



Hi we are Terri and Ralph...

Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you for reviewing our adoptive profile to learn more about us. You are currently making an important decision... having the most information available for you to review is a key. We are hopeful that we will provide you with a look into who we are and our everyday life.



We first met over nine years ago on a blind date. A co-worker set us up, Ralph had just moved to Ohio from Memphis while Terri had graduated from a college in the South, so she thought we would be an ideal couple. At first, it was fun talking about all the same restaurants and places we had both been to in Memphis. But, then we started to realize we had a lot of the same interests, enjoyed being together, had future goals in common and finally fell in love. We were engaged a year and a half later. Today, we still enjoy “collecting” new sites and restaurants to visit together; we love a restaurant with great food and loads of atmosphere.



Our wedding night was the perfect night for tornado and thunderstorm warnings! This normally wouldn't be an issue but our wedding and reception took place in a glass conservatory. We knew it was a night we would always remember but we are pretty confident our guests also remember because of the lightning and thunder. Terri's grandmother had passed away less than a year before the wedding; we always smile believing that she had a hand in this fireworks expo from heaven.



Niagra Falls with Terri's family



Who We Are and What We Value



Terri Talks about Ralph

Ralph grew up in a large family and is the oldest of four boys. He was born and raised on

the north side of Chicago. As a kid living in Chicago on any ordinary summer day he would jump on the L train with a packed lunch, his brothers, cousins and friends and go watch the Cubs play. To this day he still listens or watches the Cubs; he is not a fair weather fan by any stretch of

the imagination. His team has not won the World Series in over 100 year but it doesn't matter he will continue to watch and know that someday they will win it all. We enjoy going to visit his family in Chicago; any reason to visit and keep connected with his family members is priceless.

To show that life is a continual learning experience, Ralph has recently earned his Bachelor's degree and is now working on earning his Masters in Business Administration.



Summer days at local pool

Philosophy in raising a loving and caring child

While we were dating we talked about having a child to share in our love and life. We look forward to and embrace the opportunity to provide the necessary love, care and devotion in raising your child. We will share with your child that they are adopted, as we feel it would be impossible to ask a child to always be truthful and honest if we cannot share such an important fact.

Our families and also our neighborhood have a lot of activities and gatherings, which involve children. We have many activities in which a child can enroll; tumbling lessons, to toddler sign language classes, along with Cartoons in the Park, great programs to enjoy and we really look forward to sharing these with our child. Our child will be raised in a community where the neighbors will know their name, keep an eye on and care about them.

Our two families are very supportive of the different milestones each family member reaches, from that first tooth to graduating high school. We get together to celebrate as much as we can, it is a time to cook a lot of food, share pictures and stories; along with learning about upcoming events – a real time to be proud of every family member’s achievements.



Annual 4th of July neighborhood parade



Ralph Talks about Terri

Terri was raised in central Ohio along with her younger sister. She was always very active

and that continued through high school; where she played the flute in the marching and symphonic band, along with being a soccerette, yearbook staff member and active in the ski club. She and her sister spent a lot of time with their grandmother, she talks a lot about all the good times they had at the swimming pool. Terri’s grandmother was a major influence in her life and

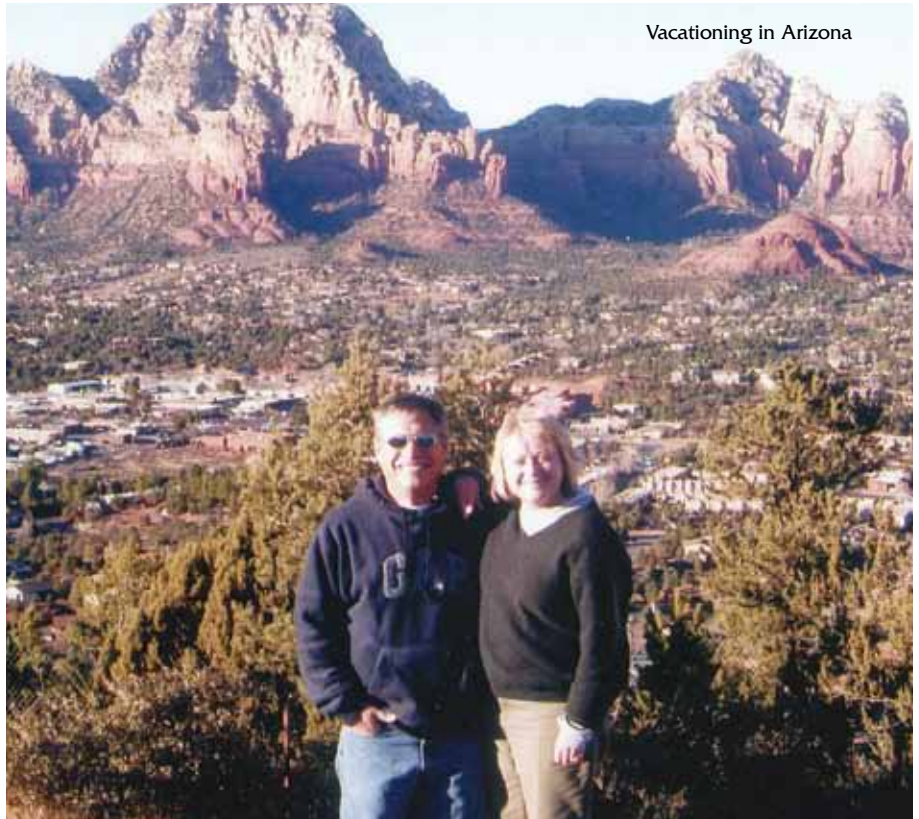
value’s system. She really taught Terri how to respect, treat, and care about other people and also to enjoy life no matter what obstacles are put in front of you.

Terri went away to college but would come home in the summers to lifeguard at the same pool she grew up at playing. Part of her job was to give swimming lessons to the little one’s - she still talks about this and how much she truly enjoyed it. After graduating she moved back to Ohio to begin the next phase of her life, working on her career. She enjoys her job and works hard but she is now ready to move on to another chapter in her life that includes a child.

Concerning Beliefs

We never understood the reason we got up early every Sunday morning, got dressed and headed off to church with our family. We did it without fail, Bible Class every Sunday morning learning to play fair, treat others right and then

about the life of Jesus. There was the underlying message of HOPE, in all of those lessons. We will provide a strong foundation of religious belief and understanding for your child.



Vacationing in Arizona



visiting our favorite restaurant

Finally our Support

Since we and you are starting this “relationship” in a rather unfamiliar way, we look forward to discussing with you the decision on whether we should have an open or closed adoption; we will understand and support whatever decision is made. We will be comfortable in sharing milestone achievements and pictures of your child with you. We will provide a child a life with love and positive influences to help guide them toward having self esteem, confidence, a love for life, and the knowledge that they were always and will always still be loved.