



SHADY & MARIANNE

FROM OUR HEART

Dear Expectant Parent(s),

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little bit. Even though we haven't met, we already hold you in our hearts with deep respect and prayer. We can only imagine the courage and love it takes to make the choices you're considering, and we want you to know that we see you, not just as a part of this story, but as a person of strength, hope, and compassion.

We believe adoption is not the end of a story but the beginning of a shared one. We hope for an open relationship that feels natural and life-giving, one where your child can know your love firsthand and where you always have a place of honor in their story. We want to walk this journey with honesty and care, keeping the door open for connection in the ways that feel right for you.

If we're given the gift of raising your child, we promise to provide a home where they'll always know how deeply they are loved: by God, by us, and by you. We'll raise them to grow in faith, kindness, and confidence, and they will always know their story began with your incredible love.

Shady & Marianne



OUR STORY

We first met on the Sunday after Thanksgiving at church. We talked about many things, and ever since then we have been in one continuous conversation. We got married 3 years later in the same church.

We moved to Chattanooga in 2020 and live with our sweet dog, Theoden (Theody) who is convinced everyone who visits our home is there just for him. Our home is filled with music, books, good food, faith, and friends.

We love to read (sometimes aloud to each other), hike, take our dog on walks, cook, and watch movies together.



We enjoy our adventures as a family and would love to share the life we built together and the love we have for each other with a child. Throughout the seven years of our marriage, we have always felt a call toward adoption and we trust that God is guiding each step of this journey.



A LITTLE ABOUT MARIANNE

WRITTEN BY SHADY

Marianne is a very sweet, loving and caring daughter, sister, friend, and wife. She works as a program coordinator at a local non-profit helping young women thrive, and also serves the women at our church. She cares about everyone she meets, and always wants to make them feel valued and loved. She makes everyone comfortable to speak freely with her and always wants them to experience God's love and will not spare any effort to be an instrument in this process. When I say that Marianne is a sweet person, it is not a cliché, she is the sweetest person I have ever met, and that's what I love the most about her. Marianne is an excellent home maker, and she works hard to make our home cozy for us and welcoming to anyone who visits us.



Marianne has a nurturing and tender heart that is full of love. I cannot wait to see her become a mother. She wants to stay home if we are blessed with your child, so she can give them her undivided attention and care and I support her in that.





A LITTLE ABOUT SHADY

WRITTEN BY MARIANNE

Shady is a man with a servant's heart and an engineer's mind. He both works as a structural engineer, keeping buildings safe and the public protected, and is a deacon in our church, faithfully organizing and serving in ways both seen and unseen. He has this amazing ability to take chaos and turn it into something manageable, to see a way forward when everything feels impossible. He focuses on what matters most and always puts family first, and provides for us with care and responsibility. Over the past decade we have known each other, whether we're talking or sitting quietly, he asks the right questions, really listens, and always makes sure he understands whether it's a fixing moment or just a being-heard moment. His faith guides everything he does, from mentoring co-workers and young couples to quietly supporting families at church.

He sees the best in me even when I don't, and his Christlike love helps me trust God more fully. I can't wait to see him become a father, and if we are blessed with your child, to honor the incredible love you have already shown.

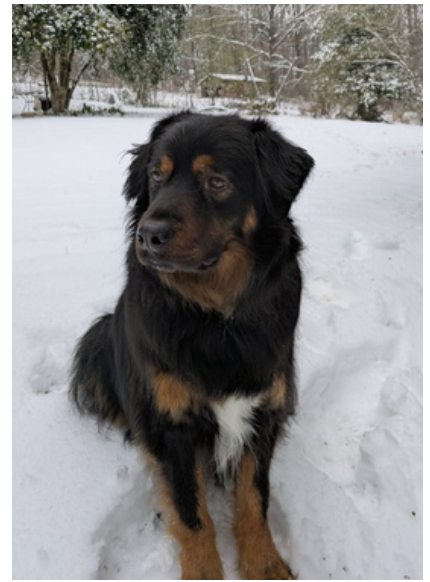




OUR DOG

THEODEN (THEODY)

Theody is an Australian Shepherd Mix. He is very sweet and gentle with people and infants. Everyone who meets him falls in love with him. When not taking a nap, Theody loves to go on walks, hikes and car rides with his humans. Theody is a National Parks B.A.R.K. Ranger

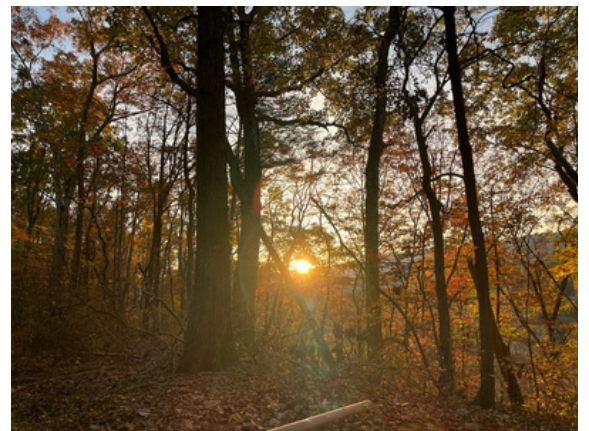


OUR HOUSE



Our home is warm and cozy with lots of character. It is 15 minutes away from downtown Chattanooga. with everything such as community parks and amenities within a short drive. It has lots of room for a child to grow and play.

Even though it is close to the city center, it is feels like living in a nature park. It sits on a ridge and is surrounded by many trees that are a home to many birds. The trees are pretty to look at when having a bonfire, tie a hammock to and read a book or even climb to play. Sometimes, we hike to the top of the ridge and watch the sunset.



OUR COMMUNITY



We have a large church community with many young families, which would give a child plenty of opportunities for play and friendship. Shady is part of a men's group that meets regularly to discuss books, serve the community, and support one another. Marianne leads a women's group that also serves, gathering to read, make crafts, encourage each other, or enjoy conversation over tea. We are blessed with rich friendships, especially with Valerie and David, who have been with us since we met and have been a consistent source of guidance, encouragement, and inspiration through their enduring marriage and thoughtful parenting.

OUR FAITH



As Christians, our faith is centered on our love for Christ and our life in the Church. We believe every person is created in the image of God and deeply loved by Him, and this shapes how we hope to raise a child with tenderness, dignity, and unconditional love. We strive to live our faith each day showing Christ's love through practical service, including volunteering at our parish, helping neighbors, and supporting local ministries.

OUR HOBBIES



Shady enjoys woodworking and gardening. He mainly grows flowers for Marianne to enjoy. When he is not doing either of these, he enjoys visiting new places and going on hikes with Marianne and their dog.





When not hiking with Shady and their dog, Marianne enjoys baking and making jam. She has always enjoyed reading since she was a little girl and is a self-identified bookworm. Marianne also likes to make candles.



SHADY'S FAMILY



My family is fairly large, I have two sisters, Rasha and Nashwa, and a brother, Michael. They all live in Egypt near my mom, Sawsan. Between my 3 siblings, their spouses, my 4 nieces, and 3 nephews, family gatherings are so much fun. We never run out of conversations or snacks. We just visited them in Egypt last Fall, and I call them weekly. My nieces and nephews are of different ages from elementary school to college, and the family is ready for the addition of a new child.



MARIANNE'S FAMILY



My family is tight-knit, loving, and supportive. My mom, Jayne, lives in Kentucky near my younger sister Sharon. My older sister Lauren lives in Texas. They are both married. Despite the distance, we've always been there for each other, whether it's graduations, weddings, my niece Emmalyn's baptism, or through life challenges. My nephew Dakota is married and has two young children. Though small, our family is steady, close, and thrilled to welcome a new child with love.



THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and consider us as parents. If we are blessed to raise your little one, we promise a home full of love, faith, and care.

We want your child to feel safe, supported, and free to grow into the person God created. As part of that, we'll celebrate everyday joys while walking alongside them through life's ups and downs. Though our family stretches across two continents, our love is constant, and our hearts and home are ready to welcome a child. We would be so grateful for the privilege of walking this journey with you.

With love,
Shady & Marianne

