Anna & Kelby

OUR ADOPTION JOURNEY













ABOUT US

We are Anna and Kelby (and Biscuit, Bella, and Blueberry!). We me several years ago at a vintage arcade. Once the pandemic hit, we canceled our big wedding and got married with just our immediate families present and our priest on FaceTime. We knew in our hearts we made the right decision because at the end of the day, all we wanted was to be married to one another. We are best friends and love spending quality time together discovering new restaurants, seeing our families, taking mini vacations, playing with our dogs, and cooking. Anna is a pastry chef and wedding cake designer for a small boutique bakery and loves being creative and out of the box. Kelby is a welder who works for a small business and always has a fun project going! Our workdays are staggered, and we always have four-day weekends with each other. Kelby is loving, hard-working, level headed, funny, and incredibly kind. Anna is sweet and caring, determined, strong-willed, and goofy. We love cooking, traveling, trying new restaurants, playing with our dogs, and a binge-worthy series.

OUR HOME & PETS

We moved into our house three years ago and absolutely love where we have settled! We live in the middle of a big city surrounded by so many gorgeous and giant trees, a lake that is within walking distance, two neighborhood playgrounds, tennis/pickleball courts, a great school system, and next to so many other families with young children. It's just us two, but we are dog parents to Biscuit, Bella, and Blueberry! Biscuit is the oldest and tiniest but the boss as his little chihuahua self. Bella is the middle child and will happily sit her labradoodle self in your lap! Blueberry is our youngest, an Africanis/heeler mix and the snuggliest of the bunch. You can absolutely count on the three of them being the best big siblings and sharing their toys!

WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

After many years of struggling to get pregnant, we found out it was not going to be an option for us. Anna was diagnosed in early 2022 with stage 1 endometrial cancer and underwent a radical hysterectomy in September 2022. The cancer had started spreading, and this extreme surgery was the safest option but the most difficult decision we have ever had to make. Ten months later and she is in full remission! We have been praying and working with Angel for over two years in hopes of expanding our family.





Anna

Occupation: Pastry chef

Education: MBA: Hospitality

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Catholic

MY FAVORITE...

Sport: Bowling

Hobby: Cooking and baking, shopping, decorating

Musical Group: Maroon 5, Brantley Gilbert, Dua Lipa

Movie: Legally Blonde, The Addams Family, Elf

Dream Vacation: France

TV Show: The Great British Bake Off, Supernatural

Subject in School: English, chemistry

Book: Mastering the Art of French Cooking



Kelby

Occupation: Welder and metal fabricator

Education: AAS: Fire Sciences

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Baptist

MY FAVORITE...

Sport: Baseball

Hobby: Metalwork, playing guitar, reading, traveling

Musical Group: Eminem, Darius Rucker, The Rolling Stones

Movie: The Sandlot, Forrest Gump, The Goonies

Dream Vacation: Italy

TV Show: Supernatural, That 70s Show

Subject in School: Math, science

Book: Harry Potter series



OUR FAMILY &

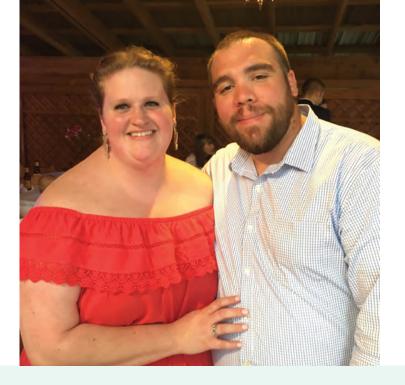
traditions

We have always held adoption close to our hearts as we have a combined thirteen members of our immediate families who have been adopted.

Fall is Anna's favorite with pumpkin patches, fall baking, comfort foods, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. Decorations go up September 1. Christmastime is Kelby's favorite, from the lights to the Christmas carols and experiencing the magic of the holidays through the eyes of his younger siblings. We cannot wait to become a family and share so many wonderful traditions and memories!



DEAR expectant mother



We do not even know where to begin! Your selfless sacrifice is something that is truly admirable and something to be exceedingly proud of. When we began this journey, we didn't really know how emotional it could get, and wow, were we surprised. Words cannot even begin to describe how grateful we are that you are considering us to be guardians of your baby. We are completely aware of the feeling of loss and grief you may be experiencing.

We hope you know you are not alone. We believe something that sets us apart from others is that we are completely open to having a relationship with you. We want to give you the opportunity to set boundaries and be involved in your baby's life, if that is what you choose.

We know that words can only go so far but can promise you we will give endless hugs and love, support them, pray with them, honor their passions (whatever they may be), and ensure they get the best education and have the best life we can possibly give them. The most important thing we want you to know is that by making an adoption plan for your child, you are creating a family. No matter what anyone says, you did not give up or take the easy way out. You thought from the bottom of your heart about how to give your child the best possible life. Always know you are supported and loved, even if just by us. Your bravery and selflessness will always be valued.

Love,

Anna & Kelby

