

# Jeff & Duane

## Hello!

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about us.

We hope that you will see the love that is shared in our home and that will be shared with the child that we will be blessed with. We cannot imagine the feelings that you may have in this huge decision you are about to make, but know that we believe your strength is extraordinary! Also know that we will do everything possible to raise your child with unconditional love, guidance and fun.



## How we met...

We literally bumped into each other.... Seriously!

In 2009, Duane was completing the final steps of being fingerprinted before being hired at the bank where Jeff worked. As Duane was coming out of the conference room where he was with the HR person, Jeff was coming around the corner at the same time and BAM! We ran right into each other! After a few apologies, we parted

ways. About a month later, Duane started his job and we both realized we were in the same department. Our friendship became very strong and eventually blossomed into romance. We went on our first date about a year after that fateful "run in". Six months later, we got married! Our lives together have been so amazing, continually growing together and encouraging each other to be the best we can be.



## About Jeff...

Jeff was born and raised in Northeast Ohio. His parents still live in the house he grew up in and we are able to visit with them frequently. Jeff is the youngest of two. His sister and her two beautiful daughters live in southern California. We always make it a point to visit every Thanksgiving or Christmas with each other in person. Thanks to technology, we FaceTime all the time! Jeff found his passion in Property Management, where he currently works as a Property Manager for a luxury apartment community. In his free time, Jeff enjoys trying new restaurants, listening to 80's hits (especially Journey and Foreigner) and going to car shows with his Dad. He also enjoys getting together with our group of friends and getting some good belly laughs in.



Our Niece



Both of our nieces in California

## Things we like to do...

- ◆ Cook meals together
- ◆ Visit with family and friends
- ◆ Watch our favorite TV shows
- ◆ Make our own candles and essential oils
- ◆ Getting yummy ice cream at local places



With Darth Vader



At the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame

## Duane Says About Jeff...

Jeff is the peanut butter to my jelly and the ketchup to my French fries! He is one of the greatest men on Earth. He is so caring and compassionate. I see this through how he cares and makes time for family and friends to listen without judging. He is funny and fun-loving. There is not a day in our house where we do not belly laugh. He has been my rock for 9 years and cannot imagine a day without him. I know in my heart he will be an amazing father by being our child's biggest cheerleader and caring teacher.



## About Duane...



Duane was raised in Northeast Ohio. Growing up he spent much of his time playing French Horn for the school band. He is very close to his brother who he talks to almost every day. As a child, Duane was very supportive of his brother, who has cerebral palsy, and volunteered regularly on his brother's buddy ball baseball team. His mom and brother still currently live around the Northeast Ohio area, which is very convenient for frequent visits! Duane found his calling in the banking world and currently works as a Mortgage Trader in the Secondary Market. For fun, Duane enjoys baking tasty treats (such as brownie cookies, cakes, and blackberry cheesecake squares), getting new recipe ideas on Pinterest (especially Pioneer Woman recipes), and trying new restaurants. He also enjoys laughing and crying with the latest Disney movie (*favorites are Finding Nemo, Beauty and the Beast and the Little Mermaid*).



Visiting the Queen Mary



Christmas time with Dee Dee



With Chewbacca



Duane's Mom and Brother



The day we bought our first home

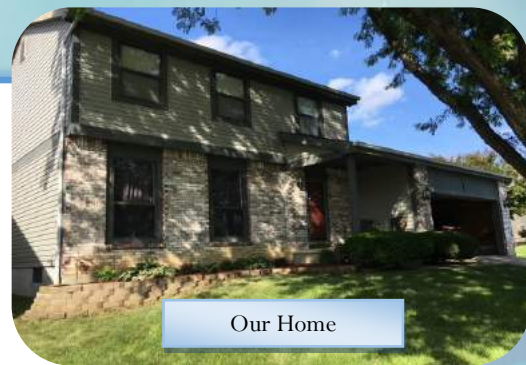
## Jeff Says About Duane...

I knew, from day one almost 10 years ago when we met, that fate brought Duane and I together, and after our first date at The Macaroni Grill in December of 2009, I knew that I wanted to spend the rest of my life with him. Duane has been my rock even before we got together. He always knows just what to say to put a smile on my face when I am feeling down, he wipes my tears when I am sad, and he is by far, my biggest cheerleader, supporting me in everything that I do. Duane can make anyone that he comes in contact with laugh! His personality and love he shares, shows me what an amazing father he will be to our child.



## About our family...

We live in a fantastic suburb with an amazing school system, lovely parks and other fun activities. Our dog, Dee Dee, is a Jack Russell terrier who loves kids. She enjoys running around our fenced-in backyard, playing with her stuffed toys and taking walks around the neighborhood. The holidays are a very important time in our family. We get together with both sides of the family, eat yummy food and play really fun games. Family game night really brings everyone together (Heads up is our favorites) and we share a lot of laughs, story-telling and good times. Family is definitely at the heart of everything we do.



Our Home



With Jeff's family at our niece's graduation



Our wedding reception with Jeff's parents, Duane's mom and brother



## Things We Want For Our Child...

Love, family and fun are things that are important to us as you can see in our story. We will encourage our child to be the best they can be in everything they do. Music and the arts were very important to us growing up and will share with our child the great experiences we had. If our child chooses to be in sports, we will be the parents that are at every game cheering them on. We will also be the parents that will help with homework every night, helping with all the school projects and being very involved at their school. We are happy to discuss what kind of openness would feel right for all of us throughout the adoption process. We also want our child to know as much information as possible about their birth family and plan on sharing their birth story with them from the beginning of their life.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for reading our profile and we hope that you consider letting us be a part of each other's story. We look forward to meeting you and learning about your dreams for our child.



With Love,  
Jeff & Duane