



Barbara + Stephen



Hello

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and learn more about us. We admire you for your strength and courage. We are grateful that you are choosing adoption for your child. Our love and respect for you cannot be put into words. We want to assure you of our love and support. We are already praying for you as you walk this journey. May you have peace along the way as you make the best decisions for you and your child.

We hope that through reading this you will gain a better understanding of our relationship and the love we have for each other that we are hoping to share.





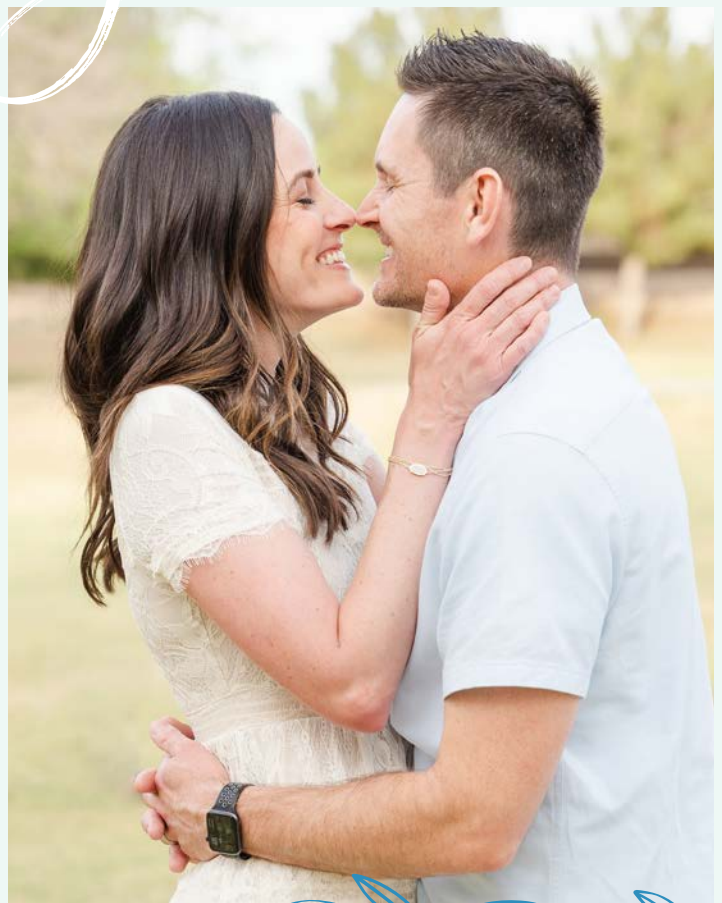
Our Story

Stephen and Barbara met in 2011 after an epic stare-down occurred across a dance floor. Barbara calls it the “five second flirt” as she spotted Stephen, made eye contact, smiled, and looked away.

She was immediately drawn to him because of his height. Lucky for her, Stephen took the hint and walked over to strike up conversation. It happened to be they lived only five minutes apart and later found out they grew up only five minutes away from each other, too. A few days later they had their first date (on Stephen’s dad’s birthday nonetheless) and the rest is history.

They were engaged on Easter Sunday in 2013, married in 2014, and moved into their new home in 2016. They attend church together every weekend and their Catholic faith is an important part of their life.

Stephen works from home and travels periodically for his job in sales. He also coaches Track and Field in the spring. Barbara worked as a classroom teacher and reading specialist for thirteen years and is now a stay-at-home mom. As a couple, they love to travel to new places, go out for coffee, attend concerts and sporting events, eat at delicious restaurants, and spend time with family and friends.





Meet Barbara

♡♡♡♡♡ (Written by Stephen) ♡♡♡♡♡

What can I truly say about Barbara? She is the most caring, wonderful, loving, faithful, hard-working woman that I know. She knows what to say to me to lift my spirits or offers me kind words to get me through the day. When things get tough, Barbara will put her tough face on and put 100% effort into what she is looking to accomplish. I witnessed this firsthand when she entered a bridal challenge prior to our wedding, which challenged her physically through lifting, agility, and dancing. She worked extremely hard and ended up in 2nd place.

A devout Catholic and someone that strived to exceed her classmates, Barbara graduated with her Undergraduate degree in three and a half years while following that up by receiving her Masters in a year, with HONORS in both! As a former 2nd grade teacher and reading specialist, Barbara helped her students expand their minds and become the best students they could be. She was nurturing and took the time to explain new concepts.

The next Joanna Gaines or Erin Napier or HGTV Star might be in the state of Arizona as Barbara has been creating different DIY projects around the house



to make it a home. Barbara loves to bake, and I love coming home to wonderful smells of treats from cookies to cakes.

As a native Arizonan, I thought she was kidding the first time we met, she is an ASU fan that likes to cheer on her Devils and making sure I know when they beat the Wildcats.

Barbara as a mom...I knew from watching her around our niece, nephews, and godchildren, that she would be a wonderful mother one day. Cameron loves his mommy and she is always the one he goes to when he needs a hug and kiss to make it "all better"! She loves to read with Cameron and take him to places like the museum, zoo, aquarium, parks and indoor playgrounds. She loves her role as stay-at-home-mom because of all the quality time she is able to spend with Cameron.

I love the fact that one day Barbara will be the team mom handing out juice boxes along with treats after games and that she will be the best Room Mom at school.





Meet Stephen

~~~~~ (Written by Barbara) ~~~~~

Stephen is loving, faithful, giving, funny, and hard-working. When he loves, he loves big! He pours his heart into everything he does. He does so much for me to make sure I feel loved. From sweet little notes to small gestures of kindness, I always feel deeply loved in our marriage. Stephen also loves to make me laugh and seems to know just what to say when I'm having a bad day.

In high school, Stephen worked hard to earn a college scholarship for track. He continues to make physical fitness a priority in his life. He is motivated in his career and works hard to be our provider. During our second year of marriage, Stephen went back to school and earned his MBA. I am so lucky I found a man who knows his way around the kitchen, too. He is the chef of the house.

Stephen loves to grill and use his smoker. For Thanksgiving he always smokes a turkey and our family devours it! Stephen also enjoys doing projects around the house. He installed our kitchen backsplash himself (with a little design help



from me) and also completed a wall of shiplap and shelving. He loves trying new foods, working in his garage, taking care of our pool, and doing the yard work.

Stephen was born in Chicago so naturally he enjoys cheering on his favorite teams like the Bears and the Cubs. Stephen is also the favorite of our two dogs. He takes such good care of them!

Stephen as a dad...he pours his whole heart into being an amazing father. I knew he would be because has always been so good with kids. Cameron, our niece, nephews, and godchildren absolutely adore him! He makes them laugh uncontrollably and they enjoy playing all kinds of games together, especially hide and seek! Cameron loves wrestling with Stephen and playing chase around the kitchen island. I can see Stephen being a great t-ball coach someday and an amazing parent volunteer at school. He is already full of dad jokes!





# Meet Cameron



The best addition to our story was the adoption of our son in 2020. Even though some would argue that 2020 was not the best of years, it truly was the best for us since we were able to grow as a family. His birth mother lovingly chose his name: Cameron. We have a beautiful open adoption and we are so grateful for the love and support of his birth family. We update them often with pictures and videos. We have also had a few visits and cherish the time we get to spend together. We want Cameron to grow up knowing his birth family and knowing his adoption story. Cameron has been the biggest blessing to our family and we feel so lucky that his birth mother chose us to be his parents.

We would love for Cameron to become a big brother. We believe he will be the best little helper, loving, and protective.





### *Cameron's Favorite Things:*

- Petting all the dogs
- Trips to the zoo and aquarium
- Climbing at Uptown Jungle
- Walks to the park
- Watching Mickey Mouse Clubhouse
- Reading
- Laughing
- Playdates
- The trash truck
- Hugging his stuffed animals
- Eating, eating, eating
- Bath time with Dada
- Riding his bike
- Spinning in circles
- Being silly
- Swimming
- Ducks
- Dancing
- Flirting
- Waving and blowing kisses





# Paisley & Piper



We have two sweet labs in our home! Paisley is our twelve year old chocolate lab and loves to give slobbery kisses, eat, sleep, and eat and sleep some more. She was enjoying her quiet retirement until Piper came along!

Piper is our puppy who we rescued after a Google search of "Rescue Dogs Near Me". Shortly after we adopted Piper, we found out that Paisley went blind.

These two dogs bring so much joy to our lives and they are great with kids.  
Fun Fact: Paisley and Piper once won a pet photo contest.





# Friends



We have the most amazing group of friends who are so supportive and loving! We have been able to travel together and spend quality time just hanging out! We love to have our friends over for pool parties and barbecues or go out for dinner, too.





# Our Cozy Home

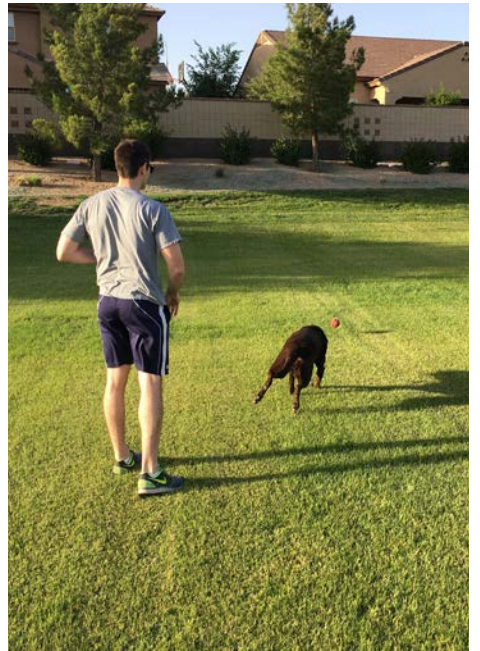


We reside in a wonderful and very family-friendly neighborhood. There are always kids out playing on the street and in the park.

We watched our home be built from the ground up! We enjoy spending time in our pool and we love hosting holidays (Thanksgiving has become our favorite) and parties. Sunset views in our backyard are the best and we have a huge greenbelt right behind our home that is great for playing!

Our neighborhood has two amazing parks and we enjoy walking with our dogs to local restaurants and shops. Fun Fact: We moved into our home on our two year wedding anniversary!







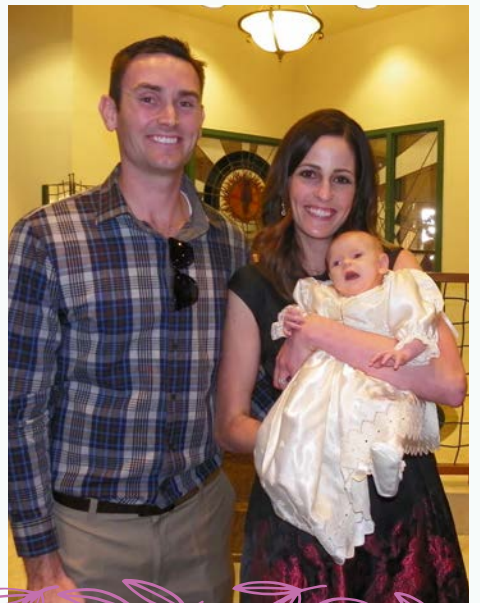
# Family First



We are blessed to have an extremely close-knit and loving family. Everyone lives close by. We get together often for holidays, brunch, dinners, and birthdays.

One of our favorite things happens when we blend our family cultures. On Thanksgiving we have Polish (Stephen) and Cuban (Barbara) food around the table.







*We Love to Have Fun*







A photograph of a man and a woman smiling at each other in a lush green forest. The sun is shining brightly through the trees, creating a lens flare effect in the upper left corner. The man is wearing a maroon and white plaid shirt, and the woman is wearing a white top. They are standing close together, looking at each other with affection.

# Our Vow

**Adding a child to our family will be the biggest blessing and we are so humbled and honored to be considered. We appreciate you taking the time to get to know us.**

We promise to love your child for the rest of our lives and to always honor you as a part of their life. They will know about your unconditional love for them and we promise to pray for you every night before bedtime. We want your child to know who they are and we want them to understand the deep love you have for them. We promise to protect your child's story.



Your child will grow up in a home full of love, patience, prayer, compassion, forgiveness, and understanding. They will be a part of so many fun family trips and countless outings to the park, zoo, aquarium, Disney on Ice...you name it and we will take them there!

We will support your child in everything they want to do and we will encourage their hopes and dreams for the future. We will encourage them to try new things and to learn from their mistakes. Education will be important and we will make sure they receive the best there is.

We will be their biggest cheerleader and greatest coach. We will always love them and we will always love you for blessing us with the greatest title in the world...parents. Thank you again for considering us.

We are praying for you!



