



Jason & Mary Ann

Dear Birthparents,

Thank you for your courageous and selfless decision to consider an adoption plan for your child.

We are Jason and Mary Ann, a loving and family oriented couple who look forward to becoming parents through adoption. Know that your precious gift will not be forgotten and that your child will always know the depth of your love for him or her.

We hope that this glimpse into our lives and our hopes for our child will give you some comfort as you consider what is best for your baby.

About Us

We met in the summer of 1998 through Mary Ann's brothers, Bill and John, when Jason stopped over our house one Friday night after work. Mary Ann instantly thought Jason was cute even though he was in his work uniform. From then on, Jason would stop over every Friday night after work for dinner and the rest is history. We dated for 3 years and were married in 2002. In 2004, we started the journey to parenthood only to be met with many disappointments and ultimately the reality that it would never be possible for us to have a biological child of our own. We believe that God has guided us to expand our family through adoption and that our fertility struggles have made us a stronger couple.

We enjoy spending time together doing everything from spending time at home working in the flower beds, remodeling our house or enjoying a bonfire in our backyard, to traveling to San Francisco or Niagara Falls. Every summer we take in at least one movie at the local drive-in and we host several gatherings of friends and family throughout the year.

Last year as our Halloween celebration, we hosted a Murder Mystery party at our house. Every guest was assigned a character and asked to arrive in costume for the party. The theme for the party was a 1970's Manhattan disco and the party was a hit! Can you guess who we were supposed to be?

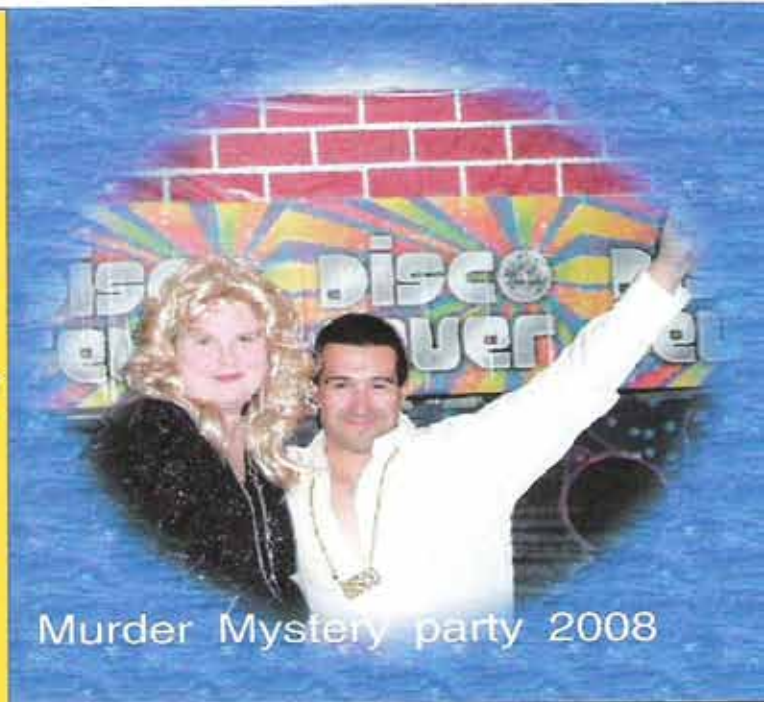


Golden Gate Bridge

Napa Valley

To celebrate our 5th wedding anniversary we traveled across the country by train to San Francisco. During our 3 day train trip we were able to see parts of the country that you cannot experience by car or plane such as the snow-covered Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada mountains. Once in San Francisco, we explored Chinatown, Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge and even had the chance to take the scenic drive to Monterrey where we visited the aquarium.

We don't take anything for granted and cherish the little things in life like always kissing each other before bed and saying, "I love you" every time we talk on the phone. We can't wait to share life's little and big moments with our child and create memories that he or she will always cherish.



Murder Mystery party 2008

Our home

Our home is located in a town that is both a farming community and a developing suburb with excellent schools and the near-by conveniences of a bustling city. While our house sits on just over an acre of land filled with mature trees and wildlife such as birds, squirrels and the occasional deer, the grocery store is only a 10 minute drive away. Also, within the last five years, a community park less than one mile from our house was opened where our nieces and nephews enjoy the swings, slides, monkey bars and hiking trails.

Our house is a 3 bedroom ranch with a large living room perfect for gatherings with our family and friends. Our house also has a huge front and back yard perfect for playing catch or frisbee.



Our home

Jason

I am the oldest of three and have one brother, Kurt, and one sister, Nicole. I feel fortunate to have grown up in a loving and close family and that we are still close today. My brother and I are especially close as he shares my passion for restoring classic cars. It is common for us to spend a Saturday in my garage to work on our cars.

I grew up in a large suburb in Ohio near the woods which was perfect for four wheeling and riding my mini bike. I attended public school and was on the wrestling team and the track team. I also enjoyed hiking, bicycling, weightlifting and running which I continue to enjoy today.

As soon as I turned 16, I started working part time to save for a car and secondary education. After graduating from high school, I enrolled in a two year program at a large technical school where I received a master technician certification for automotive and diesel repair in 1995. After graduation, I started a career as a fleet mechanic for a large leasing company and almost 15 years later I am still a mechanic working for another leasing company that I have been with for 12 years.

I currently work a 4 day week with weekends off which leaves me with more time to spend with my family, including our child who will spend Mondays with Daddy while Mommy is at work.



Jason and his bike

Mary Ann

I am the oldest of four and have 2 brothers, Bill and John, and 1 sister, Margie. My family is and has always been very close knit which is especially important since both of my parents are deceased.

I grew up in a large Ohio city and attended Catholic school from first grade through high school. I enjoyed school, was a very good student and always remember my parents stressing the importance of education. I knew when I graduated from high school that I wanted to be a lawyer and I worked very hard to achieve my dream.

While academics were my first priority in school, I always had time for fun. I was involved in Girl Scouts and I earned the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. I also was involved in various academic clubs, the drama club and I studied Spanish. In college, I studied abroad in Mexico for a summer and was an officer in my sorority.

After graduating from high school, I attended college and then law school and I earned my law degree in 1996. Upon passing the Ohio Bar examination, I went into private practice for 5 years until we moved to our current home. At that time, I worked as a public defender until I obtained my current position as a Magistrate at the Juvenile Court in the county where we live. I have been a Magistrate for over 6 years and really enjoy working with children on a daily basis though it is often very challenging as well as rewarding. My employer is very supportive of our decision to adopt a child and believes that family comes first which will allow flexibility with my schedule when I return to work.



Tea shop in Chinatown



Mary Ann and her siblings

Our families and friends are a very important part of our lives and we spend time with them regularly whether it is for someone's birthday, a holiday dinner or picnic, a baptism or First Holy Communion or just a weekend visit. We are fortunate that both of our families live less than an hour from us so it is very easy to visit often. We have 5 nephews and 2 nieces ranging in age from 8 years old to 9 months old and we are godparents for 1 of our nieces and 2 of our nephews which we consider an honor and privilege.

Traditions, such as a traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinner and the blessing of the Easter basket, have always played a vital role in our families as we were growing up and we believe that it is important to continue these traditions for future generations. Every year Mary Ann and her sister spend a day making homemade pierogis from Grandma's secret recipe for Christmas Eve dinner and we take turns hosting the dinner at each other's house on Christmas Eve. Every year we also plan a special Christmas outing with our nieces and nephews, such as Brunch with Santa or just hanging out at our house for a sleepover. Last year the kids made hand-painted aprons and gingerbread houses at the sleepover.



Mary Ann also continues the family tradition of cake decorating that her mother learned from her father's Aunt Mary. Over the 10 years that Mary Ann has been decorating cakes, she has made birthday cakes for all the nieces and nephews as well as christening, first communion, baby shower, bridal shower and retirement cakes for close family and friends. She also just made her 5th wedding cake. Every year the kids enjoy picking out the kind of cake they want for their birthday and some of them are even old enough to help with the frosting !



We have also started a tradition with our nieces and nephews of having each one of them over for a birthday sleepover for a weekend during their birthday month. We look forward to planning the next adventure for these sleepovers and we are always trying to come up with a new and exciting idea to share with the kids. We have gone to the Natural History Museum, the Science Center, cosmic miniature golf, Build-A-Bear workshop, Chuck E. Cheese, the movies, and Dave and Busters.

Our child will be raised in the Catholic faith and will be taught the value of education, hard work, honesty and compassion for others. Our child will always know how special he or she is and be encouraged to fulfill his or her dreams. Our hope is that through our example and his or her own experiences that our child will become well rounded and know how to have fun as well as be a loving, compassionate and responsible person.

Our child will always know the special way he or she entered our lives and he or she will share a special connection with Grandma since Jason's mother was adopted. We would be happy to send letters and pictures beyond the first year and are open to meeting you before you choose a family for your baby. Know that you and your baby are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

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