

# Eric & Lauren



## Hobbies & Interests

Lauren likes to take pictures, hike, and run. Eric likes to golf, ski, garden and swim. We both like to play badminton, go camping and travel.

## Occupation

Lauren is a teacher. Eric is a dentist.

## Education

Lauren: BA in Elementary Education (SVSU),  
MA in Teaching Reading (OU)  
Eric: BS in Biology (U of M),  
Doctor of Dental Surgery (UDM)

## Religion or Belief System

We are practicing Catholics.  
We go to Mass weekly.

## Pets

We have no pets.

## Children in Home

We have no children.

## Our Story

We met in November 2012. At that time, Eric was attending dental school and Lauren was studying to be a teacher. Within the first couple of dates, we had a strong connection. In July 2013, Eric went to South Carolina to be a dentist in the Navy. Eric also lived in Virginia while Lauren lived in Arizona. We cherished the time we spent together. We developed great communication skills and our relationship was strengthened through daily phone calls about our goals, values, past and future. We got married in July 2017 and lived in Illinois. In 2019, Eric separated from the Navy and we moved to Michigan. We bought a house in February 2020.

## What Brought Us to Adoption

Lauren has wanted to adopt since she was a child. We talked about adoption while dating. Before we got married, we went on a Catholic couples' retreat through our church. We talked about many different topics, but the one that weighed heavily on our hearts was adoption. We prayed that one day our road would lead us to adoption. We have wanted to adopt for a long time and feel like God has lead us here.

## Our Hopes, Open Adoption & Relationship with Birth Family

We would like the birth parents and our child to build a great relationship and maintain that relationship for the rest of their lives. If the birth parents are comfortable, we would like to meet in person before the baby is born. We would like to communicate with the birth parents through email to show them pictures of our child's milestones and day-to-day life. When our child has interests or their personality reminds us of their birth parents, we want to share with our child. We hope to be able to contact the birth parents to provide our child with the answers that they have. Our hope is that the birth parents and their family can become a part of our family.



These individuals have met all requirements of the State of Michigan and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County to become adoptive parents, may fit your situation and are waiting to welcome a child into their home. If you would like more information about this family, please email [pregnancy@csswashtenaw.org](mailto:pregnancy@csswashtenaw.org) or contact Melissa or Anne.

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