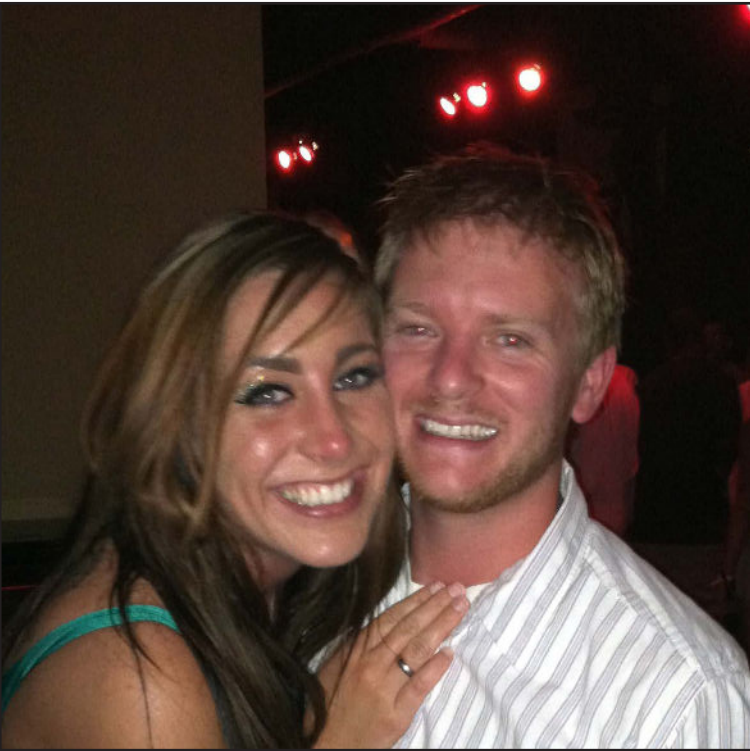




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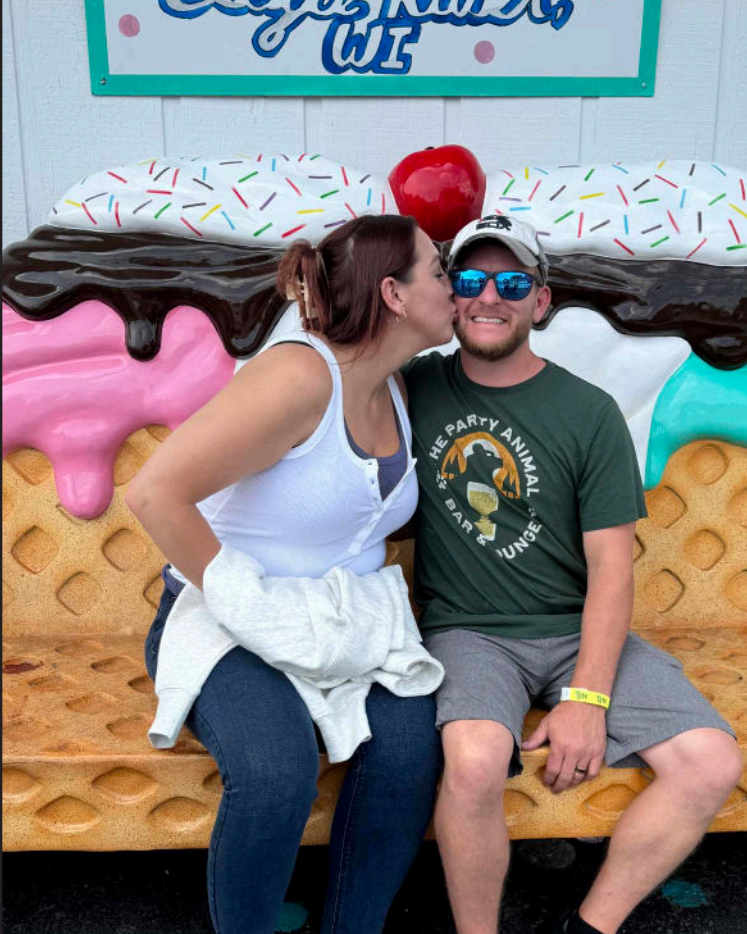


Hello There,

We want to start by acknowledging the incredible courage and strength it takes to walk the path you're on. Considering adoption is a decision filled with bravery and selflessness, and we're truly inspired by your willingness to explore this journey. Whatever choice you make, please know that we stand behind you, offering our support every step of the way. Your decision to consider us as potential parents for your child means the world to us, and we're grateful for the opportunity to even be in this conversation. The world can feel overwhelming and uncertain at times, and we understand if you're unsure about why we might be the right fit to raise your child. But please believe us when we say that we would shower your child with endless love and devotion, if chosen to be your child's parents. We would move mountains to ensure they have a life filled with warmth, encouragement, and safety. In the end, we believe that we're all brought together for a reason, and perhaps this is the start of something truly special.

Larry & Mallory





***"The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life."
- Richard Bach***



Our story

We first crossed paths in 2009 as active-duty Marines stationed in sunny California, sparking a connection that has only grown stronger with time. Fast forward to today, Larry has transitioned into a remote IT gig, while Mallory juggles property management alongside her passion for dog boarding and training.

When we're not busy with work, you can find Larry diving into books or sharing his love for jiu-jitsu, while Mallory embraces Peloton workouts, swims, and immerses herself in the world of training working dogs. But our favorite moments are spent together, whether it's soaking up quality time with family, jetting off on adventures, or diving headfirst into new experiences.

At home, you'll often catch us snuggled up with our beloved pups, indulging in movie marathons and savoring the simple joys of life. We're a dynamic duo, always eager to learn and explore, with a deep-seated appreciation for the importance of family and friendship. And as we eagerly anticipate the next chapter in our journey, our hearts beam with hope and excitement for the adventures that lie ahead!



A little about *Mallory* by Larry

People sometimes talk about a soulmate or their person. When Mallory and I met 15 years ago, I knew something was different. I now know it was because she is and always will be my person. She is beautiful, caring, determined, and my favorite person in the world. I couldn't imagine spending my life without her. She still gives me butterflies when I look at her. She has had many challenges in life, and she has always navigated her way through them better than anyone else could in the same situation. She has endured several deployments in the military and still had more to give. She will drop what she is doing to help or support a family or friend. Mallory is the most loyal person I know. She will stand by your side forever, even if she is mad at you. My family frequently tells me they like Mallory more than myself, and I take that as a complement.

Mallory is outgoing, loves traveling and new experiences. But she also loves sitting on the couch after a long day and watching a movie together with our dogs. It does not matter if we are on a beach or sitting at home during a rainstorm, she will always bring a smile to my face.



Mallory's niece's 1st Birthday



“***Mallory is always steadfast in her morals and will fiercely support her family and friends!***”
- Larry

*more about
Mallory...*

Occupation: Property Management
Favorite movie: The Town
Favorite place: Puerto Rico
Can't live without: Larry and the dogs
Perfect day: Spending time with family and friends with no worries but the moment we are in!

A little about *Larry* by Mallory

Larry has an unwavering commitment to the people he cherishes. Witnessing his love and respect for his mother, and the seamless bond he shares with his step-father, has only deepened my admiration for him over the years.

Through the most challenging of times, Larry has been my anchor. From enduring three deployments to the demanding role of a Marine Corps Drill Instructor, he's stood by my side, offering support and strength. At home, he shoulders the responsibilities of maintaining our household, caring for our pets when I'm not home, and, above all, being my unwavering source of love and encouragement throughout our challenging journey of infertility. His devotion to family, friends, and me, is a beacon of light, guiding us through even the darkest of days with a nurturing presence. It would make my heart burst with joy to see him bring these qualities to the role of a father.



“***Larry is the epitome of devotion and loyalty, qualities that illuminate every facet of his character!***”

*more about
Larry...*

Occupation: IT Specialist
Favorite movie: The Mummy
Favorite place : Anywhere in mountains
Can't live without: Sunlight and Mallory!
Perfect day: Going to the jiu-jitsu gym and then coming home to float in the pool!



Larry and the cousin crew!

Our extended family

We're incredibly blessed with a strong family bond. Alongside our blood relatives, we've formed deep connections with friends who are like family. Larry's folks retired to northern Wisconsin but visit Illinois often to see their kids and grandkids. Larry's sisters live nearby, and our holidays and "cousin camp" in the summers are always a blast!

Mallory's family is in Boston, and we visit them each year, catching up with her sister's family, father, brother, and childhood friends who feel like family. They visit us too, marking milestones and simply enjoying each other's company.

In recent years, we've started epic family vacations, creating unforgettable memories that strengthen our bonds and enrich our lives in unimaginable ways.



Family Antelope Canyon adventure



Coastin' with the kids



Hawaii family getaway



Larry's family Disney vacation



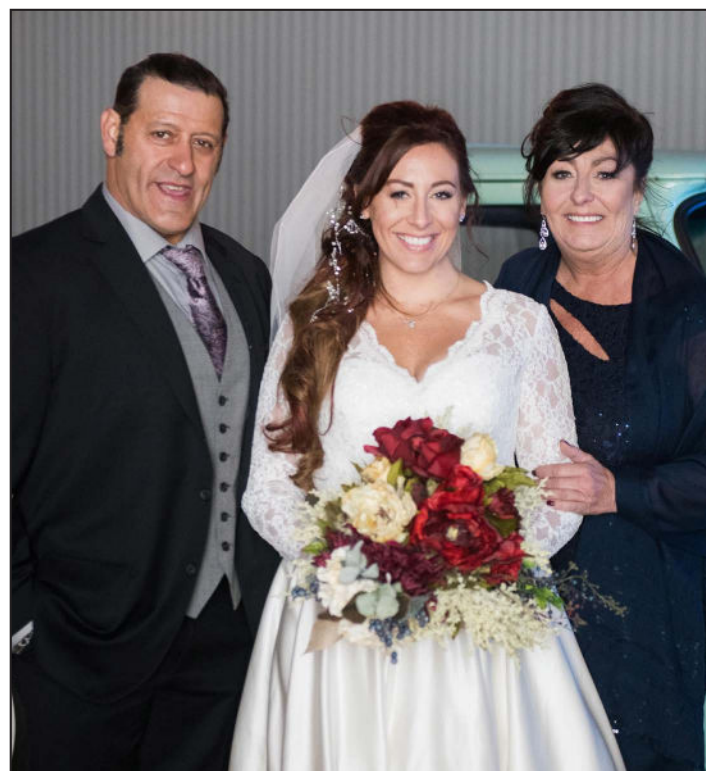
Larry and his family



Mallory's family Disney vacation



Mallory with her brother



Mallory and her parents

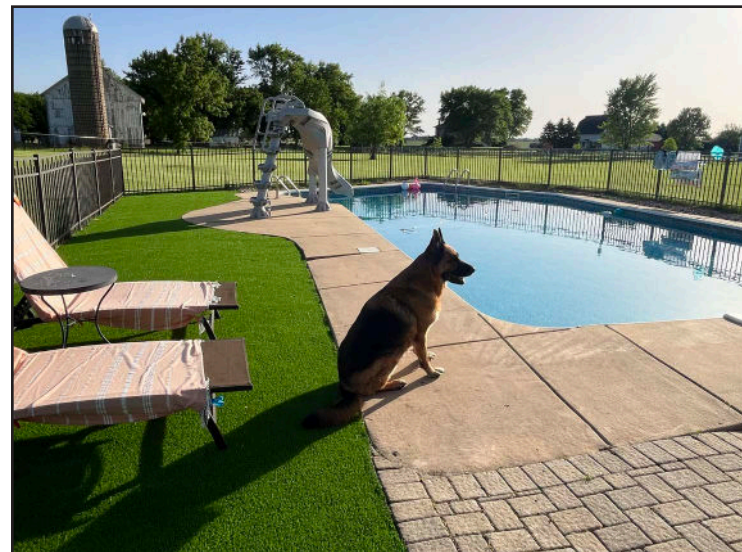
“ Surrounded by those who have shaped us, we embark on this journey together - ready to commit to a child our endless love, support, and adventure.”



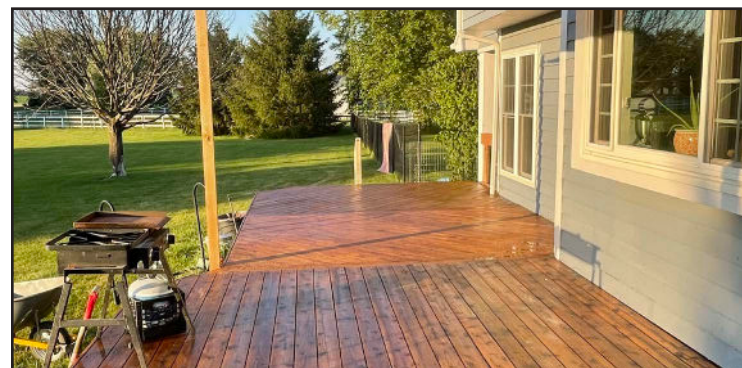
Our home!

our community *and home*

We live in Illinois near Larry's siblings. We have a cozy four-bedroom house nestled amidst farmland and horses, complete with our own fenced-in three acres and in-ground pool. Plus, we lucked out with a top-notch school district, one of the best in the state!



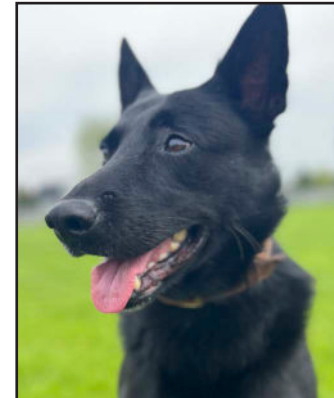
Fenced in pool



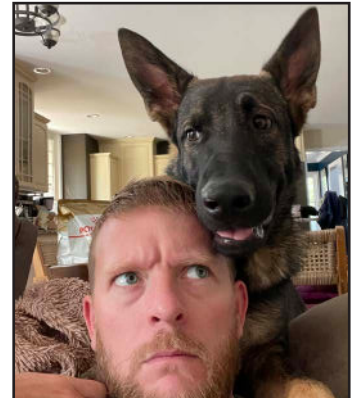
Deck for star gazing

Our Pets

*I*n our home, the paws of 3 German shepherds create a lively scene. Our Jack Russell Terrier, full of mischief and charm, leads our daily adventures. The older German Shepherds bring wisdom and fun. Together, they fill our days with laughter and love. Recently, we added four chickens who cluck, scratch, and entertain us with their antics. They've become part of our joyful and quirky family, adding even more laughter and love to our home every day.



Mallory's retired detection partner



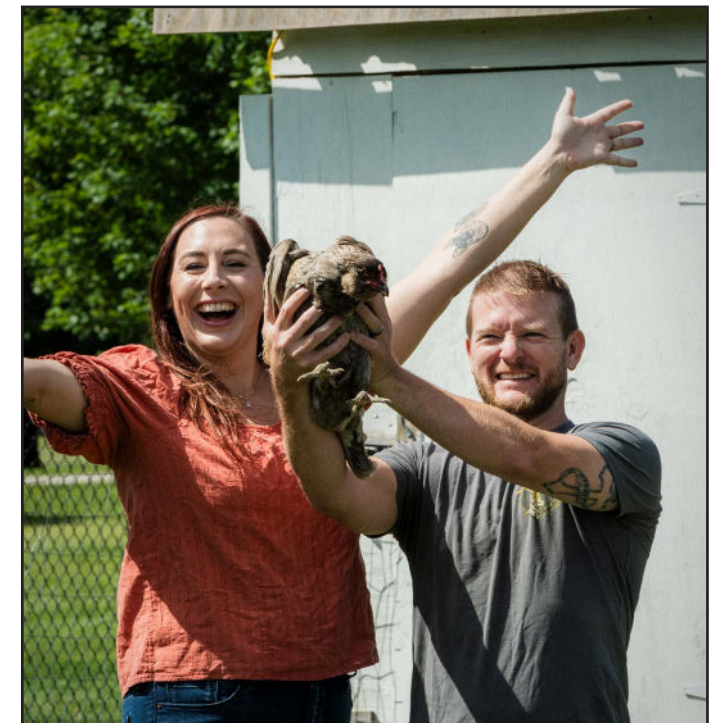
Our scheming young pup



Our Puerto Rican pup!



Nephews walking our dogs



Our chicken leader!

Our friends

In our neighborhood, kids laugh and play while our friends juggle baseball games, recitals, and parties with ease. We dream of joining them, imagining our own child kicking a soccer ball or learning to cartwheel.

Among them, another family stands out—our military siblings. Bound by shared sacrifice and friendship, our Marine Corps family proves that distance can't break our bond. We stay connected through daily talks, cherishing reunions filled with laughter, stories, and the unique understanding that comes from walking in each other's shoes.



Larry's childhood friend group



EPCOT with our friends



Neighbors turned into family



Mallory's dog training bestie!

Why we have chosen adoption...

In the early days of our relationship, we talked about our hopes for the future—imagining a life filled with love, laughter, and the pitter-patter of little feet. But life threw us a curveball with fertility struggles. Five years of ups and downs, hopes raised and dashed, but through it all, we've grown stronger together. Now, we're at a place where we're ready to welcome a child into our lives hopefully through adoption, cherishing every moment. We dream of raising them to be kind, resilient, and ready to make their mark on the world. We want their lives to be filled with joy, meaningful connections, and memories that last a lifetime.



We Promise:

- 1. Unconditional Love:** We will cherish your child unconditionally, providing them with a stable and nurturing environment where they feel safe and supported. We will encourage your child to explore their interests and talents, nurturing their individuality and helping them discover their passions as they grow.
- 2. Open Communication:** We will maintain open and honest communication with you, respecting your role in your child's life and keeping you informed about their well-being and milestones, if you choose open adoption.
- 3. Emotional Support:** We will provide your child with emotional support and guidance as they navigate life's challenges, offering a listening ear and a shoulder to lean on whenever they need it.
- 4. Cultural Understanding:** We will embrace and celebrate your child's cultural heritage, exposing them to diverse experiences and traditions that reflect their background and identity.
- 5. Stability and Security:** We will create a stable and secure home environment for your child, where they feel valued, loved, and free to be themselves without fear or uncertainty.
- 6. Respect for Adoption Story:** We will honor and respect your child's adoption story, sharing it with them in an age-appropriate and sensitive manner and helping them embrace their unique identity with pride.

Fun Facts

about us

- Larry loves gardening and planting new trees each year
- Mallory is the chicken caretaker, though it was Larry's idea to get the chickens!
- We own a travel trailer and love to take trips in it with our dogs
- Larry was personally asked to teach children's jiu jitsu classes by the gym owner due to his excellent communication with members of all ages at their gym
- Mallory used to work in explosives detection
- We love to travel and strive to travel outside the US at least once every 2 years
- Larry's favorite holiday is Thanksgiving - we host all our friends and family at our home!
- Mallory's favorite holiday is Christmas because we celebrate with all of Larry's family and their children, who keep the magic alive!
- Mallory is taller than Larry (he was born prematurely! Every other man on his birth fathers' side of the family is tall)



Larry at jiu-jitsu!





Our **Gratitude**

*W*ith heartfelt gratitude, we thank you for taking the time to learn about us and consider us as prospective parents for your child. Your bravery and selflessness in this journey do not go unnoticed, and we are profoundly touched by the possibility of being entrusted with the care of your little one.

As we eagerly await the next chapter of our journey, we hold your decision in the highest regard, knowing that whatever path you choose will be guided by love and the best interests of your child.

With sincere appreciation and warmest regards,

Larry & Mallory