### Michael & Abbigail

OUR STORY Dear expectant mother, First and foremost we want to acknowledge the difficult choice you are facing, and thank you for your consideration of adoption. We want you to know how near and dear adoption is to our hearts, as Abbigail herself was adopted as was our 3 year old niece. Our hearts and prayers are with you in this difficult time, and we wish blessings and comfort for you.

With love, Michael & Abbigail

# OUR STORY

We are Abbigail and Michael Ritter. We met in 2018 while both working at KARM Thrift stores here in Knoxville, Tennessee. It was truly a soulmate connection and have been inseperable ever since. We were married in June of 2019 surrounded by friends and family. We love to travel and spend as much time as possible living a happy and closely bonded life with friends and family. Adoption has always been strongly on our hearts from the beginning of our relationship and for us has been a huge goal in our lives to complete our loving home,









## MEET ABBIGAIL

Hello! My name is Abbigail. I was born in Knoxville, Tennessee and have lived here most of my life. I was adopted by my grandparents when I was in the 8th grade. I attended college at Middle Tennessee State University and graduated in 2017 with my bachelors in Anthropology. I work as a Medical Billing Representative for University Physicians Association and in my free time enjoy spending time with friends or relaxing with a good book.



My grandmother Teresa and grandfather Stephen at my wedding in 2019. Being someone who loves just having happiness and fun all around them it was a time to remember,

Fun Fact: Flowers can always brighten my day. Sunflowers are my favorite. We try to go to the sunflower field every year when they are in bloom and hope to make it a tradition with our child.

At least once or twice a year I love to go to the mountains and enjoy the nature and just find time to be together with family. We also try to take one big vacation a year. One of my favorites was a cruise we had taken last year to Mexico. As a huge animal lover holding a sloth was such a fun moment, I love getting to know and being able to celebrate such diverse cultures and cannot wait for our next adventure.









### MEET MICHAEL

My name is Michael. I am an Assistant Branch Manager for ORNL Federal Credit Union. I am very close to my family and have family lunch with them every Sunday at my parents. I was born in Broadhead,Kentucky but moved early to Knoxville, Tennessee when my father received a job here as a preacher. I was home schooled until college where I attended Pellissippi State and graduated with an Associates of Science degree.



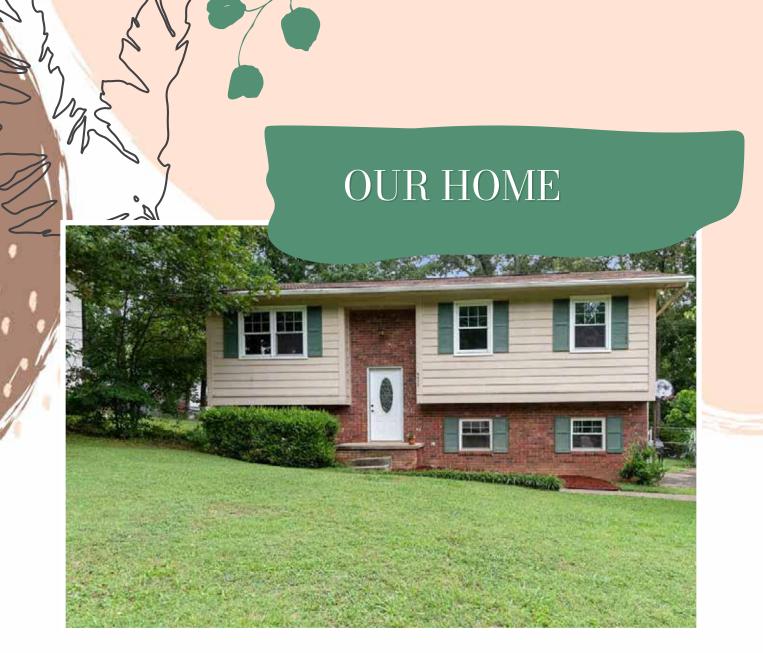
I love to travel with my wife and flying and cruising to different parts of the world has easily become my favorite. I had taken my first trip on a cruise and airplane last May and plan to have many more adventures in the future with our child. When we are not on the go I enjoy relaxing and watching sports. In the past years we have been able to see a Braves game and hope to visit again.

Fun Fact: Kentucky Wildcats and Green Bay Packers are my favorite teams along with the Atlanta Braves. I will usually always have one of those on when possible.

I hope to share my love of sports with our child and can make memories having the time of our lives at the games.







Our Home we have lived in since August of 2020. We love our neighborhood, It is safe and family friendly. Our favorite time is in the winter when all the Christmas decorations come out.





#### **Our Cat: Phoenix**





Family Friends: Enrique, Hannah, and Alex



Our Dogs: Ezekiel and Bear



Best Friends: Marlies and Kota



Our niece, Christmas 2024. We have been blessed to have her in our lives since being adopted by Michael's brother and sister-in-law in 2020



Ritter Family Tradition: Fantasy of Trees

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

### OUR FAITH and values

We are a Christian family. We hope to teach our future child the love God has for them. We value family and kindness and hope to teach our child they are perfect the way they are and are made for greatness in this world. Abbigail was raised in a Catholic household and Michael's father was a preacher in a Nondenominational Christian church. Currently we have found home in a United Methodist church here in Knoxville and hope to share time with our child there every Sunday.



Our beautiful niece



# PROMISE

We promise to love your child and instill priceless values. We honor the selfless and difficult decision you are making and thank you for taking the time to get to know us as people and as a couple to potentially share such a beautiful gift in life with. We wish nothing but blessings .

Michael and Abbigail

# THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to read about us. We look forward to getting to know you. We welcome you to contact us if you are interested in us parenting your child. We can be reached through our Agency at:

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