



Rob & Kim

At the OSU/Penn State Game



Dear Birthparent(s),

We'd like to begin by saying how grateful we are to be considered as adoptive parents for your child. We admire you for your strength and immense love for your child. Please know that if you choose us as adoptive parents, your child will be welcomed into a happy, loving home. We hope that by learning more about us you will feel a sense of comfort and have an understanding of the journey that brought us here.

Rob & his dad



Rob, his Nana & his mom



Christmas at Kim's parents



Where We Began

Kim

I grew up in a little town in Pennsylvania. My parents were high school sweethearts. They have been happily married for 40 years. My older brother Char and I were raised in a home filled with love, laughter, and support. Our family is extremely close and we never go more than a few days without seeing each other (we live only an hour apart). We enjoy conversations around the dinner table, long walks, and watching movies. The example that my parents set for me helped me become the woman I am today.

Rob

I grew up in a small town in Ohio. My younger sister Dana and I were raised by very loving and supportive parents. Unfortunately, after 20 years of marriage my parents divorced. They remained consistent in their love and support of my sister and me. I believe their divorce helped me realize the kind of husband and father that I want to be. I enjoy spending time with my four nieces and nephews: Layne, Kelly, Tory, and Michael.

Our story

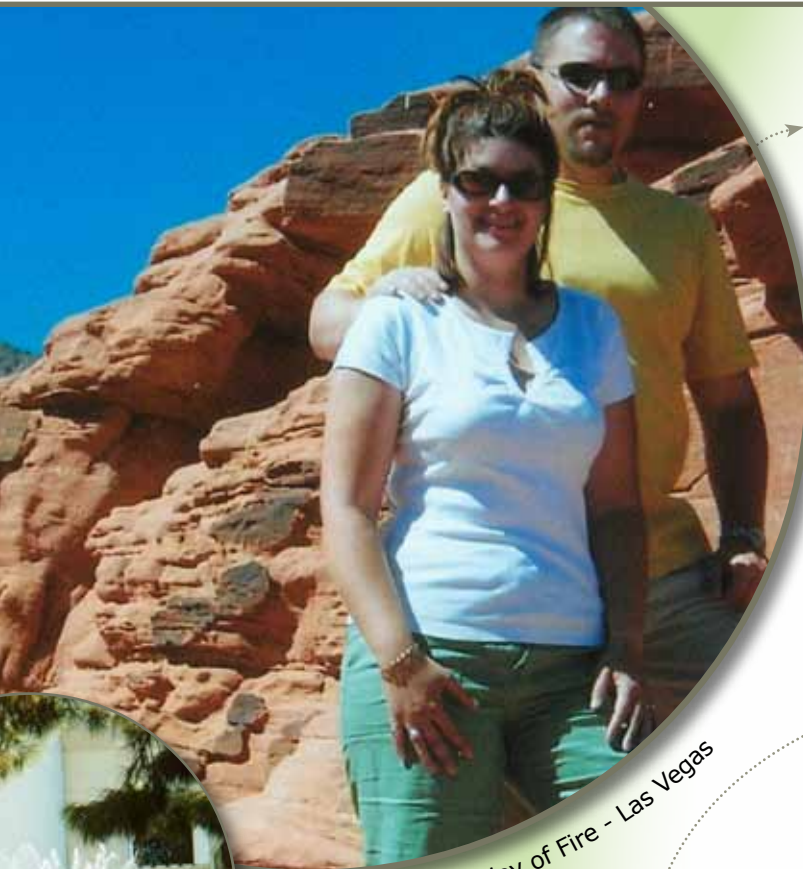
We met in college and dated for six years; all through college and after graduation. We felt that it was important to begin our careers before marriage. We have been married for 12 years. Kim is in her 14th year of teaching. She teaches First grade and absolutely loves her job and her students. Rob worked in finance as a manager for 11 years before changing careers entirely. He is now employed in a supervisory position with an energy company. It was a challenging and refreshing change for him. We love to travel (a favorite destination is Gatlinburg, Tennessee),

and spend time with our family and friends (trying new restaurants). We have had the opportunity to see and experience many wonderful places, and look forward to the day when we can share these experiences with a child.

Two years into our marriage we made the decision to add to our family. Much to our disappointment we were unable to conceive, even with medical intervention. We have never given up hope that our family will grow. We feel that we will be blessed with a child, and are certain that we were meant to be parents.

How We Complement Each Other

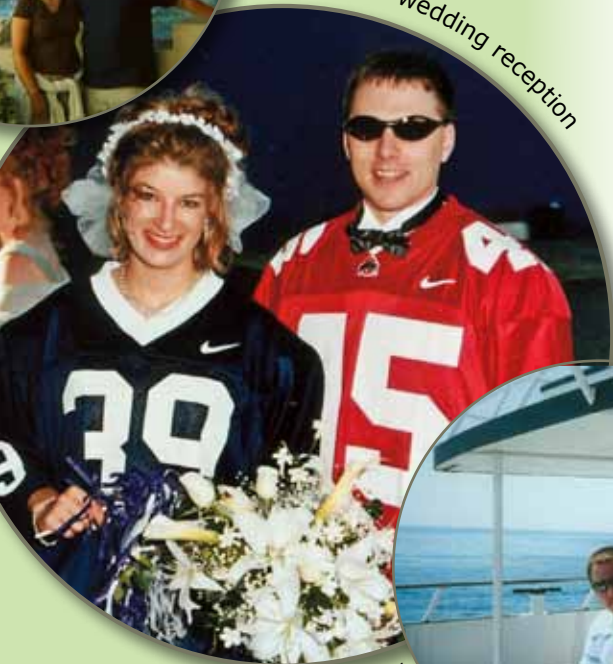
- Rob is the most positive, optimistic person I know. His motto is, "Why worry about the things that you cannot change and have no control over."
- Kim is the most caring, empathetic, and sensitive person I know. She is very emotional and tends to be a worrier. I tease her and say she even worries about having nothing to worry about.
- Rob is a huge sports fan. I never get a break! His favorite team is the Ohio State Buckeyes. Our wedding was on OSU/Penn State game day. We even incorporated this into our wedding reception!
- Kim loves reality television. One of her favorite shows is Ellen. She also prefers dramas over comedies, though she will watch The Office with me.
- Rob takes his career very seriously. He strives to excel everyday and providing for his family is extremely important to him. He is so outgoing and he gets along with everyone.
- Kim is an outstanding teacher and is very dedicated. Her students respond to her style of teaching which is disciplined, fun, and inspiring. She sees every day as a new adventure with her class.
- Rob has a hard time being on time. I have learned over the years to provide him with some wiggle room by telling him we have to leave at least a half hour earlier than we really do.
- Kim is always punctual. By that I mean she considers getting somewhere on time "late", and "on time" is really 15 minutes early!
- Rob loves to play with our nieces and nephews. If you lose Rob at family gatherings, he can usually be found with the kids. He tends to get them wound up and they can all be a bit rambunctious, but they do have fun!
- Kim is a quiet and calming presence in our nieces and nephews lives. When they want a lap to sit on or someone to talk to one on one, they go to her.
- Rob enjoys history and factual information. He likes to watch The History Channel, classic sports programs, and is very interested in politics.
- Kim enjoys fueling her imagination and creativity. Her favorite hobby is reading. She takes a book with her everywhere. She has even written several short stories and poems.



Valley of Fire - Las Vegas



Our wedding reception



Whale watching excursion - Boston, MA





Our Home

We purchased our home shortly after we were married. We live in a wonderful community and are surrounded by the best neighbors; whom we think of as family. We share our home with Ally and Baxter, our two adorable cats! Kim loves to read, cross stitch, and experiment in the kitchen. She also loves to write and has kept a journal of her thoughts and poems throughout this experience. Rob is often found outdoors doing yard work or playing sports. When he's inside he loves to watch sports.



Kim's family - aquarium in Boston



Whale watching - Boston

Our Upbringing

We were both raised in Catholic homes. We are active members of the Catholic Church in our town. Our fellow parishioners are supportive of our decision to adopt. We are godparents to a friend's daughter and Rob is honored to serve as godfather to our niece Layne while Kim is honored to serve as godmother to our newborn nephew Michael.

In Closing

We are so excited to continue with the adoption process and look forward to the day when our family grows. We plan on being completely open and honest with your child, and look forward to sharing letters and pictures with you. We are also open to meeting with you if you would so choose. We feel very positive and at peace with our decisions. We pray that you feel the same. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. Should you choose us, we will be blessed, and your child will be loved completely and unconditionally, not only by us, but by everyone in their life.



May God bless you,
Rob & Kim