



*Jon and Linda*





For This Child

*I Have Prayed*

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# About Jon



Hobbies: golfing, fishing, occasionally video games

3 words to Describe Myself: Proud, Strong, Loving

What am I most excited about in becoming/being a Dad again: "The thing that excites me most about being a father is starting another journey. I am thrilled to see the differences between raising boys and raising a girl. I look forward to my boys having a little sister and my wife having the daughter that she has always wanted. My boys are both momma's boys...maybe I can finally have a daddy's girl!"

Name: Jonathan  
Age: 33  
Job: Chief petty officer  
in the US Navy



# Jon's Top 10 List

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Favorite Movie: Forrest Gump

Favorite Food: French fries

Favorite TV Show: Game Of Thrones

Favorite Place You Have Visited: Outer Banks, North Carolina

Favorite Childhood Memory: Road trips with family

Favorite Holiday: Fourth of July

Favorite Children's Book: Yurtle the Turtle by Dr. Suess

Favorite Season: Autumn

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Sport: Baseball

Favorite Animal: Sharks!

One Quality I Love About My Spouse: Her determination!



## Linda says:

“Jon is such a great father to our boys! He is immediately “attacked” when he comes through the door with demands for “flying” them, wrestling, playing catch in the yard and tickle fights. He was the assistant coach for our oldest son’s baseball team and never missed a practice or game. He leads by example how a gentleman should be. I know that when we are blessed with a daughter he will show her what a proper relationship with her partner should look like!”



*Hobbies: horses!*

*3 Words to Describe Yourself:  
Equestrian, Determined,  
Loving*

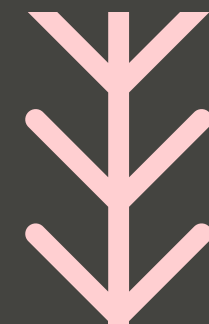
*“I am so excited to become a mom again! I have dreamt and prayed for a little girl! I cannot wait for her to join us on a trip to Disney World to meet all the Princesses—my sons refuse to do that! I have an entire closet full of baby girl clothes that are just waiting for her! I also compete in an equestrian sport that is considered by most to be a woman’s sport, barrel racing. I hope to share my love of horses with her.*



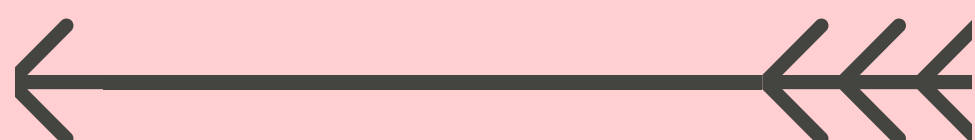
Name: Linda

Age: 34

Job: Certified  
Surgical  
Assistant



love







### Jon says:

“My wife is the best mother already! She is the sweetest person that I have ever met, and she treats our boys fairly and firmly. She has high expectations for them and disciplines them when required. When she looks at our boys, I see nothing but pure love for them in her eyes, and I know that she would literally do anything for them.”



## Linda's Top Ten List

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**Favorite Movie:** Any of the Harry Potter series and Cinderella! My grandmother always said the first time she met my grandfather they danced like Cinderella and Prince Charming!

**Favorite Food:** Pineapples

**Favorite TV Show:** Right now, The Handmaid's Tale!

**Favorite Place You Have Visited:** Italy

**Favorite Childhood Memory:** Drinking tea with my British grandmother. She always made me feel so important, like what I had to say even as a small child was the most important thing she had heard all day.

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas

**Favorite Children's Book:** Charlotte's Web

**Favorite Season:** Summer

**Favorite Color:** Green

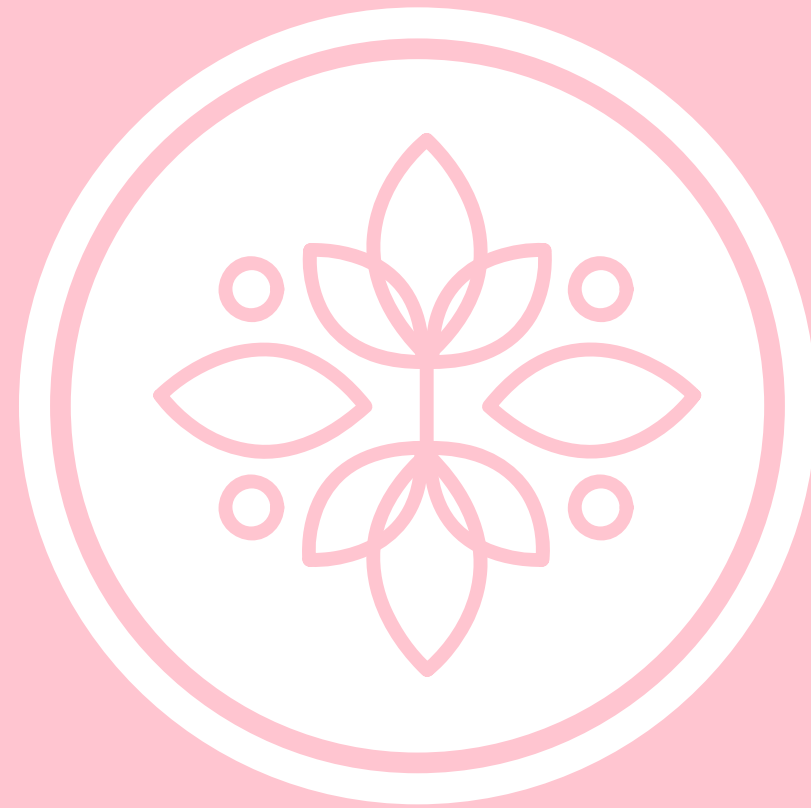
**Favorite Sport:** Baseball

**Favorite Animal:** Horses

**One Quality I Love About My Spouse:** His generosity



# In the Beginning...



We went to high school together and met in marching band! Linda- flute, Jon- saxophone. We lost touch for two years. Linda started at a new college and a few weeks after moving into the dorms, got a message on facebook from Jon. He had just joined the military and wanted to know if, when he could get some leave, would Linda like to meet for dinner. Linda agreed and, lo and behold, Jon had leave the following weekend! While we dated, we flew back and forth between Virginia (Jon's home) and Florida (Linda's home) for 5 years almost every month (except during the times Jon was deployed). Linda moved to Virginia to be with Jon after getting married in 2011.

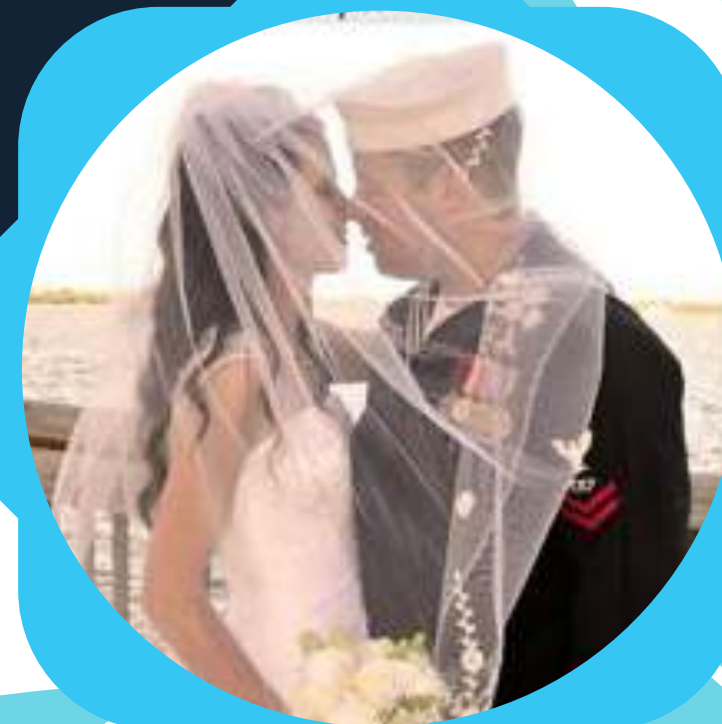
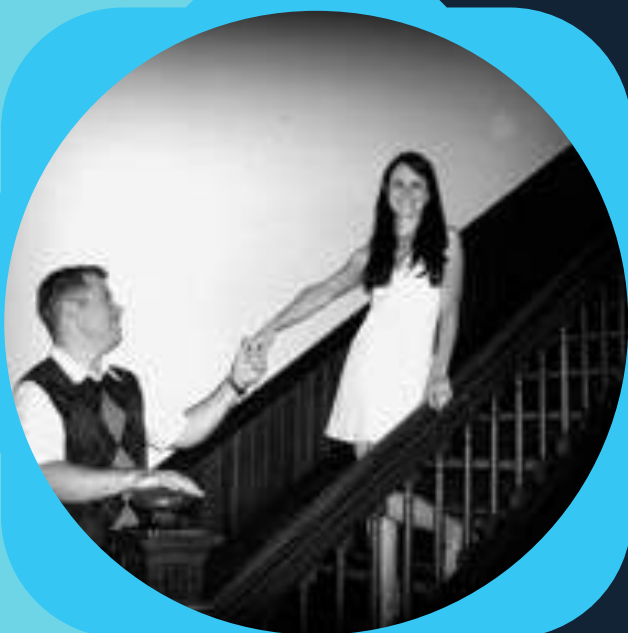






## First Comes Love...

I knew right away, within a couple of months, that I wanted to marry Jon! When he proposed, it was a complete surprise! It was Columbus Day weekend (coincidentally the same day as our first date!), and he complained about how he had duty that weekend and wouldn't be able to come home to see me. I was laying on the couch reading "Harry Potter and The Order of The Phoenix" when I heard a knock at the door. I wasn't expecting anyone... my 3 dachshunds went berserk and I'm shouting "who is it?" through the door while trying to make out the answer of "it's me!" over the ruckus. Once I opened the door, there was Jon on one knee with the most beautiful ring that he designed. I was a mess with my hair in a bun on top of my head and wearing an old t-shirt and pajama shorts! But it was incredibly memorable for him to surprise me on the anniversary of when we started dating.







## Home Sweet Home

We live on a 6-acre farm in rural Southeastern Virginia. The house is a 3-bedroom, 2-bath home. It isn't anything extravagant but it is HOME! This place has been the greatest for raising our boys! The yard is private, completely fenced, and surrounded by huge pine trees. There is a long driveway for our kids to ride their bikes, draw with chalk, and drive their Power Wheels truck! Since we are on 6 acres, there is plenty of space for ball games, places to explore within the safety of their own yard, horse back riding, playing on the trampoline and anything else their little hearts desire!







We live on a farm and have dogs,  
cats, horses, goats, chickens,  
ducks, a pony and a donkey!  
What little girl doesn't want her  
own pony??





# Our Favorite Things to do Together!



## Baseball and camping!

First of all, we are huge Washington Nationals fans! We watch nearly every game on TV, travel to D.C. to go to games, etc. We even already have some Nats gear for our future daughter! GO NATS! Our sons both play in youth leagues too!

Camping, we do regularly as a family. We own a travel trailer RV and go all over Virginia and even venture into North Carolina on trips. We have good friends who have daughters our sons' ages and we go regularly together. When we go to Florida, we also take our camper to camp along the way, camp at Disney World, etc. We have annual passes to Disney World and love to go whenever we can get to Florida! My (Linda) family all have annual passes too - it's a family affair!







HOME RUN FEVER

OUR LITTLE SLUGGERS!





## A SEASON TO BE JOLLY

Our Christmas Tradition is that we usually go home to Florida where both our families are, but first go to Disney World to see Mickey's Christmas decorations!

We typically have supper with Jon's family on Christmas Eve and open the presents from Grandma and Papa there. Christmas morning starts as soon as the boys wake up! We go to Jon's sister's house, which is about 2 minutes from Linda's mom's house.

We open stocking presents and eat breakfast while the boys play with their cousins. Next, we move on to Linda's family. We go to her mom's house and open so many gifts! Lunch is then casual, with ham, in a self-serve buffet style. And let's not forget this is Florida so we're in shorts and t-shirts!





# BIRTHDAYS AT THE BALDWINS!

Birthdays are celebrated by a party with friends on the weekend nearest to the birthday. We also go out to supper as a family, at the birthday person's choice of restaurant. On their birthdays, the boys get to go to the store pick out a toy of their choice.







# About **Jonathan Jr.!**

**Name: Jonathan**

**Age: 7**

**3 Words to Describe**

**Jonathan: Bright, sensitive,  
creative**

**Favorite Activities:  
Baseball!!!!**



He is such a helper! He is a great big brother to his little brother. He is always looking out for him, helping him and teaching him something. It is beautiful when at bedtime, Jonathan will read his brother a bedtime story! He CANNOT wait for a little sister!!



Name: Bryce William

Age: 4

3 Words to Describe Bryce:

loving, spirited, tough!

Favorite Activities: riding his bike,  
playing outside doing anything  
and everything and anything his  
brother is doing

# About Bryce

He has a fantastic sense of humor  
and can be the sweetest little guy! I  
am always shocked at how lovable  
and cuddly he is. At the same time  
he is rough and rugged and is  
excited to teach his sister how to ride  
a bike and play on the slides.





# Our Nanny

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We are so incredibly blessed! We have an au pair from Argentina that lives in our home. This is a nanny that comes from another country to live in your home and learn about American culture. She has become part of the family and loves our boys like her own!



Name: Emilia  
Age: 24  
Au Pair from Argentina









## **Jon's Family**

**My family is fun-loving and goofy! We love to camp and go on adventures, but we can also be perfectly happy sitting at home and watching a baseball game on TV. I think our family is special because of the relationship that we have together. I think that being in the military has really taught us to cherish every moment that we have together and not take anything for granted. We love to be around each other, be goofy and have fun.**





## Linda's Family

We are a fun loving, close-knit group! We love to do things together and that includes going to Disney World with my mom, Nanna! We live in Virginia due to the military and my (and Jon's) families both live in Florida. Florida will always be home, and we love to go visit!

What makes our family special? I think our uniqueness comes by way of the military. Jon is gone some due to deployments and things of that nature so we have had to learn to love from afar, enjoy the little moments when we get them, and to be strong in his absence. We have a great support system, even from miles away in Florida, and we know they're always there for us.







Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile book. This is just a small glimpse of who we are, but we hope you can see how much love we have to offer our future child! Since having more biological children isn't in the cards for our family, we are so grateful you are considering us as potential adoptive parents. We understand how difficult this decision must be for you and that you only want what's best for your child. Please know that we are praying for you and admire how much courage it has taken to get you this far. Should you decide to make an adoption plan, we are open to any level of communication and openness for you and this baby. We believe it is imperative that she know where she came from and her whole adoption story as she grows. We have hearts just waiting to be filled by a beautiful little girl and will give her so much love, encouragement and the happiest of homes.

Our two sons are so excited to have a baby sister and want to teach her all about riding bikes, playing on the slides and how to hit a baseball! We wish to instill in her, as we have with our sons, to be respectful and thoughtful and to always have fun in all you do! We believe that children should be in activities they enjoy to teach them teamwork, commitment, hard work and the joy of seeing that hard work pay off. So whether this little one wants to be a ballerina, ride horses, play softball or be an astronaut, we want her to chase her dreams! We will give her every opportunity to do so and will love and support her through it all. She will have grandparents that don't know the meaning of the word "no" and wish to love and spoil her beyond anyone's imagination. She will be the only little girl on both sides of the family, so I can only imagine the princess dresses from Disney World and the giant bows for her hair that they will buy! I know Nanna and Grandma are just itching for a sweet little girl to call their grandbaby!

Being that we live on a farm, she will also learn where food comes from. We have chickens that lay fresh eggs daily, and during the summer we like to grow some of our own vegetables. Not only is this all healthier but it also tastes so much better! We believe children should be able to play outside, get a little bit dirty and breathe clean country air. Riding horses she can learn to take care of something that depends on her but also has lots of love to offer back. We want to read to her every night, snuggle her until it's bedtime, sing silly songs, introduce her to Mickey Mouse and our love of all things Disney. We will teach her to love the Washington Nationals and already have several pink Nats outfits. We will cheer on her successes, wipe away the tears when she falls, and be her biggest fans!

Again, thank you so much for considering us! We are excited to be on this journey and know you will make the best decision for you and the baby no matter what that decision may be. We really admire you for the bravery it has taken to get you down this path. We look forward to the opportunity to expand our family through adoption!

Love,  
Jon and Linda