

JAY, RHODA

ANYA & ELLIANA

Families are people God chooses to live together.



Hi, we are Jay and Rhoda. We invite you to learn more about our family. We have been happily married for 13 years, and our love has only grown stronger as we have welcomed two little girls, Anya and Elliana, into our lives. Knowing before marriage that biological children were not a possibility, we always believed that adoption was God's plan for us, and He has blessed us with our two beautiful daughters.



FAMILY



Honeymoon in Canadian Rockies



RHODA ABOUT JAY

Jay is a loving husband and father, a man that shows his love not only by words but also by his actions. He takes his responsibility seriously and works hard to provide us with not only the necessities of life, but also a home where happiness, love, and fun can all be experienced in a caring and secure atmosphere. He loves being a father to our daughters, and spends a lot of time with them, reading to them, playing catch, or taking them with him to run errands. They love to go out to the business at 9:00 for a break with their Daddy. Jay is out-going and enjoys meeting people and making new friends. He's hard working, running the family business, and in his spare time likes to do some home improvement projects, camping, and fishing.

...WE FEEL THIS IS
THE WAY GOD HAS CHOSEN
FOR CHILDREN TO JOIN
OUR FAMILY.

JAY ABOUT RHODA

Rhoda is a wonderful wife and a loving mother to our two daughters. The willingness, diligence and consistency with which she takes care of her household are a blessing to the girls and myself. The time and attention that she gives to Anya and Elliana are a pleasure to see, and they thrive in her care. Rhoda loves the great outdoors, and that is reflected in the appearance of her flowerbeds and garden. She puts a lot of work into preserving fruits and vegetables, which we get to enjoy during the winter. She is an excellent seamstress and enjoys getting together with her Mother and sisters to help each other for the day. She enjoys engaging in outdoor activities, such as biking, fishing, and ice-skating, as a family.

I enjoy sewing and reading, but raising a garden to feed my family is a priority for me. To be able to show my children the wonder of planting little seeds and then harvesting all sorts of tasty and nutritious vegetables is a gift that I treasure and wish to pass on to them.

– Rhoda

ABOUT ANYA AND ELLIANA...

Anya and Elliana are lively girls, and love playing outdoors on the swing or in the sandbox. They like to help their Mom, whether it's sewing (or trying to), baking, or washing dishes. It is so much fun to watch the girls growing and discovering new things, and we savor each moment with them.

Having my own outdoor furniture business right on the premises allows me to spend a lot of time with Rhoda and the girls; it's a pleasure for me to be able to have breakfast, lunch and dinner with my family. It's a privilege that not too many men can claim.

– Jay





Boating at Rhoda's parents pond



A DAY IN OUR LIVES

A normal morning starts with us getting up early and having breakfast and devotions together, then Jay goes to work, and Rhoda begins the day with whatever needs doing first, whether it be baking, sewing, or gardening. The girls are starting to help out, learning the skills necessary for their life.

We enjoy spending time together as a family, whether riding our bikes, camping, working together in our garden, or simply spending an evening on our front porch swing. We frequently get together with our extended families for meals and a relaxing time together. Rhoda's parents have a cabin by a pond, which has been the setting for many happy hours of fishing and family time.

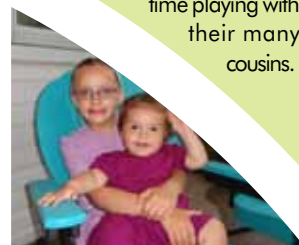
OUR FAMILIES

We both grew up in large families, with Jay having two brothers and three sisters. The family welcomed one of those sisters through adoption, so Jay has recognized from childhood the blessing that adoption can be to both the child and the family. We cherish the support and encouragement of our families and believe it to be a blessing not only for us but our children also. We were taught to be loving, caring, and respectful, and we wish to teach these values to our children as well.

All of Jay's siblings are married and have children, while Rhoda has 5 married siblings, with a brother and sister still living at home. We all love the frequent get-togethers with our families, and Anya and Elliana have a wonderful time playing with their many cousins.



Rhoda's family hiking



Jay's family camping



OUR HOME...

We live on 3-1/2 acres in farming country, which gives our children lots of room to play and explore, and are located just a few minutes from a small town. We maintain a large garden and enjoy the fresh, delicious vegetables that we harvest each year. Education is a very important part of a child's life, and Anya is enjoying 2nd grade in a private Christian school. She loves interacting with the other children, and of course, takes great delight in her little sister Elliana, who can hardly wait until her BIG sister comes home from school!

FAITH...

Our faith is a vital part of our lives. We are members of the Amish community, and as Christians, we enjoy meeting with other believers in faithful church attendance and Sunday School. Christ is the Cornerstone of our marriage and our family; love of God and family, respect for others, and a strong work ethic are all principles that we want to pass on to our children. We sometimes have the privilege of teaching the children's class in our church, which we greatly enjoy. We also place great value in serving others, whether it is in our church, our family, or through community projects. We would be happy to answer any questions that you may have about our way of life.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. We will be very open in telling our children their adoption story. The love and stability we both had in our homes is something we want to have for our children as well. Whatever your decision may be, we pray you will feel a sense of comfort and peace, knowing you made the best choice for you and your child.

Sincerely,
Jay & Rhoda



HOME
SWEET
HOME

