



GERARD & JAMIE

ADOPTION PROFILE



Dear Expectant Parents,

Hi! We are Gerard and Jamie, and we are so grateful to you for taking the time to learn more about us. We dream that one day soon we will become parents and be blessed with a child! We wish you and your baby nothing but the best in your journey ahead, no matter what you choose. We respect your strength and courage to be open to considering the path of adoption. We hope that sharing our story with you will provide you with the comfort and information you need to make the best possible choice for your baby. We are now, quite literally, an open book! We hope you enjoy getting to know us more and we look forward to hearing from you!

about us

HOW WE MET

We met through eharmony as budding professionals and both quickly felt a sense we had known each other our whole lives. We attribute this to the many similarities we share, in personality and life experience, which became even more evident as we got to know each other. Jamie was so drawn to Gerard's profile she decided to message him first instead of waiting to see if he would view the match and reach out. Luck and fate were on our side that day because Gerard had logged on to delete his account, instead, he returned Jamie's message.

As we started dating, we enjoyed sharing interests and adventures with each other as well as developing the teamwork necessary to make our relationship thrive. We began planning our future together and on a quiet evening after a perfect day, Gerard knew it was time. He used one of his favorite gifts from Jamie, his telescope, to illuminate a special ring against a full fall moon and proposed! We got married on a beautiful fall day in 2016 and have enjoyed journeying through the ups and downs of marriage for the last six years. It is easy for those who know and meet us to see the devotion, love, and respect we have for each other; all qualities we plan to extend into parenthood. We are eager to make the family we have grown in our hearts a reality through the miracle of adoption!

a little about

GERARD



Gerard grew up in a suburban town in central Long Island with his Mom, her boyfriend, and his younger brother. Although his parents separated, Gerard grew up speaking Italian on his father's side and can speak and understand a fair amount of conversational Italian. Gerard's maternal grandparents were very strong role models who instilled in him a strong sense of family. He loves spending time with and supporting his family and their strength and encouragement is very important to him. Gerard credits the support of his family and community for his ability to obtain a small aircraft pilot's license. Gerard's family is always there to lend a hand to one another and they enjoy celebrating quiet holidays together. Gerard truly enjoys a good laugh, pursuing new experiences, learning about other cultures, history, and language, picking up new instruments (recently the snare drum), cooking with Jamie, and finding down time to unwind.



Gerard's Family



Gerard's brother's family



Gerard's Grandparents



Gerard's Mom and Boyfriend



Jamie grew up in a small seaside town on Long Island with her Mom, Dad, Sister, and Brother. Jamie's family is comprised of several generations of law enforcement personnel and teachers including herself and her siblings. Jamie grew up with a strong appreciation for the opportunities she was given, from sailing to music lessons, that have helped shape her into a well-rounded person. Jamie is the youngest of three and has always valued her immediate and extended family. Jamie enjoys most making memories with the people she loves, going to the beach, big family holidays, her neighborhood traditions, and family vacations with her cousins. Jamie loves fulfilling conversations, learning about human and animal behavior, showing affection, cooking and enjoying good food, making time for her hobbies, and finding new ways to pursue a mindful lifestyle to share with Gerard and her loved ones.

a little about

JAMIE





Jamie's family



Jamie's Sister's Family



Jamie's Parents



Jamie's Brother's Family





GERARD'S
EXTENDED
family



Gerard's family is originally from Long Island and is made up of his grandmother, aunt, uncle, two cousins, and his cousin's children. They enjoy getting together for any occasion whether it's quiet Sunday's at Grandma's, the holidays, or recently a family reunion put together by his mother and aunt's cousins. Gerard's family has enjoyed watching their great grandchildren and grandchildren grow for the last eighteen years with the birth of his cousin's oldest daughter. An addition to our family would be met with much enthusiasm and joy including Gerard's mom making herself available to lend love and a happy extra hand, Gerard's cousin handcrafting decorations for milestone celebrations, Gerard's brother and sister-in-law planning adventures with a new niece or nephew, and story time with great grandma.

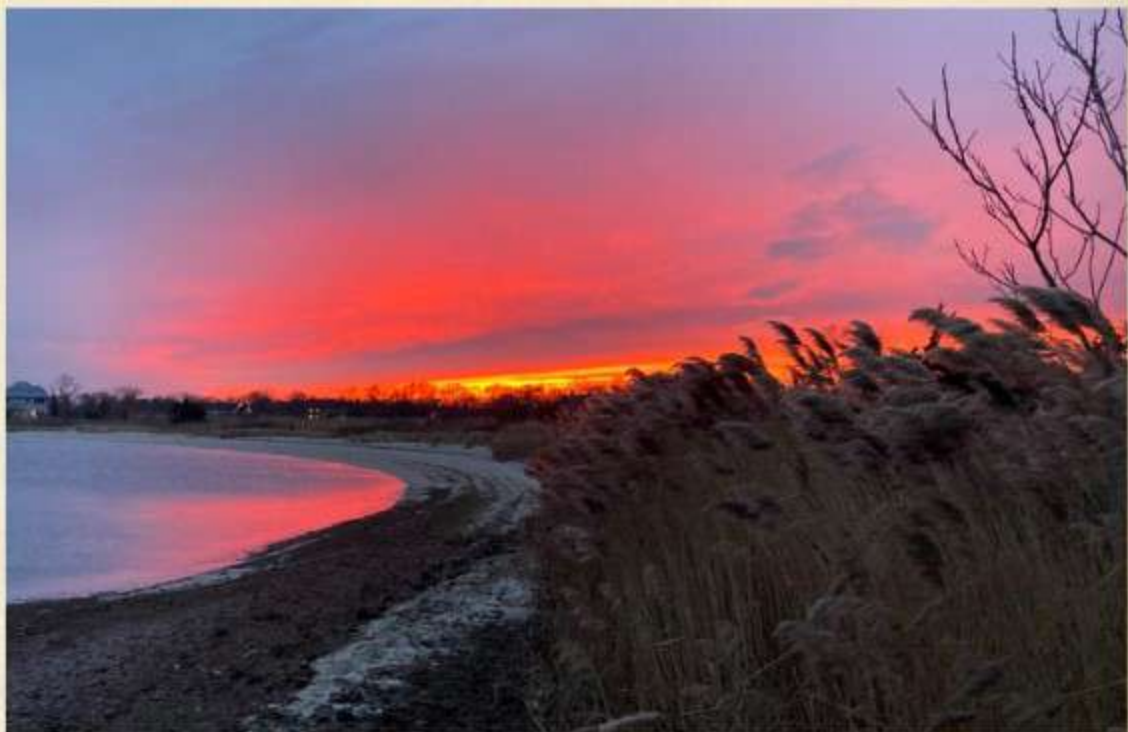


JAMIE'S
EXTENDED
family



Jamie's family is originally from Long Island. Her mom is one of four sisters and she has five cousins on her mother's side. Her Dad has a brother and sister and Jamie has two older cousins on her father's side. Growing up Jamie's family traveled to visit relatives for vacations and holidays. Any occasion not spent traveling, Jamie's parent's would host both families. Jamie's family is spread across five states yet remain close with the newest generation of little ones. Jamie's family has enjoyed a renewed sense of life, fun, and meaning with the growing youngest generation. From grandma's hugs and pops' advice, to bonding with cousins in matching PJs, to guidance and encouragement from aunts and uncles about just how important siblings and cousins are, everyone eagerly anticipates doting upon a new arrival with love and attention.

OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD



We live in a close-knit, family-oriented neighborhood with a community that supports our passions and hobbies. We live within walking distance to our school district's elementary and high school, as well as many well preserved beaches and other open spaces to connect to nature. Our home is a humble two story cape with four bedrooms. We have spent the last six years making our house a home and find much happiness in finding ways to enjoy it. Perhaps our favorite thing about our home is the room we have to grow in it!



All decorated for Christmas!



*Midday visits to
Aunt Jamie and
Uncle Gerard's
house!*



*Gerard finishing the
deck for our gazebo!*



*Moving day after our
renovation!*



Relaxing in the yard!



Cozy fall afternoons!



Adventures

Together we love to see and experience new places and create new adventures! We have traveled twice to Italy, as well as Grand Cayman, and have enjoyed several domestic getaways throughout our years together such as Amelia Island, Disney, South Padre Island, Portland, and Newport. Through reenacting, we have also had the opportunity to visit and bring living history to the battlefields of the American Revolution such as Lexington and Concord, Ridgefield, Germantown, and Fort Lee. In the future we hope to get a camper to expand our reenactment and domestic vacation bucket list as well as plan an international trip to Algarve, Portugal.



FAMILY TRADITIONS



Jamie's family has many seasonal and holiday traditions that have evolved through the generations. They have created some of the most meaningful memories of her family's relationships. Her favorite part is the time she spends preparing for these gatherings with her mom, sister, and sister-in-law.

Gerard's family has always placed special importance on celebrating birthdays, Sunday dinner at Grandma's, and most recently a big family reunion. Gerard and Jamie are grateful that their families have grown to include each other in traditions such as Mother's Day Brunch and summer BBQs. Gerard and Jamie also enjoy the rituals and traditions they have cultivated together as a couple. They very much look forward to sharing and making new traditions with a growing family!



Wolfrack Hockey game



Making Pasta



Fourth of July!

Our promise to you...

Although our journey to parenthood involved accepting not being able to safely conceive and carry a child, we feel a sense of peace, as though our path together makes more sense now than ever before. Please know this peace comes with an abundance of excitement, appreciation, and hope for the future. It is hard to express in words what the gift of parenthood means to us. We promise your child will grow up with a sense of respect, pride, and appreciation in knowing you and their story, and will be raised by two people with a vast capacity to nurture, love unconditionally, laugh, and above all appreciate each other, their children, and their lives together.

We thank you so much for your consideration, bravery and time.

Sincerely,

Gerard & Jamie

