



Maribel &
Stephen

Hello!



We are Maribel and Stephen.
We are so thankful that you've taken the time to get to know us better. We are excited for this journey and the blessings the future holds for us all!

It can be so difficult to get to know someone from a just a few sentences, but we want you to know that we are dedicated to building a family filled with love, support, and fun! We feel that adoption is a calling in our lives and are so thankful that you are a part of this journey with us!



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A Few of Our Favorite Things


Making Music

Playing Games

Hiking & Time Outdoors



Our Story



Stephen and I are high school sweethearts who have built a longlasting, loving relationship! What started as a friendship has blossomed into a partnership filled with love, laughs, and music. We've been together for over 15 years and will have been married for 10 in June. We are both so lucky to have found a loving, supportive partner in each other! Building our family has always been a passion that we've shared, and we are so thankful and excited to be starting the adoption journey!



All about Maribel

A NOTE FROM STEPHEN

Maribel has boundless love, which she extends to people, animals, plants, and even inanimate objects. Maribel has intense determination – she once mowed the lawn in defiance of what we later discovered was Covid.

Maribel, you might say, is determined to love, and determined that you should be swept up in that love. She's a High School teacher and treats each student like her own child, defending them, laughing with them, and crying with them when they need it. Maribel is a supportive partner and she makes me better every day by challenging me to be a better partner. I know that she will be an incredible mother and I can't wait to see her in action with our children.



MARIBEL'S FAVORITE THINGS

Spending Time in Nature

Listening to Podcasts

Teaching

Singing

All about Stephen



A NOTE FROM MARIBEL

The two attributes that stand out the most to me when thinking of Stephen are his kindness and his intelligence. Stephen will stop everything to help when someone is in need. He will also talk your ear off about the cultural implications of Shakespeare and Beowulf. He is truly the perfect partner for me. I admire his commitment to our family and to his education. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D in English and teaching at a university. Stephen has always been passionate about becoming a parent. He even has the dad jokes to prove it! I know that Stephen will make an amazing father. Stephen has made every bit of my life better, and I can't wait to see him do the same for our children!



STEPHEN'S FAVORITE THINGS

Playing the Guitar

Board Games

Reading Books

Watching Sports





Our Family!

We are so blessed to live close to our extended family. We love getting to meet up with them for family events, football games, and afternoons in the back yard!

Both of our families are so excited to meet the first grandchild of the family!





Our Friends!




We have a set of very close friends who add so much to our lives! We love getting together at church, making music, and supporting one another through wonderful and tough times alike! They can't wait to act as extended family to our little one!




Organizing our high school's African American History Celebration!






Learning to bake as I grew up is one of my favorite family traditions! I can't wait to teach my little one how to make our family recipes as well as yours!



Music is a very important part of our life! Maribel grew up singing the blues with her father (right), and Stephen grew up performing in classical choirs and bands with his father and siblings.



The pursuit of knowledge and adventure are two guiding lights in our lives! To the left is a picture of an adventure with Stephen's family at Fort Pulaski.



Our Home



We live in a beautiful, small-town community surrounded by mountains and waterfalls, making it perfect for outdoor adventures! We are also less than two hours away from multiple, larger cities, giving us all of the comfort of a hometown community and the adventures of a big city. Our home has plenty of room for our growing family to play and live with a great fenced backyard and open and airy rooms. We look forward to continuing to fill our home with laughter and love and filling our lives with adventure and fun!





Thank You!

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