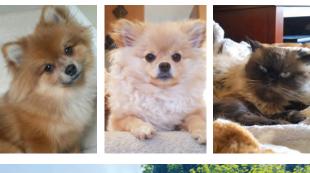
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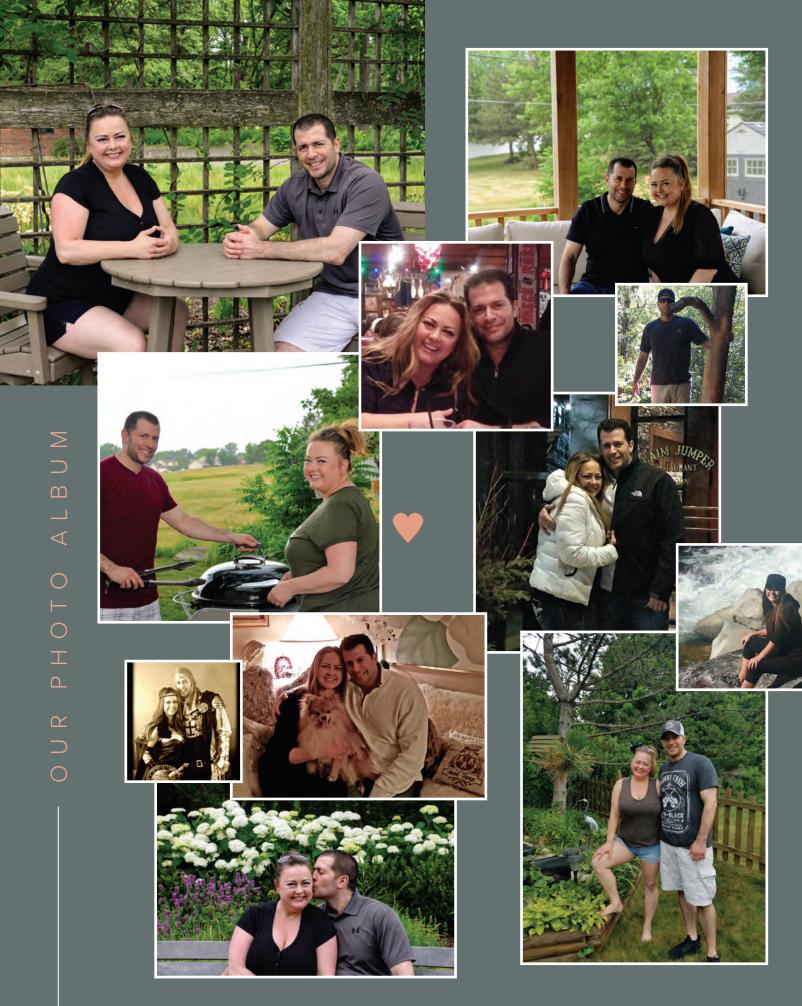
We met as young adults while working at a local restaurant and have been inseparable ever since. Both of us were immediately drawn to each other: Ian to Michelle's bubbly personality and Michelle to Ian's witty sense of humor. After a few years of dating, we went on vacation with Michelle's family to Venice, Italy, and Michelle's home country, the Czech Republic, where they still have a family home. While in the Czech Republic, we spent a few days in the capital, Prague. On the St. Charles bridge, looking up at King Karl's castle, Ian proposed. Surrounded by family and friends, it was the perfect moment! Two years later, we walked down the aisle to become husband and wife. Loving to travel that part of the world, we find ourselves revisiting that exact same spot where we got engaged. Whether in the U.S. or Europe, we love travel and adventure.

our home + pets

We live in a fairly large subdivision in the Midwest in a two-story home with extra bedrooms and a full basement. The second story is where our kitty, Bella, likes to hide or sleep under the bed. The subdivision offers baseball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, a water park, and four different playgrounds that are located just two blocks away along with a new library. Located within walking distance, we also have two forest preserves where we like to take our pups, Rocky and Penny, for hikes. The nearby ponds make for a good day as we spend days picnicking and fishing with Michelle's dad. We live in one of the best school districts our state has to offer, with lots of sports and activities

## what led us to adoption

It's always been our plan to expand our family with children. After a couple years with no success, we decided to see a fertility doctor. A month later, we were pregnant, but unfortunately, we miscarried. Months later, we experienced the same heartbreak one more time. This is when we learned Michelle's body rejects pregnancy due to a thyroid condition, which led us to adoption. During this time, a family member called to say her young daughter was pregnant and asked if we would adopt the child. Extremely thrilled, we accepted. After months of planning and doctor appointments, she understandably decided to keep the child. Although disappointed, we realized God has a different plan, and our journey continues.



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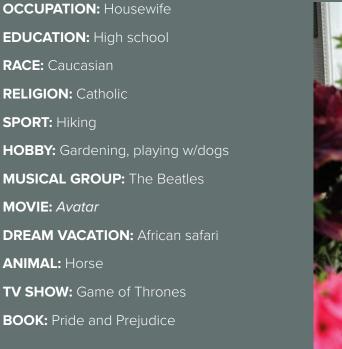


OCCUPATION: Real estate EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science RACE: Caucasian RELIGION: Catholic SPORT: Baseball, football, auto racing HOBBY: Sports, exercising, PS4 MUSICAL GROUP: Pearl Jam MOVIE: Rocky DREAM VACATION: Australia ANIMAL: Lion TV SHOW: The Sopranos BOOK: The Godfather



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We both come from family-oriented families with lots of love and laughter during traditional dinners!

lan's parents have been married 52 years and still live in lan's childhood home. Both are recently retired and have plenty of time to spend with their grandchildren. Ian has two brothers; the oldest is an auto mechanic still enjoying his bachelor life. Ian's younger brother is in sales and married to a teacher. They have two children we cherish and love to spoil: a nine-year-old girl and a five-year-old bulldozer boy.

Michelle's parents have been married 50 years, are both retired, and spend most summers in the Czech Republic at Michelle's mother's childhood home we just finished renovating. It's one of our favorite places to visit. The home backs up to the black forest, where we love to walk and hike. After a good rain, we pick mushrooms then dry them for the family meal. This has been a tradition passed down from Michelle's great-grandparents and will hopefully continue for generations to come. Unfortunately, Michelle's sister has no children, so there are no grandbabies running around for traditions to be passed down to vet.







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Dearest Expectant Mother,

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We are extremely grateful you would consider us for the adoption of your child. We understand this adoption comes with a huge open heart. If chosen, please know we would consider this child the greatest gift that can ever be given. The joy your child would bring to this family is indescribable. The love we would give your child is undeniable, and the happiness your child would bring to our entire family would be irreplaceable.

It would be a joy to pass down traditions and adventures, from mushroom picking in the forests of the Czech Republic to car shows in Pebble Beach, CA. Our hope is to provide a life some can only dream of. Our goal is to provide a life of endless opportunities, whether it's education, sports, singing, or dancing; we will provide and support all that life offers. Many of our friends' children call us auntie and uncle; it would be so wonderful for a child of our family to do the same for them. Between young cousins and friends, your child will always have plenty of companions.

Thank you so much again for considering our family for your decision. You will always know how important you are, and we will always respect the relationship you choose to have with our family.

With Love,

ion + michele

