

GARY & HEATHER

A profile is so difficult to write; how do we put into words what is in our hearts? We are Gary and Heather and want to share our love story as well as a glimpse into our lives. We met as young adults just starting on our own. We were friends first, quickly becoming inseparable, until one day we realized that we felt so much more. From that moment, there was no question of our commitment to each other or our future together. Spring has always been a special time for us; it is



when we realized how we felt about each other. So of course we got married in April. We wanted to start a family shortly after we got married and purchased our first home. After twenty years of a happy and loving marriage, a few failed attempts trying to expand our family along the way; we are hoping you will find our story and family to be a perfect match for your baby. We hope you continue to read and gain a glimpse into our life as we look forward to meeting you and learning your story.



Our Wedding



Our 20th Anniversary

Our adoption journey and story will be shared with your child from the beginning. It will be a positive story of love including his or her birth family as well as adoptive family. We are open to a relationship if that is something you are looking for as well.

ABOUT GARY

Gary is such a special person, he has the biggest heart and great sense of humor. Gary works in Facilities for a large restaurant chain. He will do anything for his friends and family, really for anyone. He is a big softy (don't tell him). He will write little notes and hide them in the day, or just have a card home and fix carts and nothing. He has so much to teach our child and is a great role model. He is always the guy kids run to, climb on or wrestle with. Gary will always stop and help an animal in need.



ABOUT HEATHER

Heather is always happy and smiling, looking at the positive side of life and the best in everyone. Heather works for the Government in IT. She has always wanted a big family with Sunday dinners and large holiday gatherings. As a mother, Heather is looking forward to teaching our child to cook, gardening and go on adventures. She is so excited to share all of the many joys and experiences; whether it be sports, gymnastics, cheerleading deer in our backyard, or just watching the definitely a make sure everyone is taken care of. She went back to college late in life and wants to be sure our child does not have to struggle like she did.



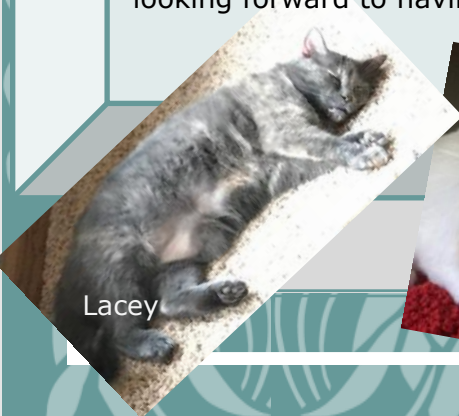
Madison Riding 4Wheeler



Our First Dance

OUR FUR BABIES

Our pets are and have always been a big part of our life and family. Over the years, we have opened our home and hearts to many different animals, rescuing most of them. Our cat Oliver was found with his three siblings and his momma in a busy shopping center just a few days after his birth. We found homes for his three siblings and his momma, but Oliver bonded with Heather and he just had to stay with us. A stray cat hung around our home after we cleaned her up and started feeding her; she honored us by using our garage to have her kittens. From that litter we kept two of the kittens (Lacey & Annie) and found homes for the three others. Lacey, was very sick and almost died at three weeks old. At that time we needed to ensure she got all the help she needed in life, now she receives daily insulin shots but is otherwise doing great! Our "puppy" Madison has the typical Golden Retriever nature, she loves everyone and has the best temperament. Madison is looking forward to having a baby brother or sister to play and cuddle with.



Lacey



Oliver



Madison



Gary & Madison



Some of Heather's Family

OUR FAMILY

Gary is an only child, but grew up very close with his Grandparents, Aunts



Heather's 2 Brothers

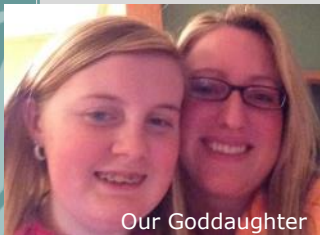
and Uncles, as well as seven cousins. He has great stories of spending weeks with his grandparents and cousins in the summer getting into so much trouble. Heather has one sister, two brothers, seven nephews and one niece. We have two Godchildren who we spend a lot of time with as well as close friends who are considered family. We love spending time with everyone and enjoy family outings.



Heather's Sister, Aunt and Nephew



Gary's Mom, Aunt, Cousins & Heather



Our Goddaughter

OUR ADVENTURES

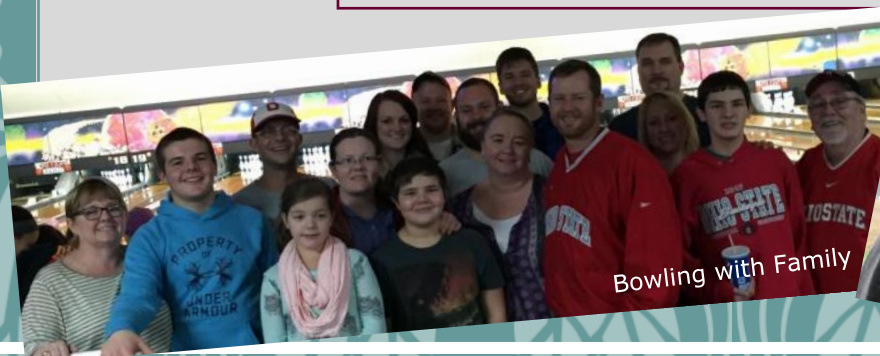
We both love the outdoors especially camping and spending time at the beach. We have gone tent camping as well as previously owning an RV. We plan on purchasing another RV in the near future to spend long trips and weekends traveling. We celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary in Destin, Florida which was **A-MAZ-ING!!** We are planning a long camping trip staying directly on the beach in Destin. We have been camping all over Ohio always taking our dog, even our diabetic cat has enjoyed a weekend in the woods. We are looking forward to continuing our travels with children, visiting state parks and beautiful beaches along the way.



Annual Christmas Cookies



Gary's Parents



Bowling with Family



Prom Pictures with Goddaughter



OUR HOME

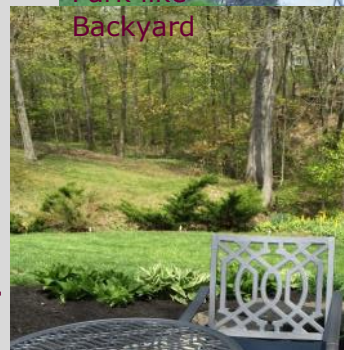
We live in a park like setting on an acre of land with woods, a pond next door and a ravine that runs through our backyard where deer visit. We have the best of both worlds, living in the country but still in a great neighborhood. A neighborhood where kids ride their bikes to visit friends, and summers are spent at the neighborhood pool, playground and softball field. The school district is one of the top in the area. Our home is made for a family and are so excited to have the laughter of children playing.

OUR TRADITIONS

We have traditions we are eager to share with your child. Every year we go to a live Christmas tree farm to find the perfect tree. Gary cuts the tree himself and drags it back. Heather does the heavy lifting taking care of Madison and the saw. Heather and her family make Christmas cookies and put together care packages for family, friends and neighbors. Halloween is a big event in our neighborhood, always on Sunday afternoon where the kids and families come around on their mowers or golf carts pulling wagons behind, it is a great time. Madison loves to dress up and play with all the kids.



Park like
Backyard



Our Home

OUR VOW AS PARENTS

ALWAYS be open and honest about their adoption story and your love for him/her.

ALWAYS be there to wipe the tears and kiss the boo-boos and bedtime stories

ALWAYS be their biggest fan and supporter

ALWAYS ensure they have the tools needed to grow into a strong, smart, kind and loving person.

ALWAYS ensure they have the best education, and future possible

ALWAYS include silly time and fun trips to ensure a well balanced childhood

We are excited about what the future holds for us including trips to Disney, State Parks, Beaches to explore and the happiness we are looking forward to sharing with you. We hope that through adoption your child is the missing piece that will complete our puzzle. Thank you for reading our story and we look forward to talking with you.

Lots of Love and Respect

Gary & Heather

