

Vincent *and* Amanda



About Us



Our Son James

We have one child, a 13-year-old son named James. He is a deep thinker with a very quick wit and a huge sensitive heart. He is the catcher on his baseball team of 5 years and his love for it grows with each season. He loves playing basketball in the driveway and is also an avid fisherman looking for any new local ponds fishing just about every day. He loves being out in and learning about nature, sea life and anything related to animals.

We met 20 years ago while we were both in school and working at Lowe's, becoming instant friends laughing over our unique senses of humor. After a year of us both being too shy to make the first move, Amanda finally got brave enough to tell Vince how she felt, and we were married two years later in 2004, celebrating our 18th anniversary this year. During our 20 years together, we have moved states, built careers together, purchased houses, had a beautiful son, experienced a miscarriage, brought in, and said goodbye to multiple pets, traveled, played every board game around, binged watched countless tv series, cooked thousands of meals together and tried lots of new restaurants. We really try to not take ourselves too seriously, going with the flow, trying to make the best of life's ups and downs and being present in the moment. We value routine during the week eating dinner together every night and playing games at the table, swimming, fishing, walking the dogs. We really enjoy spending time outside and in nature and try to always incorporate that in our travel. When it is winter, we bake and cook a lot, play ping pong, and watch movies in the basement and do projects around the house.

No longer at Lowe's but still working together at the same company for 18 years, Vince is the VP of Operations and Amanda is the Director of Merchandising. We have both worked extremely hard in our careers and are both in positions with lots of flexibility and free time. Amanda works from home full time and Vince is part time work from home for an eCommerce company. The challenging work we put into our careers have put us in a position to have a comfortable home and life and we want to be able to share that with another child.

	Amanda	Vince
Occupation	Director of Merchandising	VP of Operations
Movie	Gone with the Wind	Interstellar
Vacation	Mexico	Mexico
Dessert	Cheesecake	Ice-cream
Sports to watch	Baseball	Supercross/UFC
Animal	Capybara	Gorilla
Restaurant	Shinto Sushi	Strip Steakhouse
Hobbies	Reading, Baking, Gardening	BJJ, Yoga, Mountain Biking, Fishing, Traveling
Bucket List	Trip to Greece	Trip to Egypt
Music	Florence and the Machine	Nirvana, Biggie, Florence and the Machine



Family vacation to Key West



Family vacation in New York



Family vacation to Mexico



About Vincent by Amanda

The thing I love most about Vince is that we are complete opposites. He has always pushed me to look at things differently and get out of my comfort zone. He is one of the most empathetic, patient, carefree and adventurous people I have ever met. He is determined and hardworking but also has a great sense of humor and knows how to relax binge watch a tv show with me. He is very skilled with home projects, loves to cook, and regularly pitches in with things around the house or anything else that needs to get done. Vince is an amazing partner and father, and we are lucky to have him.

Our Home

We live in a two-story, 4 bedrooms filled with houseplants, 2 and ½ bath home with a finished basement, swimming pool and a fishing pond located on a cul-de-sac of an awesome neighborhood. After selling our first home of 12 years, we built our current home 5 years ago and have loved every minute in this subdivision. It is a large community of very down to earth people always willing to help. We do chili cookoff's, block parties, Halloween parties and contests, Christmas parties, ice cream trucks and more. We really enjoy spending a lot of family time at our home and want it to be comfortable and fun.



Our four-legged kids

We have three dogs and one cat. Ruby, our old lady, is 17-year-old Rat Terrier who is mostly blind and deaf. She is very gentle and sweet and likes to sleep curled up by anyone. Lola and Rocky are 5 and 3 years old, both English Bulldogs. They are extremely goofy and lazy with hilarious personalities. Our cat Alice is an 8-year-old rescue that loves to watch tv at night with us and eat Amanda's hair while she sleeps.



Our Family & Friends

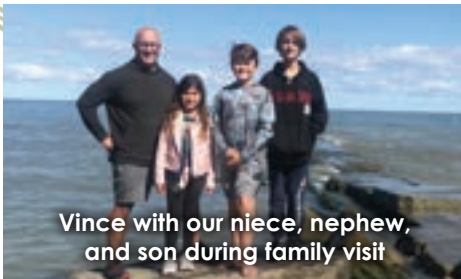


Baseball tournament in Cooperstown

We grew up with larger families where we are both one of four children. Vince's parents had four kids within five years, so it was always a little loud, chaotic, and filled with mischief with so many young kids. They also have an extensive extended family with lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins they grew up having big Italian family dinners on a regular basis and spending holidays together. With his siblings being so close in age, they all have unique bonds that have carried through to adulthood. We try to spend as much time as we can with them visiting them multiple times throughout the year and vacationing together. We have 5 nephews and 1 niece on his side that we are also close with.

Amanda and her brother grew up a little less than 2 years apart while her sisters are 10 and 17 years younger than her. The big age difference created a fun dynamic with each getting to be a big sister and almost a mother figure to her littlest sister who was born when she was a senior in high school. She had an active role in helping care for them and got a lot of experience with children in those years. They grew up going to local theme parks, swimming, fishing, bike riding and playing lots of cards and board games. We all still get together playing games and are all competitive, always wanting to win which makes for a lot of fun memories. They have 3 nieces and 2 nephews on her side making 11 in total between both families.

We truly enjoy the company of our siblings and extended family and try to spend as much time as possible with them. It has been a special experience watching their kid's grow along side our son James and we look forward to adding another child in the mix to be spoiled by everyone else.



Vince with our niece, nephew, and son during family visit



Amanda on girls' trip with friends



Celebrating Easter with Amanda's family



Camping trip with Vince's family



Camping trip with Amanda's family



Vince and his sister in Boston



Vince's family at dinner



Alligator Farm trip with Vince's family



Celebrating Christmas with Vince's family



Dear Birthparent(s)

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. It cannot be an easy task deciding who will raise your child based on five pages. What will be one of the hardest days of your life will be the greatest in someone else's so that sacrifice is not taken lightly. With these five pages I think the most important thing we would want you to know is that if given to us, your child would have a life of new experiences and skills, travel, traditions, laughter and mostly importantly love and support. Life is not always easy and some of the best and worst times were defined by the love and support, or lack thereof, family. Your child would be coming into a pretty noisy, but supportive family that is beyond excited and patiently waiting to be chosen to have a new soul to love. We are extremely fortunate to have this life and sincerely appreciate being able to live it. There is so much love to give and we would be honored to be chosen to love your child as our own. Family is truly the most important thing to us, and it would be the most beautiful gift to be picked by you.

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Why Adoption

We have always wanted to have more children but were never blessed with any others after our son James. We both come from large families and always dreamed we would have one of our own. Amanda's parents divorced when she was young, and her biological dad was not always in the picture. Her mother remarried and her new stepfather stepped in and raised her as his own. She has experienced firsthand that blood does not necessarily make a family and has always wanted to be able to repay the amazing gift she received by being able to love and raise someone through adoption. We are open to any race or traditions and would ensure to honor and educate them in those customs as they grow so they always have a sense of where they came from.

