



JARET & MANDY

HI! WE ARE JARET AND MANDY.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US.

It is our hope that you get a sense of our loving home and family that we want to share with your baby. We are thankful to you for making this difficult choice. We pray that you find God's peace in knowing that your baby will be deeply loved. We believe that your selflessness is truly a gift and we are excited to start this journey with you.



OUR STORY...

We met several years ago and became instant friends. Jaret was retired out of the military and working at the company that he is still employed with. Mandy had finished a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Computer Information Systems, and was working on a Master's degree in Business Administration. We would shoot pool together, hang out with mutual friends, and play foosball. **WE REMAINED FRIENDS OVER THE YEARS, AND IN 2012, GOD DIRECTED US WHEN THE TIMING WAS RIGHT.** We were married a little over a year later and knew that we wanted a family.



WE LOVE TO GOLF, CAMP, FISH, TRAVEL, AND DO ALMOST ANYTHING OUTDOORS. We do a lot of these activities with our families. Both of us have family that live close to us, and we do several things together during the week and weekend. **IT IS RARE IF WE DON'T HAVE GRANDMA AND GRANDPA JOINING US ON ADVENTURES.** We go as a family to several sporting events for our nieces and nephews. We volunteer for several organizations and are very active in Relay for Life. We regularly attend church whether in person or online.

We both come from a very close-knit family and we want to have that with our family as well. We struggled with infertility for a few years. **UPON DECIDING TO TRY IVF, OUR FIRST ATTEMPT DIDN'T END LIKE WE WOULD HAVE LIKED. HOWEVER, ON THE 2ND TRY, WE HAD OUR DAUGHTER, ABIGAIL.** She has been a beautiful blessing in our life together. When trying a 3rd time, we were blessed to get pregnant with another little girl, named Jasmine. At 35 weeks, there was a complication with the pregnancy, and we lost our Jasmine and left Mandy fighting for her life for a moment. After some time of grieving, we had a very close friend try to be a surrogate for us on two more attempts to have a child, which didn't take in the procedure. **WE KNEW ADOPTION WAS AN OPTION AS WELL, KNOWING WE WANTED TO HAVE MORE CHILDREN TO LOVE, AND IT HAS LED US HERE.**



THROUGH ALL THE UPS AND DOWNS, IT HAS MADE US CLOSER. Through every hard moment, we haven't left each other's side. We do not leave without a kiss and an I love you because we know how precious life is. We communicate well and work together as a team on almost everything we do.

HOME...

We moved into our new 5-bedroom home in 2017 built by Mandy's family that owns a construction business. It is located just outside of a small town.

WE BOTH WORK JUST A MILE FROM OUR HOME AND WHEN WE STEP OUTSIDE OF OUR BUILDINGS AT WORK, WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER BECAUSE THEY ARE CLOSE. Jarret is a sign and graphic supervisor for an ATM manufacturer and Mandy is a Plant Manager for a steel plant.

FAMILY...

We help with the family construction business, as Jarret is very good at several different elements of construction. Mandy farms on her family farm with her dad and brother. While we have all this going on, we do this as a family. **ABIGAIL GETS LOTS OF TRACTOR/COMBINE RIDES WITH MOM AND LOVES TO HELP DAD IN THE GARAGE ON PROJECTS.** Professionally we are in a place where we can provide for our family comfortably and take any time off that is needed for any situation that may arise.



Before Abigail started school, we would sit down on our lunches with her to eat every day. **WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE HER GRANDMAS TRADE DAYS WATCHING HER WHILE WE WORK.** Depending on where Abigail was for the day, that would decide where we would eat lunch, with Grandma making a home cooked meal for all of us. Now that Abigail goes to school 3 days a week, we are limited to two lunches together with her a week. On the other 3 days, **MANDY AND JARET TAKE TIME TO HAVE A LUNCH DATE.** We have a network of friends of all ages that also have children of all ages. During the winter months, we have card parties where the kids can play, and the adults play various card games. **OUR HOUSE IS SET UP TO ENTERTAIN AND GIVE THE KIDS AMPLE ROOM TO RUN AROUND.** During the summer months, we go to games for family and friend's children, that we consider nieces and nephews. We also enjoy several camping trips with family and friends!



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HAVING FUN!





ABOUT JARET

BY MANDY

JARET IS HARD WORKING, STEADY, AND MY ROCK THOUGH IT ALL. I know that he loves me with all that he has because he never leaves my side no matter what. He expresses that love every day when he doesn't leave without a kiss, visits me on his breaks at work, and the little things he does. As a veteran, Jaret likes to have somewhat of a routine, however having a 4-year-old changes that routine quickly sometimes.

HE IS VERY TALENTED WHEN IT COMES TO HANDS ON PROJECTS. He built a toddler bed for our daughter Abigail, and since he works in a paint and sign shop, he customized it to be her very own. He is always willing to help anyone in need. He is very close to his family, and especially his mom. Jaret went to every Dr appointment that I had while trying to conceive and while pregnant. He demonstrated his "steady as a rock" love when we lost our daughter. He never left the hospital or my side for over a week. **HE IS A WONDERFUL FATHER TO OUR DAUGHTER, AND YOU WILL ALWAYS SEE THEM WORKING IN THE GARAGE TOGETHER, READING BOOKS, PLAYING DRESS-UP, OR HIM PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR HER.** I wouldn't want to do this crazy life with anyone else.



5 THINGS THAT MAKE JARET HAPPY!

Food
Relaxing
Family
Golf
Shooting Pool





ABOUT MANDY

BY JARET

MANDY IS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON INSIDE AND OUT.

She is so giving to anyone who is in need, whether it is by volunteering or donating. **MANDY CARES ABOUT EVERYONE!** She will call to check on them or stops by to make sure everything is going well. She is very good with financials. She helps people with paperwork for housing loans, insurance, and in looking for affordable housing. Mandy is very strong willed, but that doesn't take away from any of her other attributes. The love Mandy has for our daughter, Abigail, is undeniable. She puts her heart and soul into everything. Mandy is a remarkable person in everything she does, and to everyone that she is around.



5 THINGS THAT MAKE MANDY HAPPY!

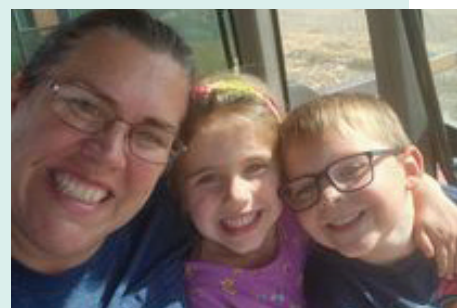
Watching the sun rise

Spending time with
family and friends

Golfing

Concerts

Helping people excel





ABOUT ABIGAIL

Abigail is our 4-year-old kind-spirited, strong willed, and adventurous girl. She loves going to school and has made several friends. She comes to Mandy's work 3 days a week for an hour after school and has the staff wrapped around her finger. She likes working outdoors with her mom and dad, and going to the farm and working on the truck in the garage. She loves Sing 2, Scooby-doo, Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, and Inspector Gadget. She takes care of her kitty, Patches, and her puppy, Wags every day. She loves other children and has a very soft heart. She spends a lot of time with her grandparents during the week, while we are working, and on the weekends doing family stuff. She helps Grandma sew and cook and helps Grandpa in the garden.

**KIND-SPIRITED
STRONG WILLED
ADVENTUROUS**





WHAT WE HOPE TO OFFER A CHILD...

Children are a blessing, and each child is different in their own way. Since we have worked hard in the beginning, it has allowed us to be able to provide anything that a child may require including a safe and stable home. We can also offer our time making memories no matter what we are doing.

Right now, we provide structure for Abigail with age-appropriate rules and ways to help our family. **WE ALSO LOVE TO WATCH HER LEARN BY PLAYING AND GAINING CONFIDENCE IN HERSELF.** Every child learns and develops differently, so we will be a child's cheerleader in any way we can. We love doing arts and crafts, reading books, and snuggling. When they get older, we will support their decisions in whatever path they choose and help guide them to be good adults.

WE ARE SURROUNDED BY A LARGE GROUP OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT WILL HELP US TEACH THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY AND HELPING ONE ANOTHER.

Our child will have many open arms to help them feel loved and included. There will also be family gatherings and a strong support group to help get them through life's ups and downs.

STABILITY | CONFIDENCE
TIME MAKING MEMORIES | LOTS OF SNUGGLES & BOOK READING
LOVE | KINDNESS
...AND MUCH MORE.



THOUGHTS ON ADOPTION:

We believe that God has given us the opportunity to travel down the road of adoption. We are excited for this opportunity and would like to have an open adoption. We are willing to share photos, letters, and meeting in person, if that is something that you would like to do. Because of you, we can have this family together, and we will always be grateful for you.

Thank you for taking the time to read our story and learn about our family. We are excited for the opportunity to adopt and looking forward to making a connection with a wonderful birthmother for years to come.



Jaret, Mandy & Abigail