

# INTRODUCING, US

We met while we were both working at Applebee's, Elizabeth as a server and Megan as a cook, and started dating two years later. We have been together since 2014 and got married in 2022 after a quick six-month engagement. Elizabeth's sister was moving to Australia, and it was very important to us to have her at our wedding. Our relationship is built on trust, communication, and patience with each other.

"They never fight because any disagreement they have they are able to have a respectful conversation about it and resolve it together. Their house is filled with a lot of love, laughter, and silliness," Victoria, Elizabeth's sister, writes.

If you were to spend a day with us as a couple, you would find us doing renovating projects around our house. On a chill day, you could find us either watching sports (basketball and football are our favorites) or a good movie (anything with Jane Fonda and the Scream franchise are notable must-sees). And even with the busyness of work and everyday life, we make a point to set aside time for date nights. Our most recent ongoing adventure is A-Z dates; our favorites are (B) bowling and (G) glass fused ornaments so far!

We have both wanted to be parents for as long as we can remember and cannot wait to welcome your child(ren into our family. We have a range of interests and want to immerse our children in them as well. Sports, art, nature, history, and food are important to us. You can count on us going on family trips both locally and around the country to try to experience as much as the world has to offer.

#### Elizabeth built a skyscraper at work



Elizabeth ran her first marathon in October 2024!



Our first home together!



Elizabeth and Megan visiting Christmas lights



#### ELIZABETH (told by Megan)

Elizabeth is the extrovert of our little family. She is smart, caring, and loving and has a huge heart. She is an incredible wife and I know she will be an even better mom.

Elizabeth enjoys interacting with people and hosting family parties and events. She makes an incredible cheeseball for family functions and loves visiting family especially if there are children around.

#### JOBS/EDUCATION

Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor's in Organizational Leadership and currently works from home as Lead Field Market Manager for a local vertical farm. She manages the team that performs merchandising, sampling, and community events. Her work allows her to travel to markets within the company.

Our work is very important to both of us; as we like to stay busy and be leaders in our industries. We are both going to continue working but traveling less often, and never at the same time.



## PETS & HOUSE

Roscoe is our nine-year-old chunky cat who yells at us when he enters rooms for no reason. He loves sitting next to Elizabeth as she works (he has his own office chair) and enjoys sneaking outside to roll around on the concrete. We have a seven-year-old boxer, Hannibal, who has never met a stranger and takes up all the room on the couch and bed. He loves coming with us on errands and will sit in the passenger seat on Elizabeth's lap during long drives.

When we bought our house in the summer of 2022, we knew kids were coming soon and started small renovations, especially transforming the completely blue wallpapered bathroom. Being close to family is important and we welcomed Elizabeth's sister last year after she got back from a year in Australia. She's thrilled to become an aunt. She has since moved to an apartment ten minutes away and visits frequently for movie dates and animal snuggles.

Our house is ten minutes down the road from Megan's sister Mallory, and we walk back and forth to let our dogs have playdates. Our fenced-in backyard is great for Hannibal to play in and is perfect for hosting family parties. Our neighbors are excited for us to bring children to the neighborhood.

#### MEGAN (told by Elizabeth)

Megan is funny but quiet with new people. She is hard-working and leads her team by example. She is smart and determined; which is helpful when appliances in our home break.

Megan is patient and calm; she'll use those qualities in all aspects of the kids' lives, especially when they start activities. She has previously coached basketball and will make a great coach for our kids someday. She is constantly reminding me to enjoy the small things in life; dancing in the car and singing random songs in the kitchen.

#### JOBS/EDUCATION

Megan is an executive chef at a local golf club, where she's worked since 2019. She prepares gourmet dishes for hungry golfers and catering events. Her job has allowed her to travel as a task force chef to help other clubs in the network. She is passionate about what she does and loves serving people good food.





Avery, niece, Mallory, sister, Megan, Elizabeth

Victoria, sister, Shea and Jamie, cousins, Elizabeth

## FAMILY

Megan is the second youngest of five siblings with two brothers and two sisters. She has six nieces and nephews; we love supporting all their various sports. Our niece is playing D1 college soccer and we travel to watch her games and will be shopping for baby noisecanceling headphones. Megan's parents visit our house weekly to help with lawn care and all our renovation projects.

Elizabeth is the oldest of three siblings with a brother and sister. Her brother died when he was four and her sister was adopted at the age of 11 months from China. Her extended family gathers to have Game Afternoon every month and visits Gatlinburg, Tennessee for a week every year.

We spend holidays with both our families; our Christmas celebrations span three to four days to ensure we spend time with everyone. Megan's extended family is large and ready for us to add another cousin to the mix. Elizabeth's extended family, while smaller, is more than ready for the first grandchild. Her mom and cousin have both already started crocheting and knitting baby blankets.

Megan at a horror convention; she has five tattoos dedicated to various horror characters



A dish Megan prepared at work



Elizabeth and Megan at a basketball game



Cousin, Shea, Elizabeth, parents, Patrick and Valerie, cousin, Jamie, sister, Victoria





We love Halloween! We spookify our house every year



Working together to solve a mystery game



Attending a friend's wedding



Megan, dad, Keith, sister, Mallory at a football game



Celebrating Christmas





## THANK YOU

Thank you for letting us give you a glimpse into our little family life; one that we hope you can help us fill. Each day we are happier in our life together and we are awaiting the sheer joy a baby will bring us.

We will raise our children to know their worth, to be kind and respectful, and to help make the world a better place. It is important for us that our children grow up knowing they are adopted - there are many ways a family is made and they will understand all of those. We will foster an environment that welcomes a child with open arms, no matter what. We will be patient, caring, understanding, and loving parents and we have a village behind us that is supportive and will love our kids like their own.

We acknowledge that this is a huge decision for you, and we want you to be at peace with that decision. We are open to determining a level of openness that works for us all. Thank you again for taking the time to learn about us.