

Paul + Jennifer

before we begin...

We are Jennifer and Paul, and we are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to introduce ourselves to you.

Thank you for taking the time to open our book and learn a little bit about who we are. We know this journey carries so many emotions, and we want you to know from the very beginning how much we admire your strength, courage, and love. The decision to consider adoption is incredibly personal, and we have so much respect for the thought, care, and selflessness that goes into making such a meaningful choice.

Our hope is that as you look through these pages, you don't just see pictures and words—you feel the heart behind them. We hope you get a glimpse of the love that fills our home, the laughter that surrounds our family, and the life we would be honored to share with a child.

We are so excited to "meet" you.



our story

ABOUT US TOGETHER







Our story actually began many years before we ever started dating.

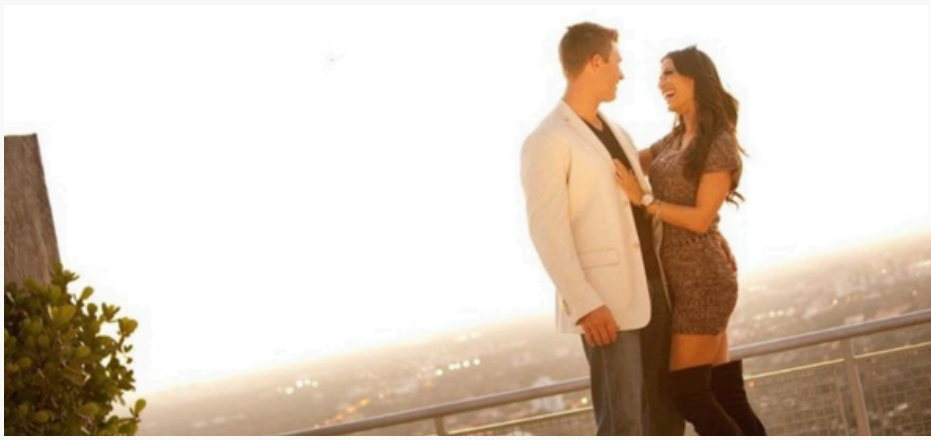
We grew up knowing each other through extended family and mutual friends. Jennifer met Paul when she was in third grade and Paul was in fourth grade, but it wasn't until many years later that life brought us back together.

Our relationship began long distance, with Jennifer living in the South and Paul living in Florida. After about ten months, they knew they wanted to build a life together, and started their journey in South Florida.

We love spending time together and creating memories, whether it is a big adventure or a simple day at home. Some of our favorite moments are spending time with our kids, working in the yard, cooking together, enjoying our fire pit and patio, mountain hikes, or gathering with family.

The water is a huge part of our lives. Our boat has brought us so many happy memories, and we love spending summer days on the lake or near the ocean with family and friends—swimming, laughing, listening to music, and enjoying time together.

We also love traveling and exploring new places. We take several trips each year and especially enjoy warm destinations, beach vacations, cruises and experiences that allow us to make lifelong memories. We look forward to sharing those adventures and traditions with our new addition someday.



We have been together since 2005 and married since 2012. Over the years, we have built a life filled with **love, adventure, and countless memories.**



Meet Jennifer

WRITTEN BY PAUL



about Jennifer

***She has a gift for making people feel** welcomed, valued, and loved.*

One of the things I admire most about her is the way she pours herself into the people around her. Whether it is caring for family, planning a special celebration, or simply making someone's day a little brighter, Jennifer does everything with her whole heart.

She has always had a passion for creating a warm and loving home and finding ways to *make everyday moments feel special.* She has a way of turning ordinary days into memories and making the people around her feel like they truly belong.

Things she enjoys doing are decorating, gardening, hosting, working out and traveling. She has a beautiful voice and sings on our worship team at church. When she was little, she was convinced she would grow up to be a famous singer. While that dream changed, she still loves singing in the car and never passes up a good karaoke moment.

Family is incredibly important to Jennifer. She has such a giving heart and finds so much joy in being there for the people she loves. She helps care for her dad and extended family who live nearby, and she is the kind of person who will always show up when someone needs her.

One of the things I love most about Jennifer is her maternal love for children. Her warmth to give- it just comes natural to her. She is an incredible mother who creates a home filled with traditions, and unconditional love.

She is one of the most caring, thoughtful, and loving people I have ever known.





Meet Paul

WRITTEN BY JENNIFER



Paul is steady, kind, and dependable. He is a loving husband, a devoted father, and someone who leads with kindness and patience.

He is the type of person who doesn't just say he will be there—**he shows up, every single time.**

Paul is a firefighter, and I truly believe that career reflects who he is at his core. He is someone who serves others, stays calm when things are difficult, and has a natural desire to help people. Before his career today, Paul was a pilot and had the opportunity to fly several different airplanes—he still lights up whenever aviation comes up. **He is hardworking, loyal, and one of the most genuine people you will ever meet.**

He loves spending time outdoors, working in the yard, reading, staying active, and especially being on the water. Some of his happiest moments are spent boating, wakeboarding, or enjoying time with family and friends at the lake. He also is a BBQ guru! He loves creating experiences and sharing adventures with the people he cares about.

What I admire most about Paul is the way he loves his family and provides for us! I know he will bring so much joy, guidance, and love into a child's life. He has such a big heart, and I cannot wait to see him share that love with a child we hope to welcome into our family.

He has a quiet strength about him that makes people feel *safe and cared for.*





Our family wouldn't be complete without introducing two very special people—our children! They are beyond excited about the possibility of welcoming a new baby into our family and talk often about all the adventures they can't wait to share.













meet our children

C **is almost 12 years old and has the biggest heart.** He is passionate about baseball and loves being part of a team. Whether he's practicing, playing a game, or tossing a ball around in the backyard, you'll usually find him with a glove in his hand. He's kind, protective, and has a wonderful sense of humor that keeps our family laughing.

A **is 9 years old and is full of joy, confidence, and kindness.** She loves playing softball and loves animals! She is always ready for a new adventure. She has a caring heart and naturally enjoys helping others, making her the perfect future big sister. A has a bright smile, an outgoing personality, and loves making new friends wherever she goes.

Together, they are the best of friends. They love swimming, spending time on our boat, riding their bikes and scooters through the neighborhood, playing outside until the sun goes down, and making the most of the South's beautiful weather. Whether we're at the lake, on vacation, exploring a new park, or simply enjoying a family game night at home, they are happiest when we're together.





Why we're adopting

Adoption has been in our hearts for many years, and we believe that family is created through love,and the choice to show up for one another every single day. We have many family members on both sides who have adopted so it run deep in our roots!

Your child will grow up knowing that their story began with love.

After welcoming our children and experiencing the heartbreak of miscarriage, we spent time reflecting on what our family still hoped for. **We realized the dream of adoption had always been there, and we felt called to open our hearts and our home in this way.**

Watching our children grow into such kind, compassionate, and fun-loving people has been one of life's greatest blessings. **We know they will welcome another child with open arms** and overflowing love, and we can't wait to watch our family grow together

C and A are already dreaming about teaching a little brother or sister how to throw a ball, play catch, swim, play with toys and legos, build forts, ride a bike, and make s'mores by the fire. **They are excited to be loving role models, loyal playmates, and lifelong best friends.**

To our future child...

Even though we haven't met you yet, we've already dreamed about you countless times.

We've imagined your laughter filling our home, and are so excited to see what an amazing little human you will be!

We can't wait to love you!



this is

HOME







We live in an incredible golf cart community filled with so many opportunities for families to connect. Our neighborhood has four pools, waterfall hiking trails, playgrounds, a large lake for fishing, and beautiful nature all around us—including plenty of bunnies and deer that make every day feel **a little more special.**

Our community **loves bringing people together.** Throughout the year there are amazing events like fireworks, Christmas celebrations, and movies on the lawn. One of our favorite things to do is take our golf cart around the neighborhood, enjoy the scenery, and visit with friends and neighbors.

Our neighborhood is full of growing families and children playing outside, creating the kind of community we've always hoped to raise our children in. Some of our very best friends live less than five minutes from our home, making impromptu dinners, neighborhood cookouts, birthday celebrations, holidays, and playdates a regular part of our lives. We are incredibly grateful to live in a neighborhood that truly feels like a community. Every Fourth of July, everyone gathers in the neighborhood green space for an amazing fireworks celebration. Families bring lawn chairs, blankets, and delicious food to share, while food trucks and ice cream make it feel like a festival. It's one of those evenings where kids run and play together while neighbors become lifelong friends.

We built our home in 2018 and have loved making it a place where people feel comfortable and welcome. We live on a quiet cul-de-sac surrounded by trees with a beautiful backyard where we spend lots of time outdoors.



Our home is a place where
everyone has a seat at the table.



Meet Zoe, our spunky little Yorkie mix! She has such a big personality and is still very much a puppy at heart. We rescued her about a year ago when she was only 9 months, and she has brought so much joy, and energy into our lives.

We love that Zoe is hypoallergenic and doesn't shed, but even more than that, we love her playful spirit. She loves running around the yard and is like a little wind-up toy — always on the go and ready for the next adventure! She is wonderful with kids, loves to cuddle, and has the sweetest little personality.

our family

We know our future child will be surrounded by countless people who will cheer them on, celebrate every milestone, ***and love them wholeheartedly.***















this child will grow up surrounded by many people who already have

so much love to give.

One of the **greatest blessings** in our lives is how close we are with our family. We are surrounded by people who love us deeply and who are incredibly excited to support us on this adoption journey.

Paul's mom and Jennifer's aunt and uncle live right down the street in our neighborhood, and Jennifer's dad lives just a short drive away. Having family so close means there is always someone nearby to share a meal, celebrate a birthday, lend a helping hand, or simply spend time together.

We also have extended family spread across the United States, many who have also adopted! We love visiting them and staying connected.

about our friends





We are incredibly blessed with a large network of loving friends who have become like family to us.



One of our favorite parts of life is doing it alongside the people we love. Many of our closest friends have young children, and several have recently welcomed new babies into their families. Watching our families grow together has been such a special blessing.















Our traditions are some of our favorite memories because they give us something special to look forward to throughout the year. For us, traditions aren't about elaborate plans—they're about spending quality time together, creating joyful memories, and giving our children a home filled with love, laughter, and moments they'll always remember.

Travel is another tradition we cherish. We typically plan family vacations during spring break and fall break, creating memories as we explore new places and enjoy time together away from the busyness of everyday life.

Some of our favorite traditions:

Birthdays always begin with a sweet tradition. Before anything else, the birthday child gets to enjoy their favorite doughnut from Dunkin' as soon as they wake up. It's a small gesture, but one that has become a cherished part of every birthday celebration.

Easter is another special time for our family. We love hosting an Easter egg hunt at home, and our neighborhood also puts on a wonderful community egg hunt that the kids always look forward to.











Christmas is *especially magical in* our home.

We spend time baking cookies, singing Christmas carols, and enjoying cozy evenings together. One of our favorite traditions is bundling up with hot cocoa, hopping on our golf cart, and driving through the neighborhood to admire the incredible Christmas lights while listening to Christmas music. **It's a simple tradition that has become one of our family's favorites.**

before we go...

Thank you for allowing us to share a little piece of our lives with you. We know this decision is deeply personal, and we are grateful that you are taking the time to learn about our family.

We want you to know that we deeply honor and respect you. We understand that choosing adoption is an act of incredible love, and we will always recognize the important role you have in your child's life and story.

If you choose our family, we promise to love your child fiercely, protect them, encourage their dreams, and remind them every day how loved they are. We promise to speak about you with love and respect and to help them understand the courage and love that brought them into this world.

More than anything, we hope you feel the peace and sincerity behind these words. If you choose us, we want you to know that your child will be surrounded by love—not just from us, but from an entire family and community who will celebrate them, support them, and cherish them every step of the way.



We hope this book gives you a glimpse into who we are, but we hope even more that it helps you feel the love we already have in our hearts for you and the child we hope to welcome. With love...

Paul and Jennifer



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