

A few years into our nineteen-year marriage, we came to understand we couldn't have biological children. As you might expect, this led to us exploring adoption. Everyone's route to parenthood is different, and we are deeply committed to having children and extremely excited about becoming parents. And now we are here embarking on what we know will be one of the most important journeys of our life.

We hope that as you get to know us, you'll begin to understand not only our sincerity, but also our deep esteem for you. While it is difficult to put everything down, we want you to have a general idea of our yearly traditions, travels both abroad and domestically, and our daily lives.

One of our goals is to go to as many countries as possible and to visit all the national parks in the United States as we love diverse cultures and nature. When we are home we love being outdoors: camping, hiking, bike riding, and just sitting on our back porch. When it turns colder, we enjoy movies, playing video games, and watching sports.





VIDEO GAME: The Legend of Zelda MOVIES: Marvel movies TV SHOWS: The Office, Lost COLOR: Navy blue SPORT: Basketball SNACK: Frozen Reese's cups FOOD: Pizza COUNTRY VISITED: Japan NATIONAL PARK: Joshua Tree, California

About Jared (written by Elsa)

Jared loves nothing more than a good laugh. He is kind and honorable, warm and gentle, and has the quickest wit. Every time I am around him, I light up; he is the most special

person in my life. When I think about what our family might look like, I always see him making our child giggle about everything.

He finds joy in the smallest of things and is the most positive person I know. He is an exceptionally talented musician and teacher. He plays several instruments like bass, guitar, and drums. As an active member of our church, Jared often leads Bible studies and frequently speaks during services.

He has a strong work ethic and always looks to do the right thing. When he wants to relax, he loves reading, taking walks, and being outdoors. He will make an amazing father and play with our child any time he gets and be there for them to offer advice and comfort.



"I'm fortunate enough to have a home studio, so when I am home, that's where I spend a lot of my free time. I enjoy playing guitar, bass, and drums. This is also the place where I write and record my own music."

VIDEO GAME: Dr. Mario

TV SHOWS: Parks & Rec COLOR: Purple

SPORT: Tennis

SNACK: Kit Kats FOOD: Tacos

NATIONAL PARK: Bryce Canyon, Utah

COUNTRY VISITED: Italy

MOVIES: Romantic comedies

Local Spring Festival

"More than anything, I love being outdoors. But when it gets cold, I'm in my art studio painting, drawing, or assembling crafts.

About Elsa (written by Jared)

Elsa is absolutely my favorite person! From our first date, it always just felt like home being with her. She is the most empathetic person I have ever known and always puts others ahead of her own

needs. She enjoys connecting with new people and always seems to find some common ground with anyone she meets.

She is a huge animal lover and enjoys being outside, whether on a trail, on her bike, or cozying up to a fire. Elsa is an incredibly determined and focused person, able to do whatever is needed regardless of how she feels, or whatever obstacles may be in her way.

endless love and compassion, and devotes all of her energy into the well-being of those around her.

I'm confident that Elsa will make a wonderful mother because she is filled with

Our Home

We built our home in 2020. It sits nestled in a small, peaceful neighborhood surrounded by farms. Our backyard offers plenty of space to run around, play games, and enjoy the surrounding nature.





Our Story

We first met at our church and started dating a few years later. We soon got married and as a couple, we firmly believe it's important to

always communicate and share our viewpoint because it helps us support each other's goals and dreams. We find that we often compliment each other well, with Jared being patient and steady, and Elsa being organized and hospitable.

Elsa – I earned degrees in Engineering and Secondary
Education in Mathematics and my current position is a
Credit Card Manager with a credit union. I work from
home most days and look forward to being there when our child
comes home from kindergarten or school.

Jared – I earned degrees in Graphic Design and Biblical Studies. I currently work as a Vice President for a credit union where I oversee a call center. My work allows me to meet a lot of different people of all ages, with diverse backgrounds, which I really love.

We are looking forward to becoming parents and experiencing everything that comes along with it. We want to give all our love and share all the things that we have been blessed with. Most of all we want to pass on our love for people.



Wedding Day 2006

Family and Friends



Our family and friends mean the world to us, and the people we are today is due to their unconditional love for us. Both families get together for every holiday, and birthday celebrations are also a big deal. We love sharing meals together and having a laugh around the dinner table while talking about everything going on in our lives.

Jared has two older brothers with one living close by who we often see for breakfast on weekends. Jared's mom also lives about 15 minutes away and always looks forward to visits from the family.

Elsa has one brother in the military, and it's always special when he and his wife are in town. Elsa's parents live about five minutes away, so they frequently stop by the house for lunchbreaks. They are looking forward to babysitting any chance they get!

We have several very close friends that we consider our extended families. We often make plans to get together for

dinners, vacations, camping expeditions, or to just hang out at one of our houses.

Finally, we have our two cats who are both very sweet. Kudi is incredibly clever, playful, and follows us around the house like a puppy. Xhifi (pronounced Jiffy) is extremely gentle, fluffy, and wants nothing more than to get petted.



Xhifi (jiff-ee)



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Travel

We've been very blessed to be able to travel across the country and all over

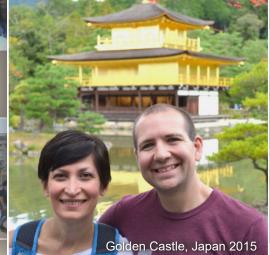
the world. Our bucket list includes seeing every national park and visiting every continent. We always look to go to the places we dreamed of

going as kids. Traveling is a BIG part of our life and we always try to go on at least two big

trips per year.



Mount Rushmore 202







Ice Cream with Teens

Future with Child

We are looking forward to doing everything we love now with our child, from everyday activities like baking cookies, playing outside, and taking them to different sports & activities, to traveling and letting them experience different cultures, new foods, and seeing wildlife.

Elsa was born and raised in Albania (a small country in Europe) and we believe that having a broad worldview is incredibly important in understanding all cultures, traditions, and people.

Our faith is central to us and drives the values that we hold dear such as giving back. We want to teach our child to be involved in donating old toys and giving our time to serve at every opportunity.

We are very comfortable with an open adoption and are happy to send you pictures about all the adventures, both small and large. We are open to discuss with you what your level of comfort is and meet you where you are. The thing we want most is to do what is best for our child's life.

Thank You!

We have prayed to be parents for such a long time, and our hearts are open to the joys, challenges, and unconditional love that comes with raising a child. As we eagerly await the opportunity to welcome

a little one into our home, we want to express our deepest gratitude to you for considering us in this incredibly important decision. Your courage and love are aweinspiring, and we are profoundly respectful of the journey you are on.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to learn about us. We look forward to the possibility of sharing this beautiful journey with you.





