

*James & Jamie*



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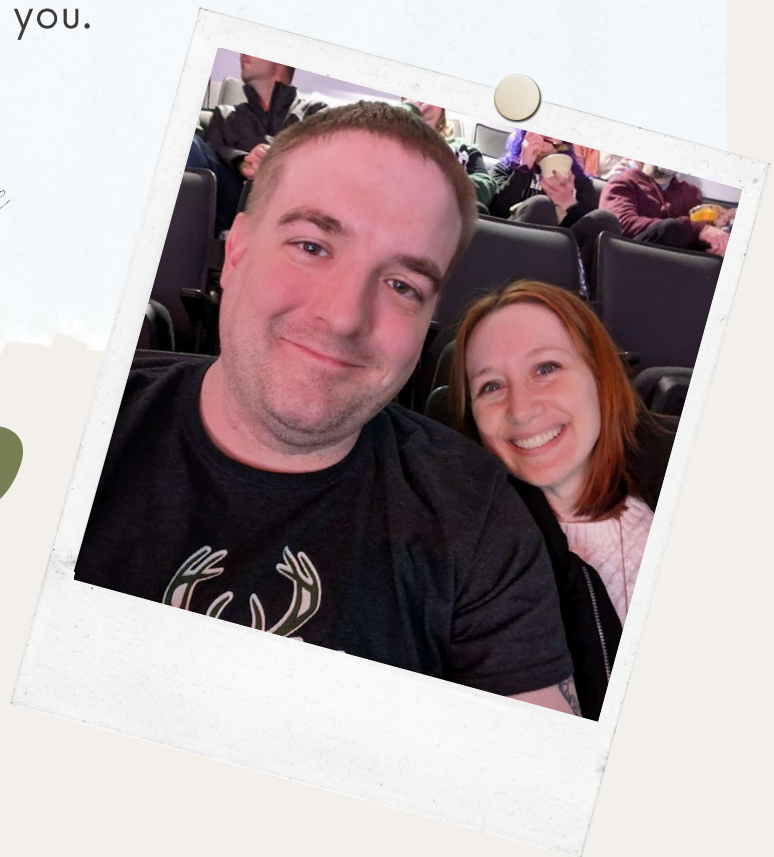
Thank you for taking this time to get to know us and for considering us as you make this difficult decision. We are happy and excited to grow our family through adoption.

We hope this portfolio offers a glimpse into who we are and what is important to us. We have been married since 2009. It has been a long and happy journey together and we truly look forward to taking this next step.

We acknowledge the strength and courage to make this decision and deeply respect you for it. We look forward to meeting you.

With love,

*James & Jamie*



# About Us

We met each other online in 2001 playing our favorite game StarCraft. We immediately bonded from having similar interests and personalities. We began a long distance relationship where we would visit each other often, but realized we wanted more.

After high school, we moved in together to continue our education in Madison, WI. It was a challenging time as we balanced our work, school, and how to live on our own, but we overcame many obstacles and grew together.

In 2008, after years of dating, James finally mustered the courage to ask Jamie to marry him. Of course, she said yes! After a flurry of wedding preparations, we were married six months later in May of 2009.

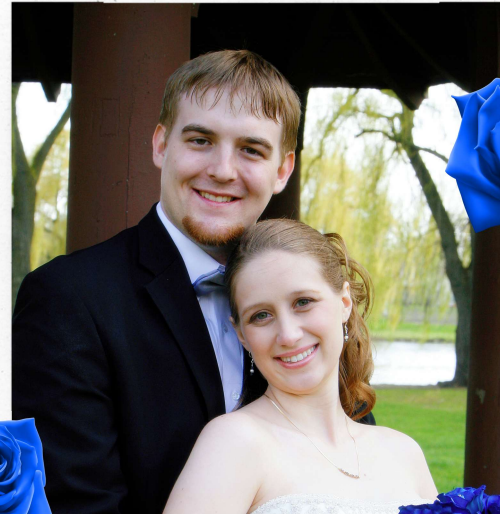
In 2011, James realized that the career path he had chosen was not making him happy and decided to shake things up. After a lot of hard work, he joined the US Navy in early 2012 and just like that it was back to a long-distance relationship for a while. After months of basic training and school, we moved to WA state. It was scary as this was the first time we were truly on our own.



Halloween



Christmas



Our Wedding

The move to WA was a huge accomplishment for us. We drove a moving truck, car, and three cats half way across the country in three days. Within a few days we moved into our new apartment only to find out James had to leave again.

Deployments will test even the strongest relationships. The vast majority of the time the only way of communication was email. We would email any chance we could while he was away, but really valued the time we would have together when he was home.

We made friends and built new support networks, but after eight years away from our family, we decided it was time to return to WI to begin the next chapter of our lives. We lived with Jamie's parents while James went back to school and we looked for a home.

In April of 2021, we got the keys to our first house. The transition from years of living in apartments to owning our own home still leaves us in awe from time to time. We feel extremely blessed and fortunate to be where we are in life and for the journey we've been on so far.

# About James

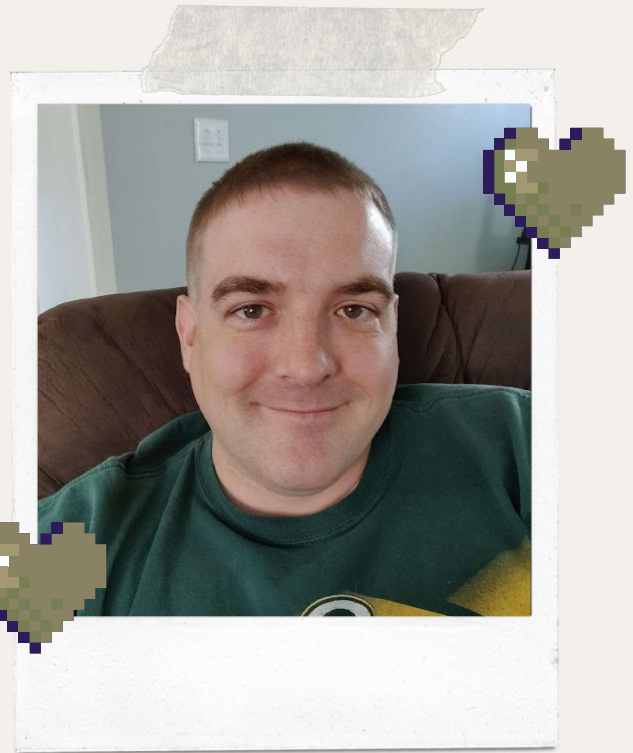
By Jamie

James is incredibly **kind and funny**. He makes people laugh no matter where he is. His laughter is infectious. While you can often find him quoting random tv shows or movies, he is also serious when the time calls for it. He's my rock. I know I can count on him no matter what.

**His family is incredibly important to him.** Even when they're apart, you'll often find him sending silly messages to his family just to cheer them up. He will drop everything to be with them when they need him.

People are often intimidated by him at first as he is a pretty tall person with broad shoulders and he's often quiet at first. Once they get to know him though, they love him. I call him my giant teddy bear.

He has this **calm** aura about him that animals seem to love. It always amazes me when he meets new animals how they are always drawn to him. He makes the best animal noises!



## FACTS ABOUT ME:

### Occupation:

Certified Surgical Technologist

### Hobbies:

Gaming, watching football, collecting retro consoles & games

### Favorite family tradition:

Celebrating Christmas

### Could not live without:

My computer, Stallone movies, family and friends

# About Jamie

By James

Jamie is an extremely **friendly, loving, and compassionate person.**

For as long as I've known her, she can always be counted on to be there for her family and friends. On any given day, she is typically the person called upon if a problem occurs.

**Family** comes before all else. If a parent or sibling needs anything, she will call or drive any distance to be there for them. She doesn't like to drive in the snow, but she would do it for her family.

Jamie can be a shy person, but once she gets to know someone it's the complete opposite. She has a very **fun and cheerful** personality and people gravitate towards it.

One thing is for sure, she loves her cats. It's safe to say they get pretty spoiled, but she wouldn't have it any other way. If she isn't playing with a cat, usually one will be on her lap.



## FACTS ABOUT ME:

### Occupation:

Director of Web Applications

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### Hobbies:

Gaming, watching anime, reading, yoga

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### Favorite family tradition:

Going to church and dinner afterwards with the family for Christmas

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### Could not live without:

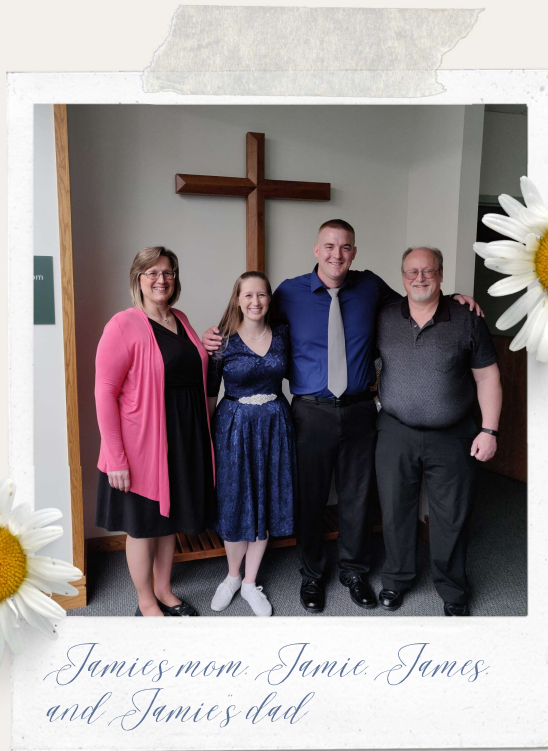
My family, friends, kindle, and my cats

# Our Family

## Jamie's Family:

My family is close and we enjoy spending time together. On Friday nights, you can usually find us all online playing games together. My parents are examples for me of the type of marriage I want to have. They are always there for each other and their children. I have an older sister and a younger brother. I love baking and cooking with my sister. I also enjoy spending time with my sister's three children. My brother and I have always enjoyed playing games together and can get a bit competitive.

We enjoy spending the holidays together. Often times it involves a big gathering with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. We also enjoy going to the renaissance faire and spending time at the campground for Halloween.



*Jamie's mom, Jamie, James,  
and Jamie's dad*



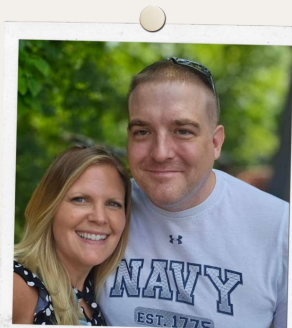
*James' dad, Jamie, James,  
and James' stepmom*

## James' Family:

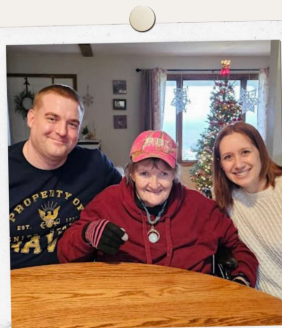
I have a close relationship with my Dad and stepmom. They have been married since 1997, and have always been there for me since I was a child. We would always go to church on Sunday, and then get ready for some football. My parents are huge Packer fans, and this is something we always bonded over. I could always depend on them for love and support. Thanksgiving and Christmas have always been big occasions for my family.

My mom has always been a part of my life, but she had medical issues when I was young which made it difficult for her to care for me. She is a funny, loving, and caring person. I would say I get a lot of my goofy personality from her.

I have three brothers, one sister, and two step-sisters. My oldest brother was adopted, and only in recent years I have been able to get to know him. My other brothers have always been in my life growing up. Family means a lot to them, as they are known to be protective. My sister and I have always been close. She would dress me up as a child and carry me everywhere she went.



*Jamie's sister and James*



*Jamie's mother and Jamie*



*Jamie's sister, mom, grandma  
and niece*



*James' brother and James*

# Our Home

Our home is in a small residential neighborhood in Madison, WI. There are multiple parks near us that we enjoy taking walks through, but also include many areas for children to play. Our neighborhood is quiet, diverse, friendly, and often you see people walking with their children or dogs.

We are in a convenient area, where it's a short drive to downtown Madison. It takes less than an hour to drive to Jamie's parents, and a two hour drive to James' parents.



*Our House*



## FACTS ABOUT THE HOUSE:

Built in 2002

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Has three bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, and a two car garage

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Large yard with a garden

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Conveniently located near schools, libraries, shopping, and theaters

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*Thanksgiving*

*Living Room*

# Our Pets

This is our oldest cat **Doreamon** or “Momo” for short. She was born in 2009. She has been through many moves with us and traveled the country. She’s not much of a fan of the traveling part. She is still full of energy and loves to play. Her favorite thing is snuggling as she loves to stay warm.



**Yuki** is our middle cat. She was born in 2020, but we adopted her as a rescue in 2021. She struggles with an autoimmune condition which is controlled with medication, but it has made her a little chunky. She is easily startled, but has a lot of affection. She is very protective of those she cares about.

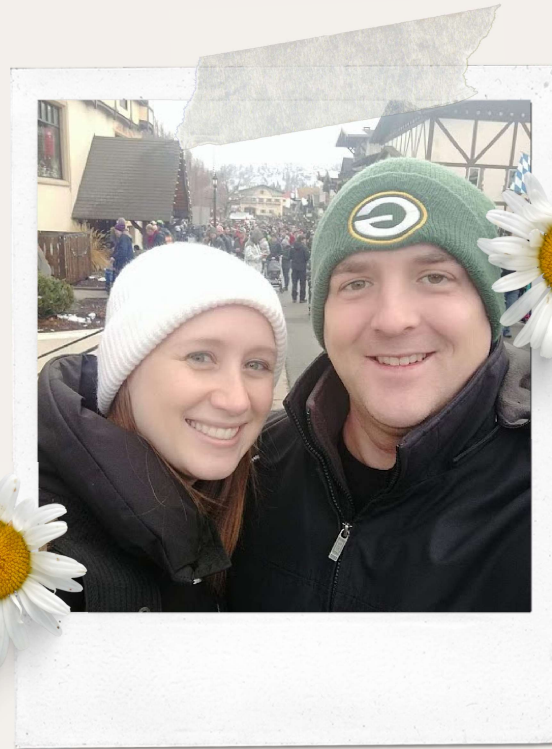
**Apollo** has been with us since July of 2023 when he was just eight weeks old. He is a bundle of energy, and always loves to play. In whatever he’s doing, whether it’s eating or playing, he does it with his whole heart. He’s very smart, curious, and he keeps you on your toes. He has a lot of growing up to do, but we are excited to see the cat he will become.





# Our Promise

We promise to provide this child with a **loving and accepting** home. We will love this child unconditionally. We will do our best to instill values such as **honesty, hardwork, and kindness**. We will support and encourage this child throughout their life to find their passion and to do their best. We promise that we will always keep their best interest in our hearts.



# Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We understand this is an important decision for you and the child, and we look forward to meeting you.

