone involved. We would love to stay in contact so we can build a life-long relationship with you and your family and keep you updated on all of your child's important milestones. With that being said, we are also sensitive to the level of openness you are comfortable with.

We believe it's important to learn where we came from and celebrate each other's differences. Angie is half Colombian and grew up with a strong love for her Latin culture and Joe's family equally has appreciation for their Irish heritage. We are very excited to celebrate your child's heritage, share ours with him or her, and form new traditions as a family.





- FATHER'S NAME Joseph
- OCCUPATION Oil and Gas
   Production Operator
- **EDUCATION** Some College
- **RELIGION** Christian
- DATE OF BIRTH March 19, 1990
- HAIR COLOR Bald
- EYE COLOR Blue
- **HEIGHT** 5'11"

- MOTHER'S NAME Angela
- OCCUPATION Data and Special Projects Coordinator
- **EDUCATION** Bachelor's Degree
- **RELIGION** Christian
- DATE OF BIRTH October 1, 1982
- HAIR COLOR Dark Brown
- EYE COLOR Brown
- **HEIGHT** 5'6
- DATE OF MARRIAGE November 17, 2018
- INTERESTS AND HOBBIES We love spending time together with family, cooking dinners and enjoying movie or game nights. We also enjoy traveling and spending time together outdoors. Joe loves fishing, camping, boating or anything that involves being active and in nature. Angie loves music, dancing, creating floral arrangements, home décor and making crafts, but most of all she loves spending time with family and close friends.
- **HOME** We live in a beautiful beach town in Orange County, Ca. It is a quiet, family-oriented community and our home is only 3 miles from the beach. We have many parks and walking trails throughout our community we love to explore. Much of our free time is spent at the beach, watching sunsets, boating and enjoying the Harbor.
- WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION? From a young age, Angie, was always drawn to the idea of adoption. She wasn't exposed to adoption directly, so she can speak with certainty that God had placed this longing on her heart for a purpose. When she met Joe, he loved and fully embraced the decision to adopt one day. Joe and Angie are excited to build a family through adoption for many reasons, but most importantly, they believe this is how God planned to build their family.
- OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S) We have been praying specifically for a special relationship with you! We are strong advocates of an open adoption. We hope to create a warm and loving relationship with you. We will respect your level of comfort and acknowledge relationships can take time to build.
- CHILDCARE PLANS Angie will stay at home full time.

