



MIKE AND EMILY



ABOUT US

After years of having trouble finding the right person, our doctor actually set us up on a blind date. It went well and we fell in love over the next year. We were then engaged and married six months later. We have been happily married for nine years since then and we are grateful that God joined us together for the rest of our lives.

Mike is an IT Manager and has been with the same company for twelve years and loves his job. Emily has worked from home the last few years as an IT developer and recently switched to working only a couple hours a day so she could spend more quality time with Elianna. We both had stay-at-home moms and it is important to us that our children do as well.

We love to travel and explore. We have visited many places across the United States, and we look forward to continuing to explore with our children to show them the variety of life and culture within the United States and the world.



Christmas in Pittsburgh



At church on Easter

Fun Facts & FAVORITES

MIKE

- Occupation:** IT Manager
- Education:** Associates Degree in Computer Networking
- Hobbies:** Reading, Video Games, Hunting, Making things in my workshop
- Favorite tv/movie:** Seinfeld/Lord of the Rings
- Favorite food:** Pizza
- Favorite vacation:** Bermuda
- Favorite holiday:** Christmas
- Favorite memory from childhood:** Working on projects with my dad

EMILY

- Occupation:** Stay-At-Home Mom / Part-Time IT Developer
- Education:** Bachelors Degree in Mathematics / Computer Science
- Hobbies:** Gardening, Photography, Bird Watching, Felting
- Favorite tv/movie:** Star Trek
- Favorite food:** Pizza
- Favorite vacation:** Southern California
- Favorite holiday:** Christmas
- Favorite memory from childhood:** Spending holidays with my family





ABOUT MIKE

by Emily

Mike is an amazing man that I am blessed to have as a husband and best friend. He is selfless, patient, kind, and

always willing to help others. Since we adopted our daughter, I have seen him become an amazing father. Our daughter loves spending time with him playing with toys, spinning her around as fast as they can go, or cooking together. I am amazed at how well he can calm Elianna down when she is upset, and he makes her laugh all the time.

Mike's light-hearted, fun personality makes him a favorite of our niece and nephew and an amazing father. Not only does he act like one of the kids at times, but he also has an assertive side and will always stand up for what he believes in. His playfulness keeps me from becoming too serious and his integrity makes me strive to be a better person.



ABOUT EMILY

by Michael

Emily is a loving and caring woman I am honored to have fallen in love with. She lifts me up when I am down and is great at keeping me motivated. She

loves her family deeply and always goes out of her way to make sure they are taken care of. Her example always pushes me to be a better person; It's these qualities and many more that make her a great wife and prove to me every day what a great mother she is.

It's been amazing to see her with Elianna every day and to see what an amazing teacher and mother she can be. From playing with Elianna in the yard to taking her shopping and helping her play in her play kitchen, she is always helping her to grow.

She also loves working in her gardens, bird watching, photography, and solving puzzles. Her loving and understanding nature, dedication, and love of adventure is what made me fall in love with her, and I know our future child will love her too.

OUR HOME

We live in a friendly old-fashioned town with very little crime. It is in a great school district with a large park and regular community events for families. Our home is a brick house built in 1927 that we moved into five years ago. Outside, our property is 1.5 acres surrounded by pine trees, making it feel like our own private park. When the weather is nice, we spend a lot of time outside in our yard playing or working in the gardens. We also have an inground swimming pool that gets plenty of use in the summer and we can't wait until our future child and their friends can enjoy it as well.

Our Pets

We have two dogs; both are very sweet, well behaved, and friendly with family and strangers, including children. Willow is a loving, energetic, and playful boxer / bulldog mix and Houdini is a laid-back and loving German Shorthaired Pointer.





ABOUT ELIANNA We adopted Elianna about three years ago and we are incredibly blessed to have her in our lives. She is a silly, smart, outgoing girl who loves blowing bubbles, exploring the world, going to gymnastics class, and spending time with our family. It's been amazing seeing her learn and grow every day and we know she'll be a great big sister.

OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

Our family is extremely important to us and we are very close to them. We have weekly dinners and attend church together as well as visit them on holidays and birthdays. Three sets of grandparents/aunts/uncles live nearby and are there for support, love, fun, and babysitting. We also have a small but close group of friends that we love spending time with. They are all very supportive and excited about our future family.



Mike's family at a cousin's wedding



A fairy tale birthday party held for our niece, complete with Prince Charming, Snow White, the huntsman, and a dragon



Christmas Dinner with Emily's family



Spending time with the family at the lake house is something we look forward to each summer



Waiting for fireworks to start with our nephew



Elianna playing in the leaves with a cousin



Emily's family



Playing in the water with a cousin



Visiting Emily's mom



Playing checkers with Mike's Uncle and Elianna's cousin



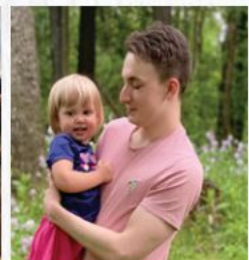
Hanging out with Papa (Mike's Dad)



Emily with friends after a Christmas decorating contest



Mike after completing a 5K mud run with his friends



Elianna loves her uncles!

DEAR BIRTHPARENT(S):

Thank you for taking the time to consider us. We realize what a difficult decision this can be and deeply appreciate the gift you plan on giving the couple you choose. The family who adopts your child will be truly blessed by your amazing gift. We hope this profile gives you some insight into our family and helps you make your decision.

We are a family-oriented Christian couple looking forward to expanding our family once more with a child of any racial/cultural background. Mike is a fun-loving, playful, creative, thoughtful man who has a strong sense of honor and morality and will always stand up for what he believes in. Emily is a nurturing, caring, organized, empathetic person who always makes sure her family is taken care of. We believe we complement each other well as a family and will provide a caring, positive, and structured environment with plenty of fun and goofy humor thrown in.

Again, thank you for considering us as a family to raise your child. We hope to meet with you soon!

With Love, *Mike and Emily*



WHY ADOPTION

We are not able to have biological children for medical reasons, which led us to adopt our daughter almost three years ago. She was truly a gift from God and has brought so much happiness to our family. We can't imagine our lives without her! We feel led by God to adopt another child to love and cherish, as well as to give our daughter a sibling to grow up with. We are financially stable with good jobs, great extended family, and an amazing home that we would love to share with another child. We can't wait to have another little bundle of joy in our lives!