



HELLO! WE'RE

JESSICA AND KATHY

HELLO AND WELCOME TO OUR STORY!

We haven't met yet, but we would love to thank you for going on this journey and potentially entrusting your precious little one with us. We can't fathom the feelings you are going through, but we trust in you to make the best decision for you and your baby. After we had our first child, we realized how much we love raising a little one. It is important to us for our children to have siblings since we both grew up having siblings that we are close to.

Our hope is to grow our family and to provide a caring and supportive environment where our children can follow their dreams. We both feel that family is extremely important. Our families have helped us through some of the challenges of life; we hope to grow our family so that our children can have the same support.



MUCH LOVE,
Jessica and Kathy

HOW WE MET

We met while we were both serving on active duty about 13 years ago. Jessica's sister met Kathy while they were deployed in Iraq. When they got home, they met and became close friends. We naturally became closer over time and officially started dating, got engaged, and then married. We have been married for 5 years now.

We both love children and knew we wanted to expand our family shortly after marrying. We pursued fertility treatments for several years and finally having success with our son, Tommy. We were elated to be able to have him. Unfortunately, shortly after Tommy's birth, Kathy had to have a hysterectomy, so we can no longer have biological children. We saw first-hand the amazingness of adoption when Jessica's sister adopted a baby girl. We instantly felt that adoption was the best way for us to continue growing our family.



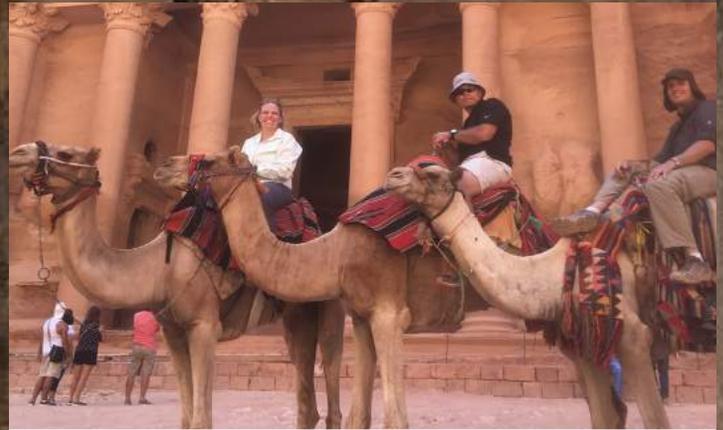
Our beautiful wedding day on the beach

THINGS WE LOVE TO DO AS A COUPLE

- ▲ Biking with our son in his bike carrier
- ▲ Going to parks and hiking with our dogs
- ▲ Vacationing at beaches and national parks
- ▲ Going out to an Italian dinner and a movie



Horseback riding in Montana



Camel riding in Petra, Jordan

OUR VALUES

We both come from working class backgrounds. We feel that we have had a lot of people helping us along our life's journey such as the military paying for much of our college educations. With our time in the military, we have both circled the globe and have seen just how fortunate we are to live in this country and to be where we are today personally, professionally, and financially.

Therefore, we feel a real sense of duty to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We think kindness and serving others are very important. We attend a local church regularly and participate in activities such as serving at homeless suppers and purchasing toys for foster children.



Enjoying a Christmas marathon



Hiking near Mt. Rainier, Washington

MEET KATHY



OCCUPATION: Stay-at-home mom

DEGREES: Bachelor's and Master's in Criminal Justice

SIBLING: 1 younger brother



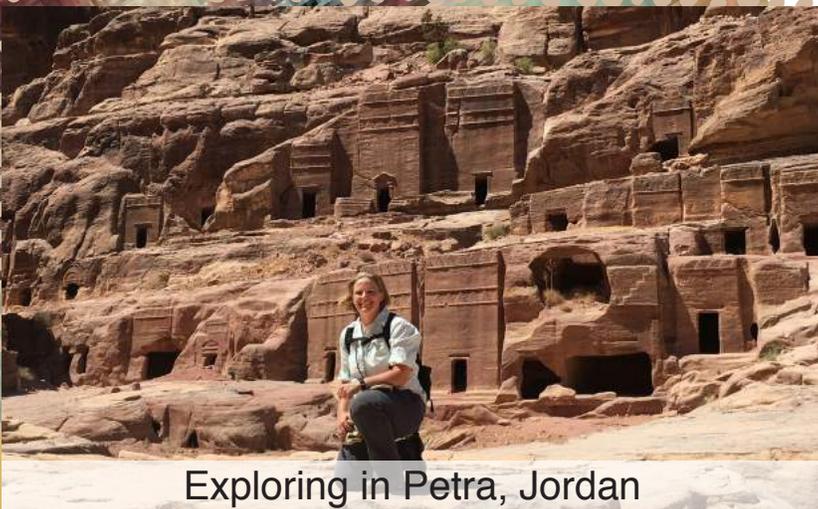
Enjoying a bike ride

I grew up in Pennsylvania and loved to play all types of games (kickball and softball) outside with my brother and neighbor kids.

After high school, I enrolled in college.

I also joined the Reserve Officer Training Corp for the US Army, and later joined the US Marine Corps.

I enjoy, jogging, biking, hiking, and kayaking. I really love children and being a stay-at-home mom is such a joy. It is really fulfilling for me to watch my son develop and enjoy discovering the world.



Exploring in Petra, Jordan

FUN FACTS

- ♥ I played the cello when I was a kid.
- ♥ I love to play Super Mario and Halo.
- ♥ I am addicted to couponing.
- ♥ I love a good bacon cheeseburger.



Playing Halo

MEET JESSICA

OCCUPATION: Helicopter pilot in the Navy

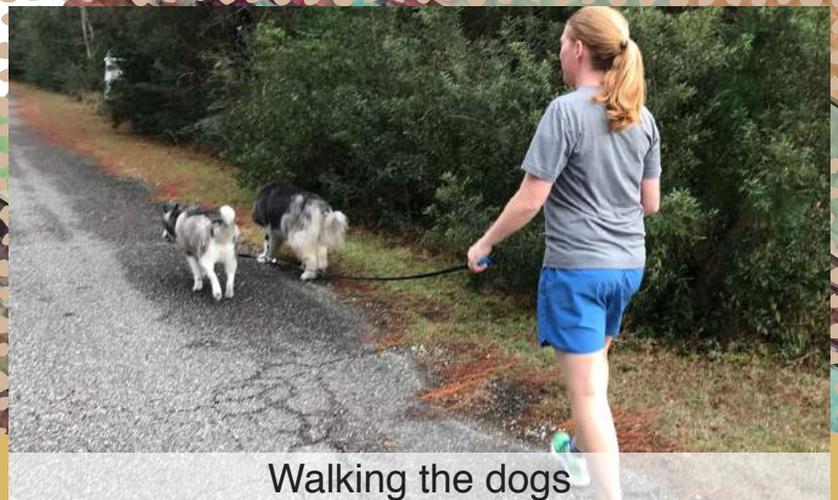
DEGREES: Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Master's in Management, and a pilot's license to fly both planes and helicopters

SIBLING: 1 twin sister

When I was a kid, I liked to run, play sports, read, and write. In high school, I ran cross country, played basketball, and softball. I played a little in college, but found I eventually had to concentrate on academics. As an adult, I still like to read, but I listen to fiction books on tape more. I also love to stay active through jogging, bicycling, or kayaking. For my job, I teach adults how to fly helicopters; I absolutely love it! I am in control of my schedule, so I can easily take time off when I need to.



Snuggle time



Walking the dogs



Hiking in California

- ♥ I am writing a fiction novel.
- ♥ I love playing Spades and Taboo.
- ♥ Sometimes I speak Spanish.
- ♥ I make yummy biscuits and gravy.

**FUN
FACTS**

MEET TOMMY

Tommy was born in January 2018! He is a very sweet, funny, and loving little boy. He loves playing with his toys and of course, household items, like metal bowls and plastic spoons. He enjoys crawling over obstacles like our dog beds and pillows. He will be the best big brother!



Tommy being goofy



Pure unconditional love



Strolling around at Christmas

THINGS WE LOVE TO DO AS A FAMILY

- ▲ Having lunch with his mommas at Jessica's work
- ▲ Splashing around at baby swim class
- ▲ Going on play dates with other little ones
- ▲ Reading and chasing each other around the house

OUR HOME SWEET HOME

We live in a 3-bedroom home in a small, tight knit community by a bay. We like that everyone smiles and waves at each other and there are a lot of people who run, walk, or bicycle in the neighborhood. Everyone looks out for each other and invites each other over for cookouts. We have neighbors who let us borrow their tools. Sometimes, we will mow the lawn or cook a meal for a neighbor if they are not feeling well. Our neighbors have done the same for us.

With living by a bay, there are many white beaches around that we go to often to swim. There are a bunch of cool eateries along the beaches, too! When we aren't at the beach, we are at the local parks where there are all kinds of swings, slides, and sand boxes. It's a lot of fun!



Our beach home



A nearby playground and lake



The community pool

OUR PUPS ROCKY & OZZIE

We have two Siberian Huskies that are named after the Rocky and Ozark mountains. They both love to play with their toys and have been around children a lot. Ozzie likes to lick Tommy on the face and ears and can often be found in the nursery watching over Tommy as he sleeps.



OUR FAMILIES

Our family and friends are so excited for us to be expanding our family once again and are very supportive. Family is very important to us; we make an effort to visit family often. We have family who live locally to us and also family who live in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Texas. We love to visit our families, especially for the holidays!



Thanksgiving Day fun



With Kathy's parents



Jessica's family

FAMILY TRADITIONS

- ▲ Having 'Pizza Fridays' and ending the day with a movie
- ▲ Visiting Jessica's aunt's house in Texas for Thanksgiving. It is on a big lake and we take the boat out and go tubing
- ▲ Going to church on Christmas Eve and then coming home to each open one present
- ▲ Grilling out and having a big family meal on Sundays
- ▲ Spending time with friends and neighbors at cookouts

OUR PHILOSOPHY ON PARENTING

Our philosophy on raising children is to be loving, patient, and understanding, while setting clear expectations. We feel it is important to explain things to children and to treat them fairly and with respect.

WE WILL TEACH YOUR CHILD...

- ▲ How important they are. We want your child to know that he or she can make the world a better place in both big and small ways
- ▲ That he or she is special in their own way. We look forward to learning all about what makes them wonderful and unique
- ▲ To value education and always strive to be better. We want to learn about the interests of your child and encourage him or her to follow whatever their passion is.



All dressed up for church

OUR PROMISES TO YOU

We appreciate the time you have taken to get to know our family and what life would be like at our home. We know that parenthood is unpredictable, but there are a few promises we can confidently make:

- ▲ We promise to be loving, caring parents who are devoted to seeing your child be happy and fulfilled.
- ▲ Your child will know that he or she is loved by you, know who you are, and know about your selflessness and courage.
- ▲ We promise to help your child reach their full potential by encouraging them to find their own interests and develop them.
- ▲ Your child will be raised to love themselves in who he or she is and to love others unconditionally.
- ▲ We promise to save money for their education and to pass on to them the benefits we receive because of our service in the military, including the education benefit of the GI Bill.



MUCH LOVE,
Kathy, Jessica,
and Tommy



KATHY, JESSICA, & TOMMY