

John, Danielle & Irelynne



Hello →

We are John, Danielle and Irelynne! We would like to thank you for the opportunity to share our lives with you and for considering us for the miracle of adoption. We admire your courage, strength, and selflessness. We have so much love to give and happiness to share. It is our promise to you that we will provide your child with a lifetime of support, love, laughter, and prayers. We would like to take this time to introduce you to us, our lives, our love and our hearts.

About Us



We are, without a doubt, each other's best friend. We truly enjoy spending time together. Our relationship is built on love, support, trust and respect and we truly feel that we were made for each other. We value our relationship and each appreciate what the other has to offer. After being married for 17 years, and together for 20, the love that we share continues to grow stronger each day. It is known throughout our friends, families, and co-workers that we share a special bond. Whether it is quoting funny lines from movies (or from FRIENDS-our favorite show), telling each other how our day went, or comforting the other after a bad day, we confide in each other always. When we first married, we knew right away that we wanted to start a family. After many years of failed infertility treatments, including one ectopic pregnancy, we knew that we were being guided to the path of adoption. We love sharing Irelynne's adoption story with her, and anyone who is interested in hearing about it! John and I feel extremely blessed to be Irelynne's parents. We cannot wait to double that love.



John (written by Danielle)

John was raised in a military family with one younger brother and one sister. Living most of his life in Nebraska, his parents decided they should move to Ohio to be closer to family after their retirement. His parents now live about thirty minutes away from us, and we see them often throughout the year. We have our annual trips to the zoo, as well as trips to various

museums, apple orchards, and vacation adventures.

John has spent the past 19 years as a journeyman carpenter for a large construction company in Ohio. He enjoys his work and the challenges that come with it. He is a very hands-on person with so much talent. I always joke that anything is possible until John says it isn't. He can create or fix anything! John also has a great eye for design; anything from landscape to home improvements.

John also knows how to relax and have a good time. His favorite things to do are working in the yard, landscaping, golfing, and boating, so it comes as no surprise that summer is his favorite season. He loves watching Ohio State football games but loves watching our daughter play softball even more! His love for Irelynne runs deep. He is caring, gentle, committed and supportive. John and Irelynne often spend hours building Lego structures together, throwing a

ball in the backyard, or working on homework. He is at every sporting event, every school program, and every Halloween parade-without fail.



Danielle (written by John)

Danielle was born and raised in a small town in Ohio, which is where we live today. Her parents actually signed the loan papers to purchase their home on the day Danielle was born, and they still live in the same house today. Growing up with one younger sister, they have always been a very close-knit family. One of our favorite traditions

How It All Began



We had both been attending the same church for about a month and a half when John finally got up the nerve to ask me out on our first date! We had a great connection from the very beginning. We were young when we began dating, but we never questioned our love for each other. After dating for 1½ years, John gave me the best Christmas present ever. I unwrapped my gift to find a beautiful blanket that read “Everyone wants to marry someone they can live with. I want to marry the only one I can’t live without. I love you Danielle, will you marry me?” On December 1st, 2001, after being together for 3½ years, John and I were married in a beautiful winter wedding with all of our friends and family there.

And they lived happily ever after



Irelynne and her cousin, Paisley

is staying the night at Danielle’s parents’ house on Christmas Eve. We all wake up early to eat breakfast and begin opening presents together. We have so much fun watching Irelynne and our four nieces open their gifts. Irelynne and “the girls” (as we call them) are very close.

Danielle is an Early Childhood Center Coordinator and Family Advocate for a local child care center. She is very hard working and she enjoys her job. Danielle has the privilege of picking Irelynne up from school each day and Irelynne looks forward to joining Danielle at the center after school. Irelynne also enjoys participating in the annual summer camp program. She has so much fun going on weekly themed field trips.

One of Danielle’s favorite things to do in the summer is to help her Dad coach girls’ softball, which she has done off and on for the past 18 years. She also enjoys watching

Irelynne’s sporting events and programs, camping, swimming, photography and spending time outside.

Danielle is funny! She loves a good laugh and loves even more to make others laugh. She truly loves children. I love to sit back and watch her interact with Irelynne and our nieces. She and Irelynne share a similar sense of humor. Danielle loves to send witty kid jokes in Irelynne’s lunch each day. Danielle waited a long time to become a mother. She never takes a single day for granted.

Irelynne

Irelynne is 9 years old and she is in the 3rd grade! She is witty, smart, curious, talented, hilarious, artistic, and amazing! She fills us with so much happiness. Irelynne loves to play softball, camp, and spend time outside playing tetherball, GaGa ball, tag, riding her bike/scooter or anything physical. She

Our Home



Spending nearly one year house hunting, we wanted to make sure that we found the perfect home for raising a family and we did just that. John and I were fortunate enough to find a beautiful two-story home in a neighborhood that is located in the historic district of town. Several years ago, our town was voted “most-livable community in Ohio”. We are within walking distance of Irelynne’s elementary school, which is the same elementary that Danielle attended as a child.

also likes to draw, play with Legos, and watch YouTube videos that other kids create. John and I will never understand the fascination with this, but she loves it. We are excited for her to add “big sister” to the list of things she is amazing at.



I'm excited to be a big sister. I can't wait to play with the baby.
Irelynne

Family Time



Gamma, Pap and the Girls



The Girls



Megan & Kenzley



Danielle's parents, John, Danielle, Irelynne and Paisley (our oldest niece)



Color Walk with Danielle's Dad



Strawberry picking

We have fun finding new adventures every Friday (each of us taking a turn planning the evening), playing "I Spy" at the dinner table, camping, and spending time together. The three of us share a deep love for visiting New York City, affectionately referring to it as "our city". Our dream is to visit NYC at Christmas time! We live within 4 blocks of Danielle's parents (aka Gamma and Pap) and we spend a lot of time with them, Danielle's sister, and our nieces. We often have our nieces over for an evening of fun at our house. Irelynne has so much fun playing with the girls and we love spending time with them. They especially love their "Uncle Johnney", as they call him. Danielle also has a large extended family whom we see often. We always enjoy getting together for holidays, kid's birthdays, and sometimes just for the fun of it. Our families are loving, caring and affectionate. Their support of us through our adoption journey continues to be invaluable. They, too, know what a blessing children are and they have so much love to offer.

Values and Beliefs

We desire to raise our children in a warm and loving Christian household with an emphasis on respect, consideration, support and love. We have a church family that is very dear to us. Irelynne enjoys participating in the Sunday School program and we spend time each month volunteering at our church. Our favorite church event is the annual packing of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The three of us love to carefully fill each shoebox, knowing what a blessing they will be to others. We believe in the importance of outreach and helping others and we hope that Irelynne carries that with her.



Our Dog

Fourteen years ago we brought home our first "kid". A sweet little Beagle named Rupert! He is such a loving dog and he did great with Irelynne from the moment we brought her home. He's affectionate, cuddly, and loves to go on walks! We can't imagine life without him.

Many Thanks



It is from deep within our hearts that we thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We hope that within these pages we have painted a picture of our lives for you to embrace. We are committed to sharing letters and pictures and we would love to meet with you to discuss your wishes and desires. It is our plan to tell your child about their adoption story and how much love you have for them. May you be filled with peace and serenity as you make this decision in your life.

Wishing you well,

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