



## **DEAR EXPECTANT PARENTS,**

We appreciate you taking the time to look at our book. There are no words that contain all the love and support the gift adoption presents. We cannot imagine what you are thinking, feeling, and experiencing during this time. Our hearts break with you as you face the task of life changing decisions for your family. We know what could be the happiest of days of our life might very well be the hardest for you. As you face this difficult decision, please know that we are lifting you up in prayer and loved by two strangers who would be blessed to meet you and your family. And if you chose we hope to be a part of this journey with you

With Love,  
Stephanie and Jack



# *about us*

## HOW WE MET

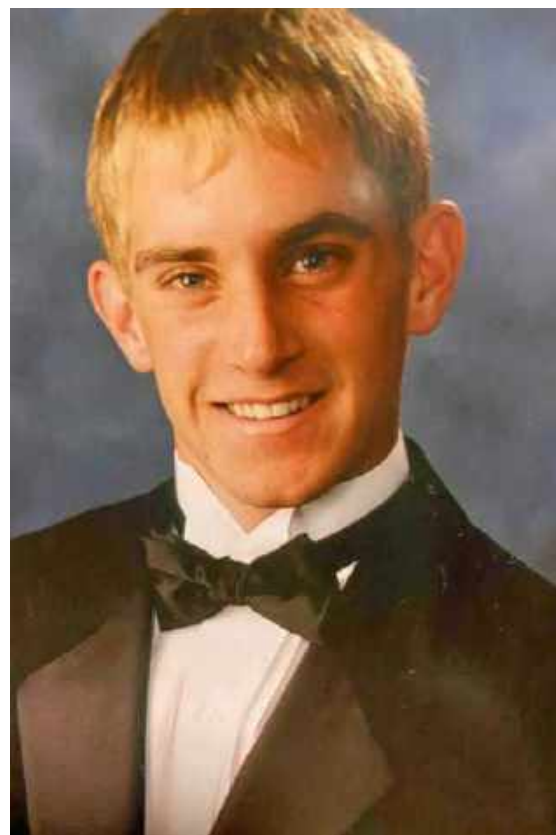
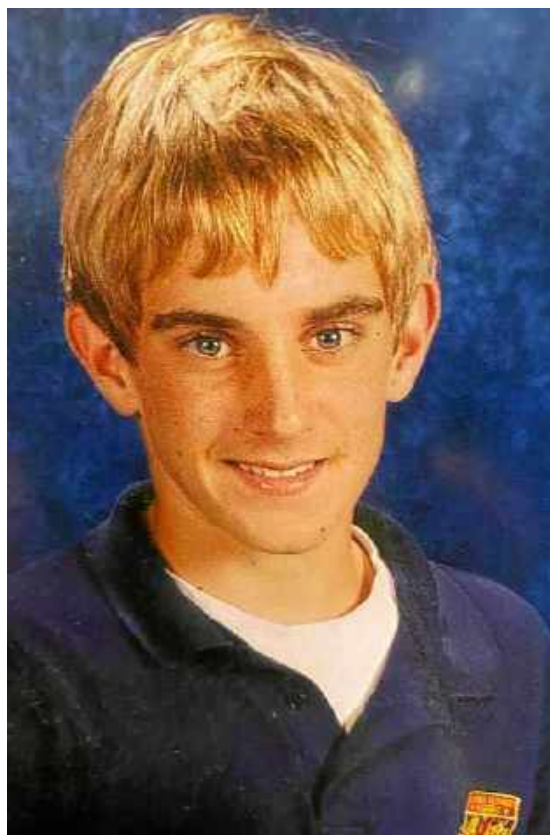
While Stephanie and Jack went to the same college at the same time, their paths never crossed. Although both remember seeing the other at some point on campus, they never spoke to each other. In college, Jack met his best friend David who he stayed in touch with after graduation. Jack was always hanging out at his house on the weekends. David's girlfriend is a teacher. One day she invited her collaborative teaching partner, Stephanie, over for a Halloween celebration. It was there they met for the first time. They exchanged numbers and the rest is history as they say. Stephanie and Jack dated for 3 years before they decided to buy their first house on their perfect piece of land. A year later, Jack asked Stephanie to take a walk through the woods, without their dogs. This never happens! He came up with some story about showing her a snake hole to get her into the backyard where their awesome neighbors were hiding behind the shed capturing it all on camera and video. He proposed and she said YES! A year later they got married at their dream venue. The rustic affair was the perfect start to a marriage filled with family, friends, donuts and snow cones. Due to medical issues, Stephanie is unable to have children. Adoption has always called to her heart and they now look forward to starting their family through the help of adoption.



*a little about*

## JACK

Jack grew up in Central Virginia. He lived with his parents and one brother. Jack attended Catholic school from elementary school through high school. He played football and hockey growing up. His claim to fame is that he was on the Junior Olympics hockey team. After graduation, he went on to James Madison University where he studied health sciences. Jack went on to become a hardscape specialist. He loves to turn nothing into beautiful outdoor experiences for clients. Jack loves to spend time with his dogs and his friends. He enjoys being a part of diverse community at work and takes part in all of their customs and favorite food traditions.





*a little about*  
**STEPHANIE**

Stephanie was born, raised, and still lives in a rural town in Central Virginia. She is the only child to parents who have been married for over 35 years. She is the honorary aunt to her 3 awesome nephews from her college roommate. Stephanie attended public school and went on to James Madison University. She also attended the University of Salamanca for her Spanish degree. Stephanie has been teaching for the last 13 years. She has taught everything from kindergarten through fifth grade. Her students are an extension of her family. If she is not teaching, she is spending time with her dogs, doing DIY projects with her friends, or reading.



## HOW STEPHANIE THINKS OF JACK

Jack is the hardest working person I know. He loves what he does and it shows in all of the pieces he creates. He is a true artist when it comes to landscape and hardscape designs. Jack is loyal to a fault and always sees the best in every situation and person. He always makes me laugh and is willing to do anything to help others.





## HOW JACK THINKS OF STEPHANIE

Stephanie is my best friend. She may come across quiet but do not let that fool you.

Once you get to know her, you will always be laughing. Stephanie has a huge heart and it comes across in everything she does. She loves watching her students grow and is proud of every accomplishment no matter how small. Stephanie always has your back and is up for anything at any time. She is the most caring and compassionate person I know.



OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD



## OUR BACK YARD OASIS



We live in a rural area in Virginia. We live close to stores, restaurants, and activities, but live just as close to farm animals. Our house is on 7.5 acres and we love to spend time outdoors. Our neighborhood is a variety of families from retirement to families with young kids, as well as, many different cultures represented.



A family heirloom high chair is ready for Baby Murdock at family dinners.

THESE ARE OUR  
FAMILY & FRIENDS



The Robinson Family



Jessica and William



The Hume Family



The Scott Family



Emmett, Lex, Samuel

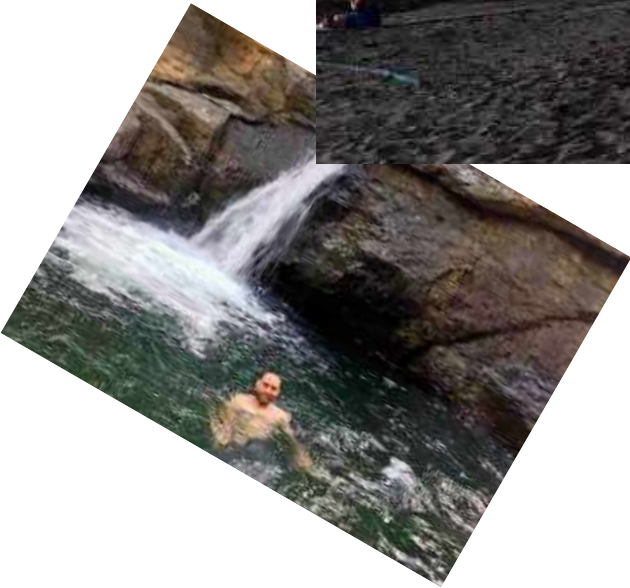


Scott Fisher



# Adventures

We love to travel and we love to experience new cultures and their traditions. Our families go on yearly vacations to the beach. We love the water and the relaxation that comes from only the beach. We have traveled through most of the Caribbean and Central America. Stephanie lived in Spain for school as well. Our honey moon was to Costa Rica and it holds a special place in our hearts.





Both of our families live within an hour drive. We spend all holidays and celebrations with them ensuring that both sides are well represented with our time.



## OUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY







## OUR EXTENDED FAMILY



Our friends are more like family. We do family dinners and holidays together. They are truly an extension of our family and are so excited to welcome a new member into the fold. Our village will be your village!



## JACK AND STEPHANIE'S CAREERS

Jack is a hardscape specialist. He spends his days building patios, walkways, fireplaces, and landscape designs. Stephanie is a special education teacher. She teaches students with moderate disabilities and is a huge proponent for Autism Speaks.



home is WHERE THE dog is



Our dogs are like our children. They are spoiled rotten and in their old age can get away with anything. Kaia and Jake are excited to be the fur siblings to the newest member of their pack.

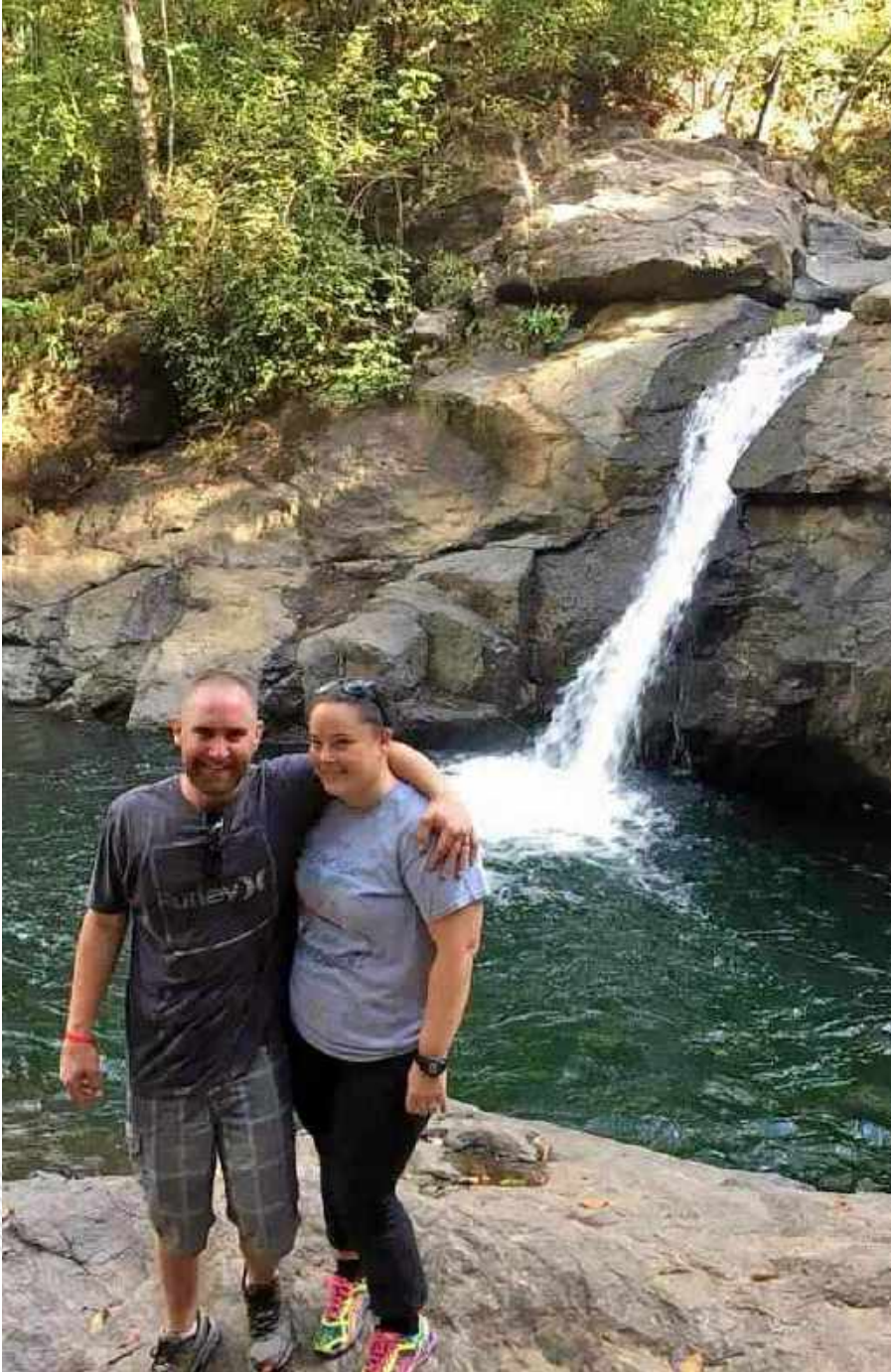


## *Our promise to you...*

We will walk through this entire process with you with open minds and hearts. You will be an extension of our family in all aspects. We promise to accept your child for who they are and will do whatever it takes for them to grow and succeed into the person they are meant to become. We will love them with our whole hearts and you will always have a special place in our family. We understand that without your sacrifice, we will not be able to complete our family. For that we are forever grateful to you. We look forward to walking through the journey with you and promise to be the best examples of ourselves we can be to the gift you are giving us.

With Love,  
Jack and Stephanei





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