



HELLO,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a bit. While we can't possibly know what you may be feeling right now, we admire your strength and bravery in considering an adoption plan. We are sure that this was an incredibly hard decision and you should know what an incredibly strong mama you are. We cannot tell you how fortunate we feel knowing that you were so selfless in your decision to give your baby life. You are so special to us, and we haven't even met.

A little about us; we have been married for 5 and half years and have walked the path of infertility. While that journey had some heartaches, there were many blessings along the way which we know strengthened our relationship with each other and ultimately, prepared us for our adoption journey. We had discussed adoption during our marriage preparation. Jill always felt the calling to adopt, so it felt natural to build adoption into "our plan" as we prepared to start a life together. We think God heard our plan and knew we had it out of order which is when He nudged our hearts to pursue adoption sooner than we thought. We've been praying for you before we ever knew we were going to say yes to adoption, before you were ever pregnant, and before we were ever presented this case. You are so loved.

We currently have no children, so starting our family through adoption is beautifully humbling and such an honor. We are both well established in our careers, Andy a successful business owner and Jill a Senior Learning & Development Leader, but this child would be the highlight of our every day. Our families are incredibly excited and supportive. Between our flexible work schedules and our mom's offering to help, we won't have to use daycare.

We know you have an impossible decision to make and we will be praying fiercely for you as you discern the best placement for your child. While we will respect any decision you make regarding contact, we would love for communication to remain open, especially if there are other children or family members involved. If this is something you do not prefer, we absolutely respect your decision and will honor the conditions outlined, but please know we're open.

You are stronger than you know. You are loved beyond measure. You are beautifully and wonderfully made.

Praying for you, Andy & Jill



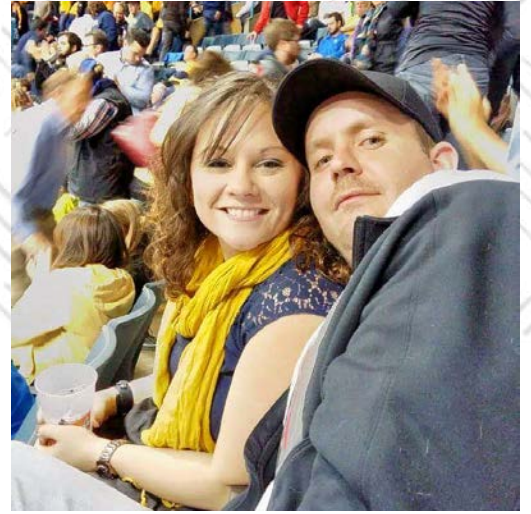
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BEGAN DATING
AUGUST
2014

ENGAGED
NOVEMBER
2015



This is us

MARRIED
OCTOBER
2016

FOREVER HOME
PURCHASED
2021

a little about

ANDREW



My friends and family call me "Andy", but I don't mind if you call me by my full name. I was born in Florida and due to my father's job moved a few times at young ages. I have two brothers of whom I am the middle child. My parents have been married for 43 years and raised us with strong Christian values. Jill & I will be the first to give them a grandchild, but I love being an uncle to all the children on her side of the family.

My favorite time of the year is fall because I love to hunt waterfowl and am very active in wildlife restoration. I love having projects to work on that allow my mind to unleash the creativity. I've owned my own business for 15 years and am very proud of the reputation I have built.

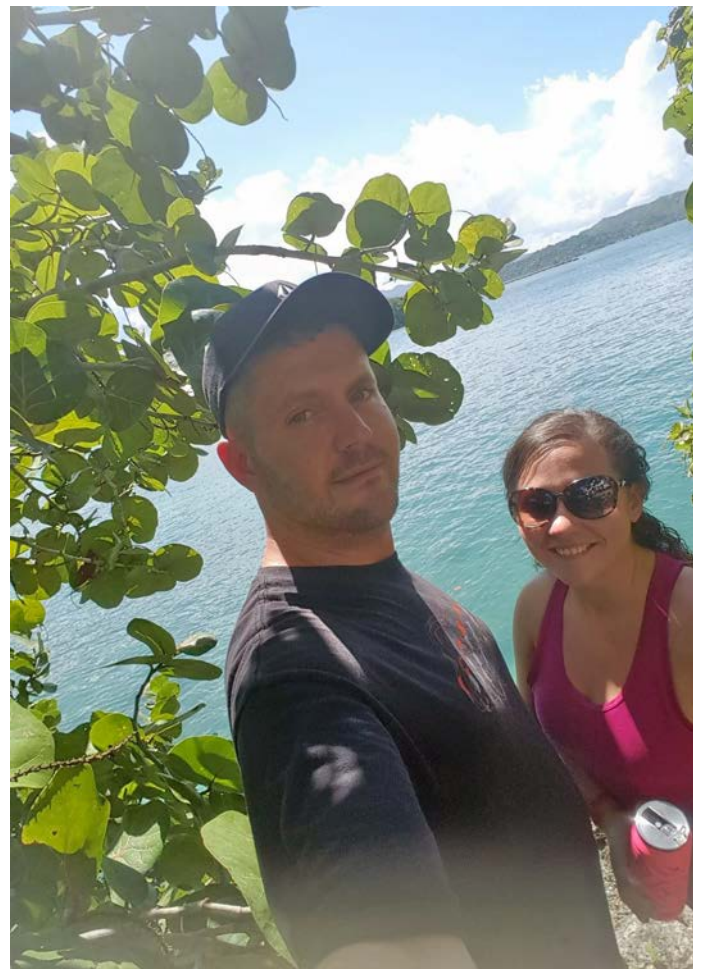
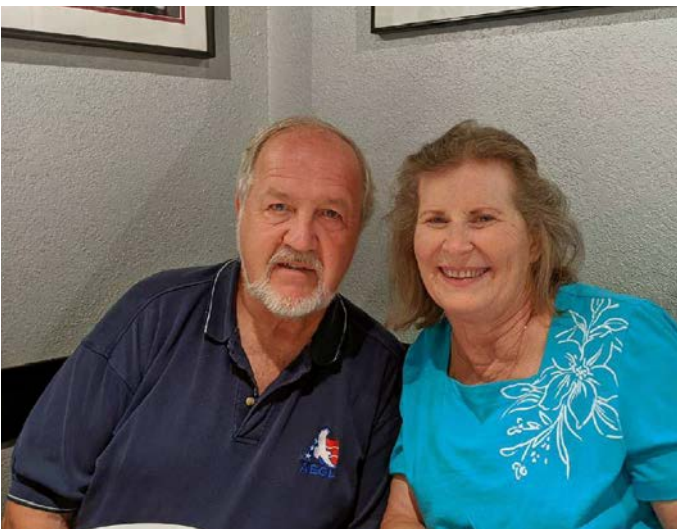
My favorite foods include Chinese food, ice cream or anything sweet really, and tacos. I graduated high school in 2003 and completed one semester of college before starting my business.



HOW JILL THINKS OF ANDREW

Andy is incredibly talented and smart. He has God given talents to work with his hands and he is unbelievably smart. I envy that about him. He's loyal, hard-working, and honest. I know he will make an amazing father.

I had moved from out of state not knowing a soul, to Wisconsin. I had lived in the area for over a year and was almost ready to pack up and move home closer to family when I walked Andy to my life. We work, play, and laugh together daily. He keeps life fun and he is always there to catch me when I fall. We always strive to fulfill each other's needs, even if we fall short sometimes.. Before him, there was always something missing. He taught me the true meaning of what it means to love someone and have them love you in return. I am thankful for him each and every day, even on our not so perfect days. He is my other half.



a little about JILL



I grew up in a small town in Illinois where I attended private school. I have six brothers and 3 sisters and my parents have been married for 42 years. I am the proud Aunt to seven nephews and six nieces. Family has always been very important to me, and regardless of where I've been in life I keep them as a top priority. My favorite time of year is Summer, because I love being on, in, or near the water. I run a small yet successful business along side my career. I love being outside with my husband but also love to cuddle up inside with a blanket, a good book, and cup of tea. My favorite foods include carne asada tacos, pizza, and chips with queso. I graduated high school in 2004 and went on to Monmouth College graduating with honors with a dual Bachelor of Arts degree.

HOW ANDREW THINKS OF JILL

I like to think of Jill as my opposite. All of the things that I would consider my weaknesses are the things that she seems to excel at. I tend to be a quiet person, while she is very outgoing. I struggle with staying organized and she is very good at planning and arranging. Communication is not my strong suit and she is very articulate. I believe that we were made for each other to lift one another up in our weaknesses. Together, there is nothing we can't do.



OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD



Our home was built in 1900. Over the last year and a half, we have completely gutted and renovated the farmhouse property where Andy has been the primary contractor. We get teased regularly about needing our own HGTV show. With it's now vaulted ceilings, large open-concept kitchen/living area, and four bedrooms you'd never guess the home is over 100 years old. We love the history that is tied to our home. Fun fact: Throughout renovations we have found so many neat artifacts that date back to the early 1900's that we have reworked into the current design. The fact we've done the work ourselves is quite special to us. It has been a lot of hard work, but we are incredibly proud of what we were able to accomplish.

The surrounding area has lots of open space, yet our neighbors are still close enough we get together for barbeques and night caps. Our school district is rated incredibly high and we love the quiet with easy access to hip restaurants and activities.



OUR FAMILY



Andrew's extended family is large, loving, and primarily located in Michigan. Every year we gather together for a Knights of Columbus sponsored ski jump tournament where we watch the jumpers and eat great food. We love hosting the entire family for opening weekend of March madness. It's really just an excuse to be together.

I have five Aunts and two Uncles, nine cousins, and six second cousins.



While Jill's immediate family is located in Illinois, the extended family is spread out all over the country. It makes traveling easy as there is always a place to call "home" no matter where we go. We are bi-racial on both my mom and dad's side. One of my cousins was adopted.

I have three Aunts and three Uncles, ten cousins, and seven second cousins.

CAREERS & FAMILY TRADITIONS



Andrew is a business owner who runs a very successful landscape design company and has been in his field for 15 years. Jill is a senior learning & development manager who has worked in professional services for 12 years. She also runs a small yet successful business that empowers women to take control of their health and finances.

Each September we meet at the family camp for the Peterson reunion and cook turkey's in garbage cans. This is known as "Turkey Fest"



While not technically a tradition, the sacraments are very important to our family and to us. It is a time of great joy & celebration

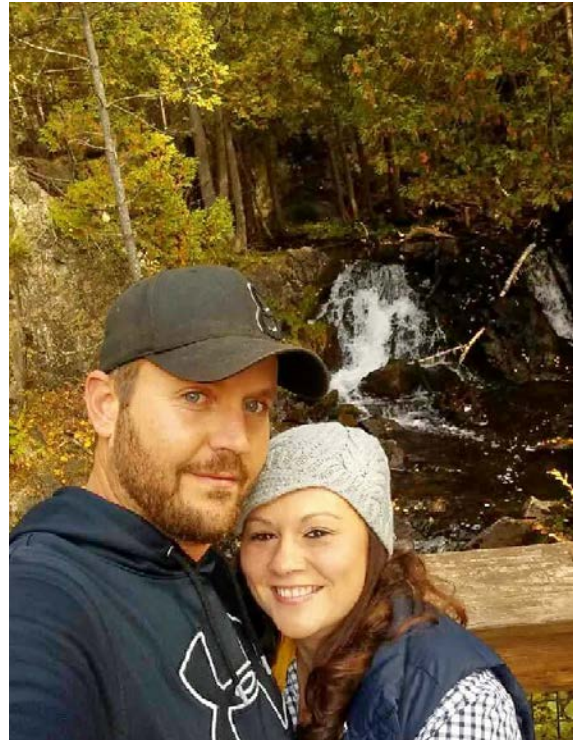


Christmas eve on Jill's side they choose a new ethnic cuisine and design their entire meal around that culture while playing games, exchanging gifts, and getting a visit from Santa.





Trying to get a photo with our dog
Kali

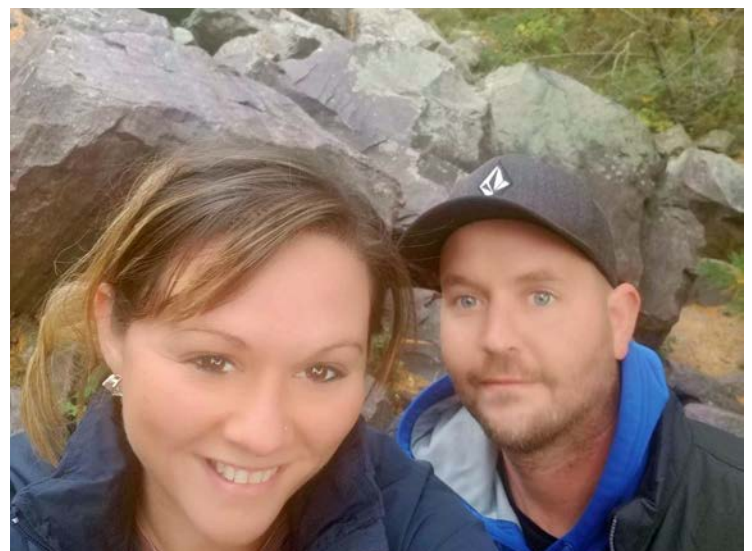


Hiking in Michigan near the family
camp

OUR INTERESTS



Andy & Jill at the Kiwanis Ski Jumps



Our 3rd Anniversary hiking in Door County



The last covered bridge in Wisconsin

When we're not working on our home we enjoy spending time outside. Whether it's taking the dog for a walk, riding our bikes, taking our boat out on the lake, or snowmobiling at the family camp, we enjoy all four seasons of the year. We tend to find a hiking path wherever we go, near or far. But truthfully, we love spending time with our families.

Our families are our favorite people to hang out with. Given the large size of each family, we never run out of conversation or fun activities. Family for us is non-negotiable. We're there for one another in all the big and little events.

Food and treats are a common focal point at our gatherings. Laughter is heard from miles away.



Hosting March Madness for Andy's family



Jill's parents and some siblings in a photo booth at her brother's 30th birthday

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We have always dreamed about being parents and having a child to raise. When we felt the calling to adopt, we prayed fervently and did not take this decision lightly. We continue to pray for you and over you as we have for several years. We are very excited for this step and have so much love in our hearts already for this child as we patiently await their arrival.

We promise to always love this child unconditionally and surround it with the support of our family. We will mirror our parents and be supportive in all of their endeavors and encourage them to reach for the stars. We are excited to share our interests and teach them life-long skills while giving them the freedom to explore where their passions lie. We promise to give them everything we possibly can to support these passions.

We promise to honor and respect your openness and we will make sure that he/she knows exactly what you want them to know about you and your family. We value and respect your decisions.

We hope this book gave you a look at our lives and we are so deeply honored that it found it's way into your hands. We look forward to potentially getting to know you and your family as well.

Thank you for getting to know us.

Andy & Jill



