



Bob and Jen

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# Dear Mother To Be.

As our we sit here beginning to write our first communication with you, our hearts are pounding with so many emotions! First of all, we are so excited and honored to be considered. We are nervous to be endeavoring adoption for the first time. Yet, we are overjoyed that we may be able to have an addition to our family. We're not sure what to expect, as we're sure you aren't either. We know it must be overwhelming to have so many applicants to sift through and try to find that perfect family. Most importantly, we want you to find that perfect fit. Even if it is not us that you choose. We pray you select the best family for your new baby!

We understand this decision and journey is not easy for you. Yet, we are so thankful you have chosen life for your little one. You are an amazing Mother for choosing life in itself. You are giving your little one the greatest gift in the world and for that, we are so grateful.

We will raise your baby with unconditional love and support. We will introduce your baby to many different things and inspire him or her to pursue their interests, talents and gifts. When the time is right, we will explain to your child that he or she is adopted and ensure he/she understands that they are loved by you so very much.

With love from

Bob & Jen

# Our Story

We met in 2017 on a deployment in the Kingdom of Jordan. Bob is in the Army Reserves and Jennifer is active duty. We fell for each other over our mutual love of running! Bob found out that Jennifer enjoyed running so he asked her to run one morning. From that day forward they woke up every morning at 5 a.m to meet each other and run the 6 mile trail around the base. They quickly become great friends and that friendship blossomed into a relationship.



They dated in Jordan and their first official date was a trip to Petra! They had many memorable experiences in Jordan together including being baptized in the Jordan River. They even attended an embassy ball together. Once they returned home they couldn't be apart. Bob flew every weekend to visit Jennifer and the boys until he proposed. They were married in 2018 and moved to Florida. Jordan was born in 2019. They had their official church wedding in 2021. It was the best day of their lives!

# Meet Jen

Jennifer grew up on a small farm outside of Hannibal, Missouri. Her father was a construction worker and her mother a journalist. She was raised with 1 brother. Their next door neighbor was her great-grandparents about half a mile down the gravel road.



All of her grandparents were very involved, helping raise Jennifer and contributing to who she turned out to be! It was a very nice, slow-paced way to grow up. Jennifer and her brother only had each other growing up out in the country so they played together a lot. They are very close to this day. Jennifer joined the army as a medic after graduating high school. She is now a medical human resources officer and retires from the Army in March. She has a Master's degree in Business Administration and hopes to teach high school science after retiring from the Army. Jennifer volunteers coaching high school track and cross country.



## Bob said

Jennifer is the strongest woman I have ever met. I am astounded by her courage and ability to face adversity. She is an amazing mother. Jennifer's smile will light up any room and her heart fills our home with joy. I can't imagine a life without her. She is my soul-mate and the love of my life.



# Meet Bob

Bob grew up in Seminole, Florida with one brother. His Father is an electrical engineer and his Mother a retired pre-school teacher. He attended Catholic schools where he enjoyed attending church, clubs, and playing many different sports. He went on to attend college at the University of Florida and became an electrical engineer like his Father.

Bob, grew up in the same community with all of his family and grandparents. They are very family oriented and spend a lot of time together. Bob's father and his brother all work at the same company, where his father has worked for over 30 years. Bob attended Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) in college and commissioned as a transportation officer in the Army Reserves. He has one year left in the military. Bob is very close with his brother who spends a lot of time with the family. He is Jordan's Godfather and a very supportive Uncle. Bob's parents are also very supportive and loving, helping with the kids often.

*Jen said*

Bob is the smartest man I have ever met. He has an amazing sense of humor and makes me laugh every single day. He is so kind and caring, the best Daddy I have ever known. My favorite thing is to just watch him being a Dad. It is what he was created to be and his most important job.



# Why are we adopting?

Jennifer and Bob desperately wanted more children after having Jordan. They tried to have one and became pregnant in 2021. Unfortunately, Jessah was born very early and only lived a few weeks in the NICU. Her passing was the hardest thing they have ever endured.

For Jennifer, becoming a mother is the greatest gift she has ever received and the most important job she has ever had. Yet, raising her first two boys was difficult due to starting her career. With Jordan, she was able to stay at home for the first year of her life and she soaked up every minute of it. She loves playing with Jordan and Brody every chance she gets

For Bob, being a Father to Blake and Brody is an opportunity many men don't have. To be a role model and show them what a good Father and Husband looks like is his most important job with them. He was only able to raise one child (Jordan) from birth though, and it has been the greatest joy of his life. He loves teaching her new things and being the one she experience's her "firsts" in life with. She is growing up too fast and Bob longs for the day he can do this again.

# Meet Our Kids

BLAKE, AGE 18

## BLAKE, BRODY & JJ

Blake starts college this year. He was a star runner in track and cross country, volunteer coaches junior league soccer, and graduated High School with honors (Cum Laude). He loves his siblings and being a role model, often taking Brody to play air soft with him on weekends. He is also in the Florida Army National Guard.



## BRODY, AGE 13

Brody is an awesome big brother to Jordan. He is very protective of her and loves playing with her in the back yard. Brody attends Catholic school and enjoys science class. His hobbies are fishing and volunteering at the recreation center.



## JORDAN "JJ", AGE 3

Jordan is very outgoing and inquisitive. She loves to learn new things, read books and swim at Papa and Gigi's house. She is a sweet and caring little girl who loves to play with her baby doll, Lilly. She is so excited to be a big sister and helper!

# Meet Our Animals

KIT KAT, CAT, 1

Kit Kat is about a year old. He is named Kit Kat because that's what Jordan calls him! He is not a shy kitty, always out and about exploring the house. He loves to play with the kids and hang out in his kitty tower. He is very good with the kids and plays nicely. He sleeps in his cat tower in the living room.



CALLIE, CAVAPOO. 4

Callie came to our family when she was 12 weeks old. She started out as our family dog but became such good friends with Gracie that we decided to let her stay with Bob's parents. She visits often but doesn't live with us.



GRACIE, GOLDDOODLE, 4

Gracie is Bob's parents' pupper who came to the family a few months after Callie. She and Callie are the best of friends. She visits us often too and the kids love to play with her and Callie. Both are very sweet, calm and very well mannered.



# Our Home

CLEARWATER, FL

Our home is located at the end of a circle with little traffic. We live on a canal that leads out to Tampa Bay. We have a sea wall and a fence for safety. We often see dolphins and manatees in our back yard! Ducks, flamingos, storks, cranes and all types of birds live here too. Brody has caught many types of fish from our dock. We have kayaks that Blake and Brody love to take up and down the canal exploring.



Our area of the canal is mostly mangroves and is very picturesque and serene. It's almost like living in the country. The fourth of July is the best day of year. We can see all the fireworks around the county from our dock. We also live half a mile from one of the largest parks in Pinellas County. Bob and Jen have a jogging stroller and often take Jordan running to the park. There are a few other families on our street with small children to grow up with.

# Our Community



Tampa Bay is a great place to raise a family. The weather is nice year round and there is so much to do! From boating and fishing, to festivals and fairs. There is always something going on in our community. Pinellas County is a peninsula that juts out into the Gulf of Mexico. We have the most beautiful beaches with white powdery sand. Tampa bay has Busch Gardens (an amusement park) two aquariums and a zoo.



Jordan loves the children's museum and the boys love supporting our sport's teams like Buccaneers Football, Rays Baseball, and Lightning Hockey. Disney World is only a couple of hours away and we take several trips there each year. Our community has several county parks with many different playgrounds to explore. There is also a recreation center within walking distance. The schools are highly rated as well.



# Our Hobbies



## JEN ENJOYS...

Anything involving the great outdoors! She loves hiking, running, boating, swimming, and traveling. She also loves to cook for her family and try new recipes. Gardening is another hobby she enjoys. Her favorite thing to do is boating with her family.

Jen also loves running races with Bob and the boys. She gains a great sense of being from coaching track and cross country at the local high school.

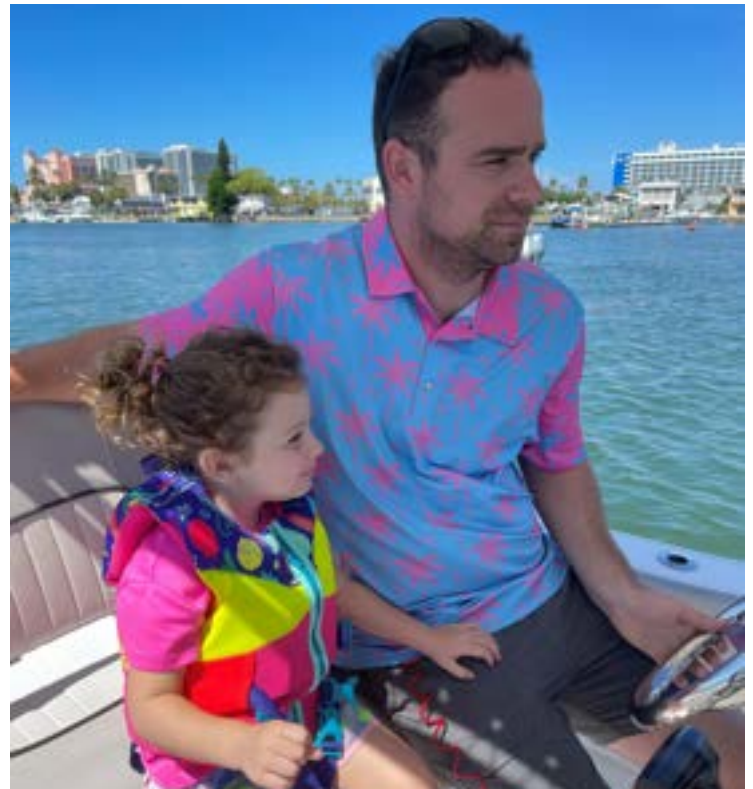


Spending time with Bob and the kids is Jen's favorite hobby and she does almost everything with them. She occasionally spends time with friends when they come to visit.

# Our Hobbies

## BOB ENJOYS...

Bob enjoys a variety of hobbies. One of his favorite pastimes is running. He started running as an early teen with his Dad. Bob and his Dad ran many races together, from 5ks to Ultra-marathons and it was a great bonding experience. Running is what brought Bob and Jennifer together on their deployment.



Bob is also a huge fan of sports, especially football! He might be one of Tampa Bay, Buccaneer's biggest fans! He grew up playing soccer, and running Cross Country and Track. He loved attending football games at the University of Florida during college. Bob also enjoys playing golf and boating on Tampa Bay with Jennifer whenever they can! Bob also loves to eat and try new restaurants. He enjoys grilling and trying to replicate his favorite menu items.

# Our Religion

## THE CHURCH

Bob was raised Roman Catholic and Jennifer was raised Baptist and Catholic. Bob attended Catholic school from Pre-K through High School. Jennifer was extremely involved in her church growing up. Bob is good friends with a few priests. He was fortunate that two of his priest friends were able to preside over their marriage.



Jennifer raised her boys with a strong Christian faith. She has consistently been a strong role model to them in many ways, including spiritually. Bob and Jennifer baptized their daughter in the Catholic Church, and have raised her in the Church. They do plan on baptizing and raising future children in the Church.

# Meet Jen's Family

## JEN'S MOM & DAD

Rich and Sue have been married for over 45 years. Rich is a retired construction worker and Sue is a retired journalist. They have an RV and travel to Florida each year to spend a few weeks close to Jen, Bob and the kids. They have 5 grandchildren in total and spend as much time as possible enjoying them. They travel with their 9 year old pupper named Dixie.



## JEN'S BROTHER

Jen's brother, Landon, is a single dad of two children, Liam and Lucy (ages 9 and 6). He is a data analyst for a government organization in St. Louis and thoroughly enjoys his job. He is also a Military Intelligence Officer in the Missouri Army National Guard. He and Jennifer deployed to Kuwait together in 2017.



## JEN'S EXTENDED FAMILY

Jen is very close with her niece and nephew. They love visiting their cousins and are very excited about the possibility of a new cousin joining the family. Jen has 1 grandmother still living in California. Jen, Bob and the kids try to visit her yearly. Jen has a lot of aunts, uncles and cousins they visit in Missouri each year as well.

# Meet Bob's Family

## BOB'S MOM & DAD

Kim and Robert have been happily married since 1990. Robert is an engineer who has worked at Honeywell since 1988, and Kim has worked as a pre-school teacher in the past. They were incredible parents to their two sons and remain very involved to this day. They are thrilled they might be grandparents to a new baby.



## BOB'S BROTHER

Christian is Bob's younger brother and the two are very close. Christian is extremely smart, yet humble and kind. He graduated from UF with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Christian is Jordan's Godfather, and an amazing role model to Bob and Jen's kids. Christian spends much time with the family.



## BOB'S EXTENDED FAMILY

Bob was fortunate enough to grow up close with a large part of his extended family (grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins). He spent a lot of time with his grandparents and still spends much time with them whenever possible. Bob's parents, brother and grandparents all still live in Pinellas County within 20 minutes of each other.

# One Final Note

We understand both parents being in the military could be concerning. Jennifer retires from the military in June of 2023 with full pension and medical insurance for life. This ensures your child will have great health insurance from birth through college. Bob completes his military service in 1 year. Neither parent will ever deploy again.



If we are blessed with the opportunity to raise your child, we will do so with unconditional love. He or she will be raised in a loving and stable environment, and be exposed to many different experiences. We will teach him or her to be loving to both others and him/herself. We will do everything we can to give your child the best upbringing and every opportunity they deserve.

Please Contact us

Contact us through this agency for more information or to begin communication, and again thank you so much for considering us!