



Ricky + Sarah Ellen





# Hello!

## SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU

First, we want you to know we are praying for you. We both know this is such a selfless decision for you to entrust in another couple to raise and care for your child. We cannot imagine what you must be going through and how much love you have for your child. Even before you saw this profile, we have been praying for you. We're not sure of everything that led you to this decision, but we trust God has a plan for both of you.

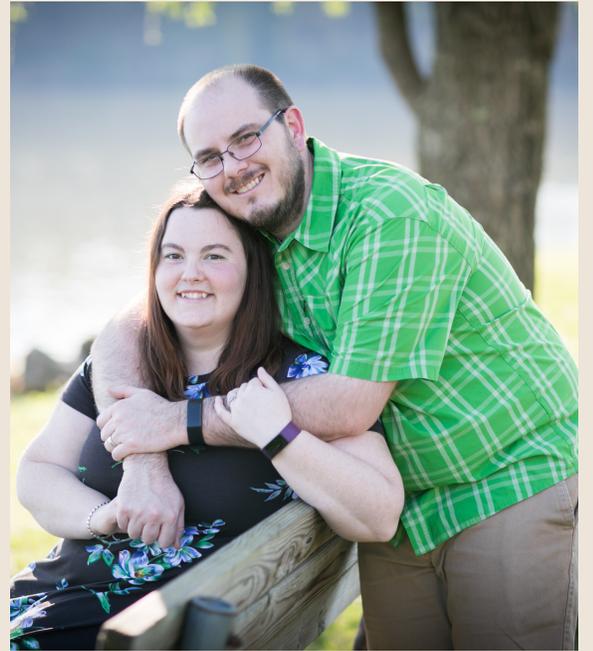
Since before we were married, we knew we wanted children. Both of us are so ready to be parents and will love any child God brings into our lives. We feel that God is leading us to be parents, no matter what way that is to happen. We have experienced several heart-breaking miscarriages and felt led to grow our family through adoption before we adopted our daughter. We feel led to grow our family through adoption once again. We will love any child that God brings to us as if they were our own flesh and blood.

Even before you saw this profile, we have been praying for you. We're not sure of everything that led you to this decision, but we trust God has a plan for both of you. Before you start reading our profile, know that if you decide we are the right couple for your child, that we will unconditionally love for, care for, and be there for him or her. Both of us are so ready to be parents to another child and will love any child that God brings into our lives. We are open to openness and want your child to have a healthy relationship with you, if that is something you want. We have been dreaming of starting a family since before we were married and now are wanting to grow our family with a second child. Loving them, teaching them, letting them be themselves, and giving them opportunities to grow, see, and explore things are just some of the things we hope and dream for a child, your child, our child.

We're praying you look through our profile with an open heart and if we are the couple you choose, we will be so grateful. If you choose another family, we know they will be just as blessed. God has a plan for all of us and we pray that He helps and guides you through your decision making.

Know you and your child are loved.





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# Our Story

We met on eHarmony! We got to know each other for several months before we officially started dating. We dated for a year before we got engaged and married a little less than a year later. We both shared a mutual sense of adventure, honesty, spunkiness, upbeat personality, nerdiness, and desire to embrace who we were. Most of our dates included ice cream...almost always! We would go bowling, hiking, to the arcade, put-putting, walking in the park, traveling to parks and sights to see, and just hanging out to play board games and cook together.

## Our Engagement (from Ricky)

I asked SarahEllen to go on a hike one Friday afternoon to one of our favorite parks. We got out to the overlook and told her I had a video for her. I had created a video of pictures of us and songs that made me think of her. She watched the video and at the end I asked her to marry me. She of course said yes! (Since I'm afraid of heights, I never got down on one knee. Later, in our engagement pictures, SarahEllen made sure they included one of my on bended knee so we could say I did it!). We celebrated our engagement by going to our favorite sushi place and had gelato for dessert. We called family and friends to tell them the good news; it was a great evening!

## Our Wedding

Our wedding was held at a rustic, country winery with an outdoor stage for the ceremony and pavilions that were sheltered for the reception. We lucked out that it had rained EVERY day up until our wedding day for 5 straight days, but we had a beautiful (dry) summer day for our wedding! One of our favorite moments was when our Maid of Honor and Best Man "rode" into the ceremony on the flamingo yard décor that they had found! Our reception was a blast with a county BBQ dinner and lots of fun dancing! We got to celebrate the day with friends, family and good memories; it was truly the best day!

We went to Ireland for our honeymoon and loved the beauty of the countryside. We returned for our 3rd anniversary and we hope to take our children to Ireland with us someday. We have been married now for five amazing years!



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# Sarah Ellen



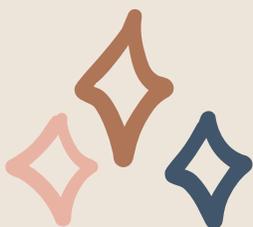
SarahEllen is a wonderful, caring, passionate, intelligent, dedicated, and honest woman. She sets me straight when I need it and pushes me to try new things that I wouldn't have otherwise such as learning to play the ukulele and mountain dulcimer. She is an amazing teacher and she can adapt to ever-changing environments in the classroom. We are on the same page with our beliefs and core values. SarahEllen loves God and others. She will go out of her way to help someone if there any way she can contribute. She is adventurous. We have tried to have as much fun as we can throughout our marriage by traveling, exploring, trying new activities, and retreating into the woods when we need to rest and recharge.

My wife loves being around our daughter and other children. She loves trying to make them laugh and giggle. She enjoys playing games with our daughter and with her niece and cousins like peek-a-boo, hide-and-seek, and tag. Whenever she can she tries to get all the kids moving with a song and dance to get them singing, laughing, and moving. When needed, she knows how to say "no" with positive correction and guidance. She is a wonderfully caring and loving mother. She loves our daughter unconditionally. She wants to help all children grow into wonderful people, teach them something new every day, explore the world with them, and be there for them with loving care and kindness. She's looking forward to teaching them how to garden, sing, play instruments, and help with homework.



I am a middle school choir and general music teacher. Currently, I have been home with Rosaline due to the pandemic with going into work for short time periods while Ricky watches her at home. She will be attending daycare this Fall when I return full-time to the classroom. We have chosen a daycare that is Christian based, offers wonderful opportunities, and has been thoroughly vetted through accreditation and references. I have the summers and breaks at home in which both children will be home with me at those times. We see a great value in the social interactions of daycare and also the routine that will be similar when they attend school.

In my free time, I love to craft! I will make cards, shirts, decorations, and much more when I craft. I use my Cricut to make things for friends and family as well as a tool to make things our home. I also like to kayak and take pictures when the weather permits. My most relaxing hobby is music such as playing an instrument, ukulele being my favorite, or singing.





I work as a systems engineer and love that my job allows me to be a creative problem solver. My job is very family friendly and flexible as I get several PTO days, holidays, and flex hours that I can use to take time off.

I enjoy woodworking, crafting, rocketry, computer nerding, kayaking, hiking, photography, and playing a few stringed instruments. I put these skills to various uses by making nick-nacks and decorations for the house and as gifts for family and friends. I like exploring and continually learning about new products, ideas, and places.

MEET

Ricky



Ricky has many gifts! He is kind, funny, creative, intelligent, patient, and very loving. He is the best person I know, and he balances out my extrovert personality with his introvert self. Ricky can be a hopeless romantic and is one of the few people who can surprise me! He loves me unconditionally and is quick to forgive when I fall short. Ricky can fix a car and fix a computer, both with ease. A hobby of his is building model rockets which require handy-man skills and an engineering strategy. On occasion, he will leave a card on my pillow for me when I get home from work or will bring me a special treat if I've had a rough day. One thing that makes him a great husband is that he is very patient; not just with me but with our daughter, animals, and extended family. He is also not afraid to tell me I'm wrong and help me through how to do better. I love him because he's genuine, caring, and a great human being. He lives for God and loves others. He's amazing and the best person I know.

My husband loves teaching children new things! With our daughter, he is so patient with her and will take the time everyday to spend valuable time playing with her. Ricky will assist with meals, diaper changes, and loves picking out her outfit for the day. Rosaline always looks forward to playing with Ricky outside on the deck or in the yard, building blocks, and just playing around on the living room floor! He is looking forward to be an adoptive father again because not only does he get to be a dad to Rosaline, he gets to share that same unconditional love with another child. Ricky will teach our children new things, guide them to be good people, and be there for them when they need advice and discipline. He is also looking forward to teaching them skills and helping them with their schoolwork. I know he will make an amazing dad to another child as he will love them unconditionally, care for, guide, and teach our child to be a good person and to have a great, wonderful life as he has done with our daughter.

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# Rosaline



Our daughter, Rosaline, who is 19 months old, was blessed to us through adoption. She is a sweet, clever, social, mischievous toddler who loves animals and the water! When she sets her mind to something, she tries until she reaches her goal. One of her favorite things to do is swim! She is skilled in Infant Swimming Resource (ISR) so she knows how to be safe in the water. Rosaline also loves animals! Going to the zoo, playing with our pets, or seeing animals outside makes her very excited! She will also be the first one to say “hi” and give a hug or a kiss and loves to be social with other children. Rosaline is also very flexible and enjoys toddler tumbling. We have enrolled her for toddler gymnastics starting in the Fall!

Our experience with our daughter’s adoption process was wonderful. We were matched with Rosaline’s birth mom and were able to visit with her before Rosaline was born. We made such a bond in those first couple days of Rosaline’s life with her birth mom and we remain close today as we share updates through phone calls, texts, and video chats. At times, Rosaline’s birth mom needs her space, and we greatly respect her wishes and let her reach out when she’s ready. Adoption is a common topic of discussion in our home and is talked of positively. Rosaline knows she has two families who love her very much and that adoption is a part of her story. Although adoption can have its ups and downs, we are excited to begin this journey again as we feel this is how God meant for us to grow our family.





## OUR LIFE

# Together

We love to do things outdoors when the weather is nice! Hiking, kayaking, walking, and taking pictures are some of our favorite things to do outside! No matter the season, we go hiking and take pictures and the other activities happen best in the warm months. The evenings are also set aside for family play time with Rosaline where we just spend time together. Besides going outside on evenings and weeknights, we also play board games and head to the pool every Friday. At various times during the year, we take long weekend trips or a short week trip during the summer. We will escape to the woods, go to the beach, or explore historical sites for our trips. If the trip isn't too far away during the warm months, our kayaks and dog are in tow!

We have two cats and a dog. The cats were rescues from Ricky's mom's vet clinic. Captain loves to play with a laser light! He is good with kids and will let Rosaline "tackle" him and will cuddle with her often. Leo is a gray kitty who is super sweet, but a true scardy-cat. With kids, he keeps distance but does come out to play with Rosaline on occasions. Callie is our Beagle puppy who is super sweet and full of energy! Callie and Rosaline play tug-of-war often and will roll around on the floor together. Callie is very patient with her and pays no mind to a pulled tail or ear. She will check on Rosaline when we're outside. All of the animals are very patient with Rosaline and enjoy her company.





RICKY'S PARENTS, BECKY AND TERRY ARE A FUN COUPLE! RICKY IS AN ONLY CHILD, BUT HAS A LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY WITH SEVERAL COUSINS, AUNTS, UNCLES, AND A GRANDMOTHER. THEY ALL LOVE TO TRAVEL. HIS CLOSE FRIEND, KEITH, WHOM HE CALLS HIS BROTHER, IS MARRIED TO KRISTEN AND THEY HAVE THREE BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS WHO ARE LIKE OUR NIECES: KASEY (14), KAYLEE (8), AND KATLINN (5). KATLINN IS ALSO OUR GODDAUGHTER!



SARAH ELLEN'S FAMILY CONSISTS OF HER GRANDPA, AUNT, UNCLE, BROTHERS, AND COUSINS. MELINDA AND JEFF, SARAH ELLEN'S AUNT AND UNCLE, ARE PART-TIME FARMERS AND ENJOY THEIR GRANDCHILDREN. THEIR SON, ANDREW, IS MARRIED TO ALICIA, WHO IS MORE LIKE A SISTER TO SARAH ELLEN. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN; COLETON (12), GANNON (9), AND DIVYA (5). ADAM, IS SARAH ELLEN'S OLDEST BROTHER AND HAS A DAUGHTER, RILEY (7). GRAHAM IS SARAH ELLEN'S OTHER BROTHER AND WORKS FULL TIME MANAGING A SMALL STORE.

# MEET Our Families

We have great relationships with our extended families! We spend as many holidays with them as possible and they also come up to visit us on occasion. We celebrate milestones together and support each other through highs and lows. Our families live close to each other, so we are thankfully able to see both families during visits. During long weekends, we also travel to see them. Letters, gifts, phones calls are exchanged quite regularly, and we attend birthday parties of the younger ones when we can. Our favorite thing to do when we see all the nieces and nephews, is to play! They love having us visit and we always make time to play with them and simply, spend time with them.

Both of our families are very excited that we have decided to pursue adoption again and cannot wait until we are blessed with another child to make their families even fuller! Ricky's parents are thrilled at the idea of being grandparents again and SarahEllen's family is very excited to see us be able to expand our family and welcome a new little one! The younger ones are excited for someone new to play with and have even started asking us when they will get here!





# OUR Home



Our home is a one-story ranch with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. We have a large great room that includes the living room, kitchen, and dining room. Our house is only about 20 years old, so it has some modern flair that we've added along with some original features. The house is decorated with things from our travels and pictures of us, friends, and family. The play area is a large portion of the living room with toys and fun activities for Rosaline. We have the largest yard in the neighborhood with a couple of trees and a flat space for plenty of play that is enclosed by a fence. Memories are made from completing house projects, playing in the living room, gathering around a fire in the back, dinner and play on the deck, playing yard games in the yard, board games in the great room, and creativity inside and outside.

One fun thing is we have won 1st place and then 2nd place twice in the Christmas yard decorating contest in our neighborhood in the last 3 years!

We live in the Eastern part of the U.S. and our community is full of diversity and many things for families to do. We have families from various countries that work and reside in our city. The city has three pools, an indoor aquatic center, five large parks, several playgrounds, gymnastics gym, dance studios, art centers, music programs, children's programs, and an excellent school district. Just outside the city there are recreational things to do on the river, lake, and state parks. The city is full of young families and has a healthy range of family-friendly things to do and see.



# OUR Family Values

## Faith

We will raise our child in the church and the Christian faith as we were raised. Our child will attend church with us and be taught to love God, trust Him, love like Jesus, and to be a good person in the world.

## Unconditional Love

“Love defines a family, not DNA, not the color of skin...unconditional love that comes straight from that heart; that defines family.”

## Time

Valuable time together is one of life's greatest blessings and is to be cherished and appreciated.

## Education

We plan to send our children to public school because we want our children to experience diversity and people from all different kinds of homes. We want to provide opportunities provide a place of belonging in school and many valuable character-building experiences.

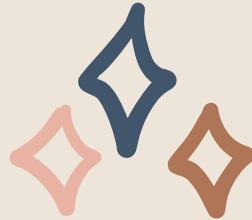






# We want you to know

BEFORE YOU GO



Thank you so much for reading our profile and getting to know about us! Putting your child first and the love you have for him or her is so selfless and we are thankful you took the time to consider us.

We know God has a plan and he will lead you to the couple best for you and your child. If that couple is us, we cannot wait to meet you and to get to know you. We would love to pursue a relationship with you (if that is what you want) and have your child know you. Letters, pictures, phone calls, and even visits are something we are willing to make happen in the future. We know the level of openness is a growing relationship and will change over time, but we are willing to take that journey. Either way, your child will know you as a part of our family, respected, loved, and deeply valued. You will be spoken of often in our home and considered a part of us.

We will continue to pray for you as you make your decision and we are ever so blessed for your encouragement and steps you are taking for child. You are loved and so is your child. Thank you so much and many blessings to you as you continue down this journey.

Ricky, Sarah Ellen,  
and Rosaline

