



Troy & Carmen

Thank you

FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION
IN GETTING TO KNOW US

hello

We really appreciate your strength in making this decision, and we are humbled to be considered as adoptive parents.



We hope the following pages show our love for each other and how thankful we are for the life we have. We have been given so much, and feel we have so much to give to a child. Due to some health challenges we had to overcome early on in our marriage, we can't have children naturally. But all of it has made us into who we are today. We believe we are called to be parents and we are very excited to move into this new phase of life and become a family of 3 (and hopefully more!). Our promise to you is that we will do everything we can to protect, encourage, guide, and of course love your baby. It would be an honor to be entrusted with such a responsibility. We can't wait to raise children and see them become the unique individual they were created to be!

Getting to Know Us



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*"The first thing I noticed about Troy was that he was always quick to jump up and help—with a big smile on his face. In all the years I've known him, I've never seen him shy away from even the dirtiest of jobs. He always just jumps right in."
~ Carmen*

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*"The first thing I noticed about Carmen was her smile! Over the years I've seen such a strength in her, where she chooses to be thankful and can smile and enjoy each day even in the midst of major challenges."
~ Troy*

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We met at our church and have been married for 12 years. We have a huge support system of friends and family that have taken the time to pray for us and help us out when we needed it. Now they are all so excited for our future family too. Carmen will be a stay-at-home mom once we have children, and Troy will continue to work in administration.

Where we live :

IN BEAUTIFUL SUNNY ARIZONA

GOING OUT FOR A BIRTHDAY
DINNER AT A RESTAURANT
WITH AN OUTDOOR PATIO



Where we live there are so many great places to take a walk, or ride a bike any time of year. We enjoy taking our dogs out where we can let them run.



Our home : WE LIVE IN A 3 BEDROOM HOUSE
ON ALMOST 4 ACRES AND HAVE A
BIG GARAGE/WORKSHOP



We've been in our home for 10 years, and love being on a spacious piece of land that is just minutes from all a city has to offer. We always have a house or yard project going on, and usually good smells coming from the kitchen. In our big fenced-in yard, we have lots of room to add a swing set and a play house!

About Troy :

HE LOVES TO WORK HARD
AND CAN FIX ANYTHING!

WORKING ON OUR HOUSE
WITH CARMEN'S DAD



FRIENDS CAME TO SEE TROY OFF
AT THE START OF A BIKE RACE



WORKING ON OUR CAR

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*"Troy is a morning person, he is left handed,
and would give anyone the shirt off his back."*

~ Carmen

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About Carmen :

SHE LOVES TO BE OUTSIDE AND IS VERY CREATIVE!



DESIGNING FOOD TABLE SIGNS FOR A FRIENDS WEDDING



WALKING TO A LAKE IN CALIFORNIA

RIDING A FRIENDS HORSE



SELFIE WITH THE BESTIES



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"Carmen is adventurous, yet careful. She is extremely patient and is good at seeing the big picture." ~ Troy

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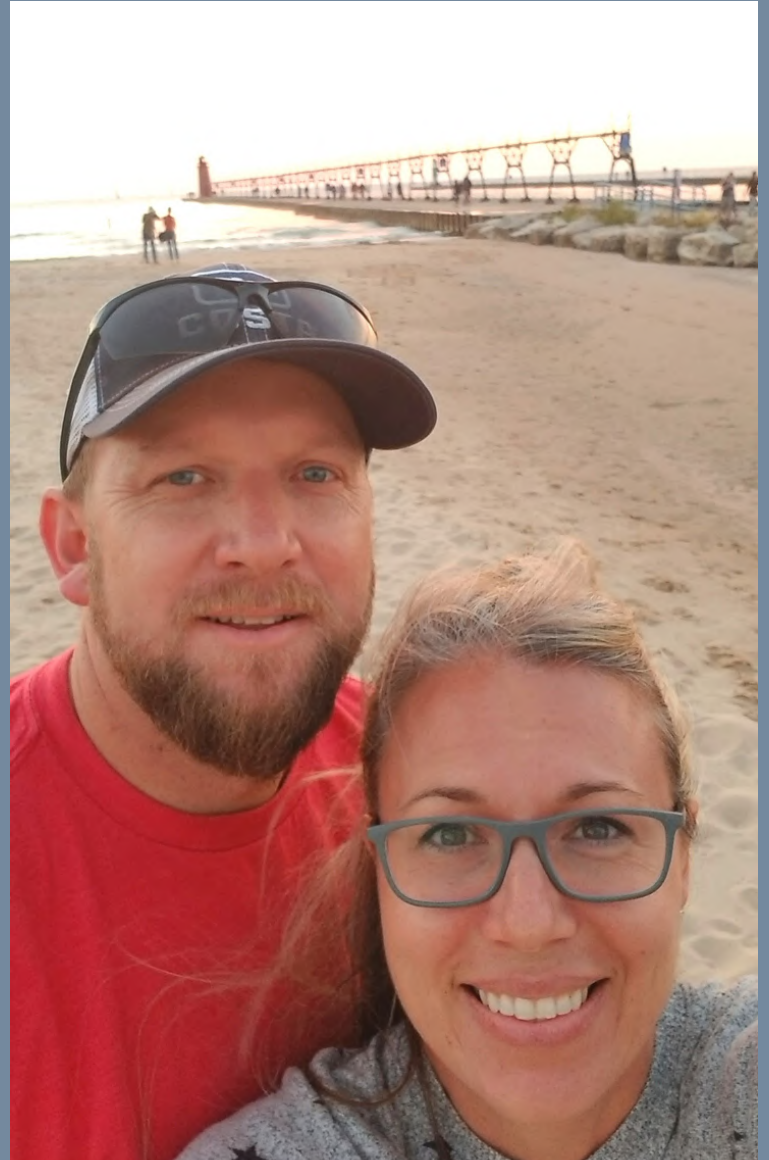


Where we are from :

WE BOTH GREW UP
IN SMALL TOWNS

TROY GREW UP IN ARIZONA...

- fishing in ponds & streams
- tinkering with anything that had an engine
- changing tires at his Dad's autoshop



CARMEN GREW UP IN THE MIDWEST...

- ice skating on the backyard pond in the winter
- having hot dogs and s'mores at summer campfires
- working at a Blueberry stand

Our dogs :

RUGER & REMI

Our dogs are both German Shorthaired Pointers. We got Ruger 7 years ago from a family that couldn't keep him anymore, and then a couple years ago we got Remi when she was a puppy. They are our exercise buddies and best pals to each other.



HANGING OUT ON THE PORCH WITH RUGER

We both grew up having animals and learned about responsibility through them. Troy's family had dogs, cats, chickens, horses, and also raised pigs & a cow or two each year. He showed the pigs he raised at the county fair. Carmen's family had a dog, cats, and horses. She spent a lot of time horseback riding and showing horses. If our kids have an interest in animals, we hope to provide opportunities for them to learn and have fun like we did.



GETTING TO RUN ON THE BEACH!



SETTLED IN FOR A ROAD TRIP

FUN *Facts* ABOUT US

TROY

FAVORITE MOVIE Die Hard & Elf

LOVED LEARNING Welding

FAVORITE TACO Pollo Asado

FAMILY NICKNAME Troy Boy

GO-TO BREAKFAST Strong Coffee & Frosted Mini Wheats

GOTTA DO ON VACATION Hike, bike, & go fishing!

CARMEN

Home Alone

Graphic Design

Al Pastor

Aunt Carmo

Strong Coffee & a Cheese Bagel

Cook and eat fish Troy caught!



FISHING VACATION WITH GOOD FRIENDS



IS HE GOING TO TOUCH THE FISH?!

OUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY IS

Christmas!



WE COLLECT ORNAMENTS EVERYWHERE WE TRAVEL AND CHERISH THE ONES WE'RE GIVEN LIKE THESE!



RUGER, KEEPING WARM, IN HIS CHRISTMAS SWEATER

OUR NEICE & NEPHEW VISITING FROM OUT OF TOWN



SPENDING TIME WITH

Family

Both of us have parents who have been married for over 40 years! Troy has a brother and a sister, and Carmen has a sister. All of our siblings are married and have children. We don't all live in the same city, but we have a lot of fun when we get to spend time together.



CATCHING UP WITH OUR NEPHEW,
TROY'S SISTERS SON



BAKING "GAMI'S" BIRTHDAY CAKE



THE FINISHED PRODUCT!

Troy's family

We always thought adoption was an amazing thing. Troy's Dad was adopted at birth—his birth mother had just graduated high school when he was born. Troy's Dad reunited with her 27 years later when Troy was a baby (Troy is the baby in the photo below!).

Troy got to grow up with 3 sets of Grandparents. He grew up knowing this wasn't an easy decision for his Grandma to make. Along with our entire family, Troy's Dad & Grandma are incredibly excited to have a Grandchild/Great-Grandchild come into our family through adoption!



TROY'S DAD & BIRTH MOTHER
MEETING FOR THE 1ST TIME

ON A FAMILY TRIP TO AN
AIR & SPACE MUSUEM

Carmen's family

PARK TIME WITH CARMEN'S SISTER & FAM



MEETING UP WITH HER PARENTS FOR A WALK



CARMEN'S DAD BUILT A WOODEN BOAT!



CARMEN'S MOM LOVES TO PAINT

SPENDING
TIME WITH

Friends

We have lots of close friends that we've known for years, and many of them live just a few minutes' drive away. The family on this page are our next door neighbors! We've been friends with them since we were college age. It is so fun being able to walk over to hang out.



THEY MADE CARMEN A
PEANUT BUTTER ICE CREAM
CAKE FOR HER BIRTHDAY



RUGER ENJOYING HANG OUT
TIME WITH OUR FRIENDS' KIDS



MEETING OUR FRIENDS' BABY
GIRL FOR THE FIRST TIME



We feel our life is one of adventure and security, a life of joy and stability. We will strive to provide opportunities for all of these things for our children.

We know we can't fully imagine what you are going through, but we hope you have found this information helpful and encouraging as you make this decision. We pray you feel peace and confidence, and know that you are seen as someone who has great respect for human life.

We would love the chance to meet you if that is something you are comfortable with, and we would be more than happy to keep in touch!

Sincerely, Troy & Carmen