



JENN + MARK



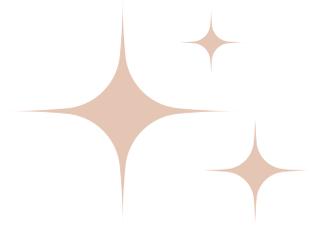
“I PRAISE YOU FOR I AM

FEARFULLY

-&-

WONDERFULLY

MADE.



Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.”

PSALM 139:14





The word "HELLO" is written in a large, hand-drawn, double-lined font. The letters are connected by a continuous line that loops under the 'O' and then curves back up to the top of the 'H'. There are two four-pointed starburst shapes, one above the 'H' and one below the 'O'.

# HELLO

Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile and “meet us”. **We understand this is a difficult time for you while you are trying to make the best decision for you and your precious baby.**

It is a privilege to be considered and we do not take that honor lightly. **We hope by looking through our pictures and reading about our lives you can clearly envision who we are, our love for each other, the parents we aspire to be, and our wonderful family who are just as excited as we are to welcome a child into our family.**

**We are so honored that we could get to be a part of your story,** and we cannot imagine the bravery it has taken to choose adoption. Thank you for making this decision with the greatest amount of love, and for protecting the precious life that has been wonderfully and fearfully made. **We hope that you feel supported and loved.**

We are praying for you and your sweet baby throughout your pregnancy, **that God will guide you and fill you with peace in whatever decision you make.**

with love,  
Jenn + Mark

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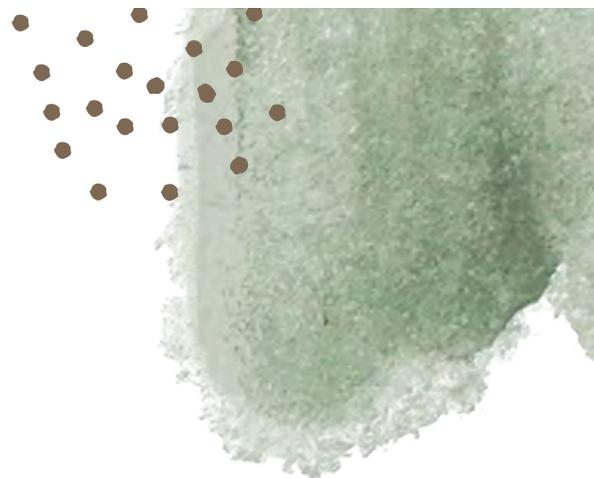
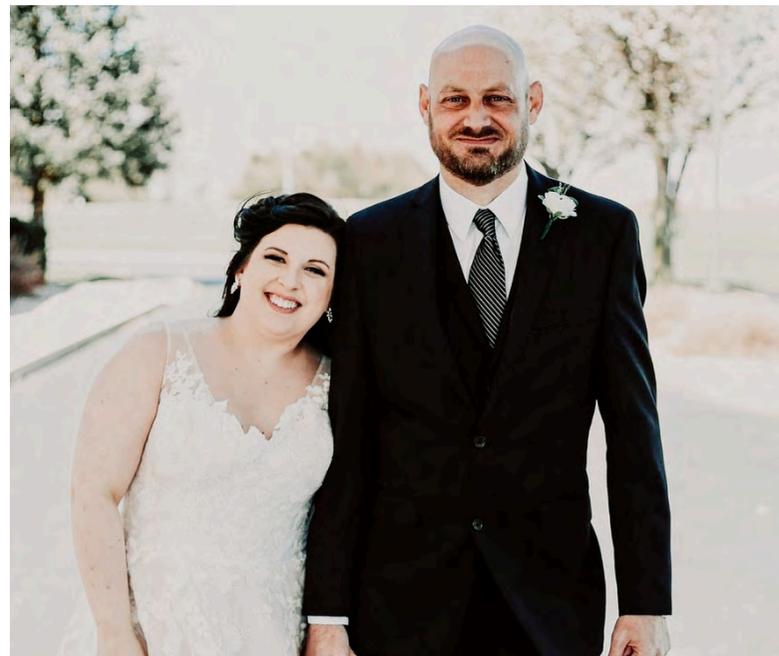


# Our life TOGETHER

We met in 2015 when we became coworkers. We worked together on the night shift which gave us the opportunity to become great friends. We started dating in 2018 and got married in 2020. Our wedding happened during the Covid-19 pandemic which only made our relationship stronger. **We love being around each other, laughing and doing everything together.** We enjoy having our little traditions like visiting a nearby small town for its Christmas festival each December. **We are looking forward to continuing these traditions with our future child and cannot wait to become parents!**

## Adoption

We both knew early on that we wanted to be parents and unfortunately, we have walked through infertility. While we were trying to decide what was next for us, God used people in our lives to plant the seed of adoption in our hearts. **Ever since then we have been so excited to grow our family through adoption. We have several families in our church who have grown their families through adoption and are thrilled to see how this journey unfolds for us.** We are surrounded by an amazing support system and we are so grateful for each person!



# MEET MARK

HE IS...

kind hearted and funny

LOVES...

history documentaries

FAVORITE

music is Pink Floyd,  
Radiohead, and Led Zeppelin



**Mark is the most kind hearted person I have ever known. He takes care of his family so well and he's also very funny.** He loves history documentaries like WWI and The French Revolution, 90s music (Pink Floyd, Radiohead, Led Zeppelin are just some of his favorites) with basketball and baseball being his favorite sports to watch and play. Sometimes you can find him just dribbling around a basketball in our garage. He loves to grill and has been known to grill even if there is a foot of snow on the ground. **Mark works as a Risk Fusion Center Controller for a large company in our area. We are blessed that his schedule is rotating so he will be able to be at home 2-3 days during the week.** He is always willing to help anyone at a moment's notice and **is truly an incredible man and husband, and he will make an incredible hands-on father too!**

WRITTEN BY JENN



MEET

JENN

SHE IS...

outgoing, loving, and always  
ready to have fun

LOVES...

to read, be creative,  
throw a good themed party

FAVORITE

holiday is Christmas

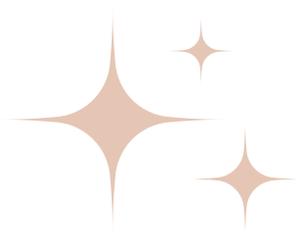
**Jenn is an amazing woman and the best wife ever. She is outgoing, loving, and always ready to have fun.** She loves to read, be creative, and throws a good themed party. Her favorite shows are Friends and Brooklyn Nine-Nine. She absolutely loves Christmas and goes all out with decorating. Jenn has Celiac Disease which requires her to eat a gluten free diet, but **she loves to try new recipes and loves to bake and decorate cakes.** Jenn has an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Development but works as a Surgery Scheduler for our local hospital. I can't wait to watch her be a mother. **She is the best with kids (She runs our church nursery, has been a nanny and loves her nieces and her friends' children) and is a giver by nature, she will do anything for her family!**

WRITTEN BY MARK

THIS IS



HOME  
SWEET ILLINOIS



# WE LIVE

in a 3 bedroom, 2 bath house in Illinois. We live in a nice, diverse neighborhood that is close to parks, our local library, zoo and children's museum. In one of the neighboring towns is a locally owned ice cream shop that Jenn worked at during high school. Our city has a wonderful riverfront market in the summer and several festivals throughout the year. We have a great backyard that is connected to a golf course, it has the perfect spot for a swing set and looks so beautiful all year round. We also get quite a few deer and chipmunks passing through and have even had a doe leave her fawn in our yard.

Because of Mark's work schedule he will be able to be home 2-3 days during the work week and on the other days Jenn's mom will watch our child. She's so fun! Jenn's job is very flexible and will hopefully be able to work from home if needed.

**WE HAVE GATHERED A FEW THINGS AT HOME FOR BABY AND CAN'T WAIT TO LOVE ON OUR FUTURE CHILD!**



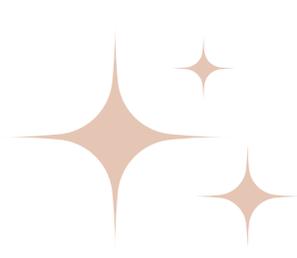
## Meet Our Girl Ginger!

We have one dog, Ginger, who is an 11 year old miniature pinscher. She loves belly rubs and snuggling in blankets. She has always been around Mark's nieces and will do well with kids.





LIFE  
TOGETHER



# And Us As Parents

We both grew up in such wonderful homes with parents who were always present at every activity or event, something we hope to emulate when we become parents. We will always continuously strive to be the best parents for our child. We desire to provide a safe, loving home where our future child can be themselves. **We will encourage creativity, responsibility, and for him/her to do their best and to always have fun doing it!** We also look forward to seeking out activities and trips that align with their interests and sharing in those memories as a family!



# TRAVEL



We love to travel to new (to us) places especially if they are filled with history. Our honeymoon was to Washington D.C.! We have fun on simple day trips or longer road trips and we have talked about all the places we would love to take our future child since we got married.

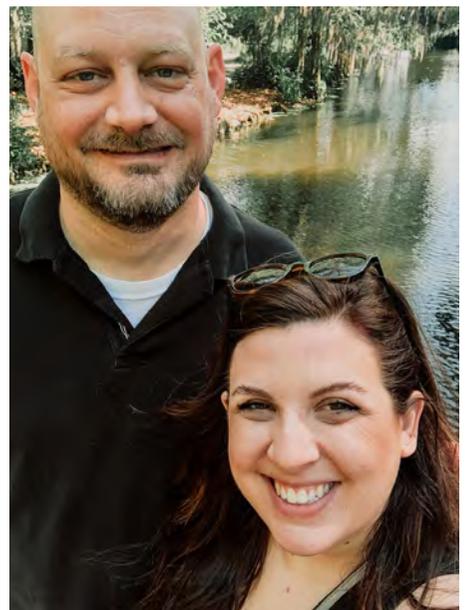
## REAL LIFE

On the weekends we love to be outside during the warmer months and we have a tradition that Mark's late Dad started where we have steak on Saturdays. We also really love ice cream! In the colder months we love to have movie nights with popcorn and hot chocolate. We love to go to sporting events or watch them at home with friends and go to concerts.



Us at Le Diplomate  
a french restaurant in  
Washington D.C.!

“One of our favorite memories  
was when we went to  
Charleston, SC!”





a few of our favorite

# FUN FACTS

## JENN

1. Has been to Australia twice.
2. Has read 100 books in a year.
3. Loves Indian and Mexican food.
4. Is left handed.

## MARK

1. Loves to clean, finds doing dishes relaxing.
2. Is a huge animal lover.
3. Loves March Madness season, it's his favorite time of year!
4. Makes the best homemade chicken and noodles.



# Mark's Family

We have an amazing extended family! Mark is the youngest of four kids. He is very close with his Mom and siblings. His Mom, older sister, brother and sister-in-law all live within 15 minutes from us and we see them often! His other brother and sister-in-law live in Arizona and we try to see them as often as we can. Mark also has 5 nieces and he has always been “fun Uncle Mark”!



## Grandma Debbie

Mark's mom Debbie can't wait to be a grandmother again! And is looking forward to building so many new memories with our family and future child!



# Jenn's Family

Jenn's family consists of her Mom and Dad, younger sister and brother-in-law. She also has 2 nieces, and a nephew on the way! Jenn is very close with her parents who live 15 minutes away and while her sister lives in Florida, we Facetime regularly and try to visit a few times a year.

We often get together with Jenn's parents since they live so close!



## Grammy Sue + Pops

Jenn's parents are so eager to welcome another little one into our family. They keep telling us they are looking forward to having sleepovers on Christmas Eve, going to the park near their house, going fishing and making crafts with their future grandchild!





# HOLIDAYS -&- traditions

We have game nights, including an Uno competition every Christmas Eve. Mark works in the same building as Jenn's Dad and on the 4th of July we view the riverfront fireworks from their parking lot. Each September we love to go to the local pumpkin festival and one of the most fun traditions is on New Year's Eve where we play games and bang pots and pans at midnight at Jenn's Grandma's house.

Our families are so supportive and so excited to welcome a new member to our family! Grammy Sue is especially excited to have the opportunity to care for our child on the days we work.

## Our People

Our friends and church family are very supportive of our adoption journey, we are involved in several activities at our church like the easter egg hunt, Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas dinner.

Our friends all have several children and we have been like an "aunt and uncle" to them so now our friends are excited to be "aunt and uncle" to our child and their children are excited to have a new friend to play with!



JENN WINNING  
the UNO competition!

## BANGING POTS AND PANS:

A NEW YEAR'S TRADITION





# MORE THAN ANYTHING

we want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally. **We will nurture him or her to grow to be the best person they can be.** We promise to provide an upbringing in which God is a central figure. We promise to instill the values of kindness, generosity, courage, and respect for others. **We promise to be your child's biggest fans and encourage him or her to have hopes and dreams and to provide the best possible education and path to achieve those hopes and dreams.**

It is our desire for you to be a part of your child's life so that he or she can have an understanding and appreciation for the sacrifice you made. **We promise that your child will always know where he or she came from, how much you love him or her and we will honor you and always hold you close in our hearts.**

**WITH ALL OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS,**  
**Jenn + Mark**

**"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times  
and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."**

**2 Thessalonians 3:16**

