

KAREN & PAUL







OUR LIFESTYLE

We are Karen and Paul from Michigan. Karen is a director of a childcare center, and Paul is a therapy technician for kids with autism. We enjoy working with kids probably because we are both kids at heart. We are fun-loving and energetic people who love to be outside and spend time with family and friends. We like playing wiffleball on Saturdays with our friends and having dinner with Paul's parents. We enjoy playing and watching a lot of different sports, but our favorite sport to watch together is college football, especially the Navy Midshipmen (Go Navy, Beat Army!). Paul loves playing softball, and Karen is the official team cheerleader. We like going for walks, playing card and board games, and exploring nearby cities. We enjoy watching movies and spending time in our backyard doing yard games and smoking meats on our smoker. Karen loves to cook and go running, and Paul enjoys mixing music and playing video games.

OUR HOME

We live in Michigan in a suburb of a large metropolitan city that offers a wide variety of activities. We live in a three-bedroom, two-bathroom ranch house with many families with children living close by. We are within walking distance of parks and local restaurants. There are a variety of activities available locally including movie theaters, golf courses, malls, bowling, and many other fun activities. There is also a state park close by and multiple walking and bike trails.



One of our favorite adventures was regularly staying at Paul's family cottage in Michigan. Paul enjoyed visiting the cottage as a child, and Paul and Karen visited it together for years. Whether it was riding 4 wheelers, playing golf, or enjoying a ride on the boat, the best part about going to the cottage was spending quality time together with each other and with family and friends. We also explored other nearby cities and enjoyed all sorts of adventures like visiting breweries in Grand Rapids and playing shuffleboard at Ludington Beach. Although Paul's family sold the cottage, we are excited to make new memories at Karen's family's lake house in Kentucky.





























MORE ABOUT

KAREN

Occupation: Childcare Director

Education: Master's in Early Childhood Education

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian

Sport: Softball, football, baseball, volleyball

Food: Pasta, popcorn, salmon

Hobby: Running, crocheting, cooking, reading

Tradition: Baking Christmas cookies, Swedish dinners

Dream Vacation: Sweden

TV Show: NCIS, Glee

Subject in School: Math

Book: Small Great Things

MORE ABOUT

PAUL

Occupation: Autistic Behavior Technician

Education: Bachelor's in Special Education

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian

Sport: Soccer, softball, football, baseball, golf

Food: Burgers, pizza, ice cream

Hobby: Walking, video games, wiffleball, cornhole

Tradition: Camping, skiing

Dream Vacation: Around the world trip

TV Show: Ted Lasso

Subject in School: History

Book: Maximum Flight





Paul has one older brother and a large extended family. He has one nephew, 15 cousins, six second cousins, six aunts, and five uncles. He also has two living grandmas. Paul has always enjoyed going out to lunches and playing golf with his grandma and has a special relationship with her. He is close to his cousins. There is a running family joke that one of his cousins is like Paul's clone. Paul's family always loved going up to the family cottage. They also enjoy taking family vacations to the beach and hiking together.



DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

While we will never be able to understand what you are feeling at this moment, we recognize and acknowledge the love you have for your child and the strength, courage, and selflessness this decision takes. You, your family, and your history will always be a part of your child's life if you choose us. We are honored, grateful, and humbled to be considered to join you on this journey. We will work every day to show your baby how truly loved they are by us, our family, and you.

Should you choose us, your baby will be surrounded by love and support. We have always shared our love for children in our careers in early childhood and special education, and we are excited to be able to apply these experiences to our family life. Together, we will support all areas of development through lots of time outside, interacting with a variety of people, and engaging in community activities. By providing a loving home where they feel safe and free to be their authentic self, we will support them in all their ups and downs and give them the tools and support needed to achieve their dreams. Every achievement and milestone reached will be reinforced by the fact that you loved them first.

We want you to know whatever decision you make for your child is the right one. We admire your strength and abundant love for your child as you navigate this emotional journey.

With love,

PAUL & KAREN

