

Matt & Laura



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ABOUT US



Love at first sight. It's a cliché, but it's true. When we met during a break in grad school for our teaching degrees, we knew we were soulmates. Our first date was at Laura's birthday, a dinner with friends in which Matt showed up with flowers. We shared a pizza. Twelve years later, our love is stronger than ever.

Laura loves Pinterest, arts and crafts, and party planning. She spends a lot of time outside and is energized by nature. She's the mom that organizes our group's play dates. Laura loves bringing people together. Matt loves playing sports of all kinds, and he coaches our son's sports teams. He loves music and has played guitar for 15 years. He teaches middle school English. He's that one dad amongst a bunch of moms at play dates and outings. Our son Hudson is five and loves football. Life wouldn't be the same without him. We have learned as much from him as he has from us.

WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Family is everything to us. So after getting married, we were anxious to start our own. Never in a million years could we have imagined that we would face a battle with infertility. Out of five rounds of IVF, we were blessed with Hudson. Since Hudson was born, we've tried several more rounds unsuccessfully. Through our struggles with infertility, we learned something about ourselves. We are strong, and dedicated to make our dream of growing our family come true. We know, without a doubt, that there is a child who is meant to be a part of our family. Hudson was a miracle through IVF, and we are praying to be blessed with another miracle through adoption. Hudson can't wait to be a big brother, and we know he will be a great one.



OUR HOME & PETS



We live in a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home that is located in a very nice safe neighborhood. The elementary school is right down the street. Our house is full of life and energy. We're a family that plays and laughs together. Out the front door is a big green belt where family football games, scooter rides, or nerf gun battles ensue with our dog, Kanga, chasing after us. At the end of the night, we all snuggle up on the couch to watch a show and read books before bedtime with Kanga in our laps.

FUN FACTS

MORE ABOUT *Matt*

OCCUPATION	Middle School Teacher
EDUCATION	Master's Education
RACE	Caucasian
RELIGION	Episcopalian
SPORT	Soccer
FOOD	Pizza or Pho
TRADITION	Christmas Morning Scavenger Hunt
MUSICAL GROUP	Ben Harper
MOVIE	Star Wars: The Force Awakens
HOLIDAY	Christmas
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL	English
BOOK	The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

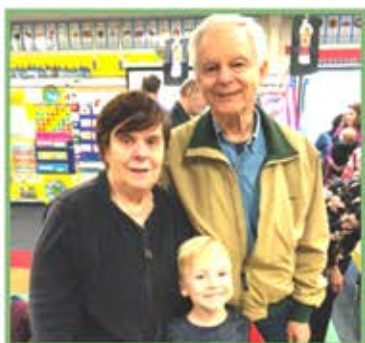


MORE ABOUT *Laura*

OCCUPATION	Stay-at-Home Mom
EDUCATION	Master's Education
RACE	Caucasian
RELIGION	Catholic
SPORT	Whatever Hudson's Playing
FOOD	Chicken Burritos
TRADITION	Decorating Easter Eggs
MUSICAL GROUP	Jason Mraz
MOVIE	Anything Disney or Pixar
HOLIDAY	Thanksgiving
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL	Math
BOOK	The Power by Rhonda Byrnes



OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Laura has three older brothers, an identical twin sister, and another sister who was born just eleven months later. Growing up in a big family is a gift. She never had to face life's struggles without someone there to lend guidance, help, or just a loving embrace. Family has always been the most important thing in her life. Her parents live less than a mile away from us. Two of her brothers also live close by, and her sisters live in San Diego just an hour away. Laura has ten nieces and nephews around our son's age.



Matt's parents and brother live in Arizona, but that doesn't stop them from visiting whenever possible. We frequently travel to the desert for visits, which often feels like we're on a movie set. They often FaceTime and talk on the phone as well, so they remain very close. His brother, Ryan, has a family with two kids around our son's age.



We are blessed to have a large extended family. It seems like it's always someone's birthday or there's a holiday to celebrate! Our get-togethers are full of laughs, board games, and our son's 12 cousins running in different directions. Before long, we're playing a game of touch football in the backyard. It's exhausting, but we wouldn't have it any other way.





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