



OUR STORY

NATALIE + MIKA



ABOUT US

Hi! We are Mika and Natalie. We grew up seven miles from each other and knew about each other but had never really talked. It wasn't until our mutual friend invited us to go on an ATV ride that Cupid hit both of us with his arrow. We quickly realized we were looking for the same thing—each other. We fell quickly for each other that Valentine's Day and have been inseparable ever since. Being together has made us better people, and we were each other's missing puzzle piece. Mika is very devoted to the community and knows everyone. She is involved in all the county's activities and a lot of safety programs for the kids in our county. Natalie works as a purchasing coordinator. She loves to read, cook, and learn about new things. She has a way about her that makes you want to be better. We are each other's best friend and true love.

OUR HOME + PETS

Our home has been in Mika's family for a long time; it was her father's childhood home. We have renovated the entire place ourselves. It is a three-bedroom, three-bath house in a quiet neighborhood close to our families. There are great schools and ballparks within blocks of our home. The neighborhood is full of kids of all ages. We enjoy being outdoors. We have mountains for snow shoeing, lakes for jet skiing, and sand dunes for riding ATVs, all within 30 miles. Our community is very family oriented. We have two dogs, Roxy and Lexi, who both have fun personalities and love playing with each other. Mika has taught Lexi how to play volleyball, and Roxy is our little soccer player.



OUR ADOPTION STORY

We decided together from our experiences with our two adopted nephews and the blessing they have been to our families that adoption was how we wanted to have a family. We have been blessed with one son through adoption, and we want nothing more than to give him a sibling he can grow up with, confide in, and have as a best friend. We know he will make the best brother. We would like to thank you for taking the time to get to know us better. We have so much love for one another, and our life together is amazing. We both grew up with siblings, and we know what an amazing experience it is. We want to be able to give that experience to our son.





OUR
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ALBUM

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NATALIE

OCCUPATION: Purchasing coordinator

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in behavioral science

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Raised Christian

SPORT: Water sports

FOOD: Seafood

HOBBY: Reading

TRADITION: Making Christmas ornaments

MUSICAL GROUP: '80's rock

MOVIE: Princess Bride

DREAM VACATION: Greece

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: Modern Family

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Psychology

BOOK: Anything and everything



MIKA

OCCUPATION: County emergency service director

EDUCATION: Master's degree in public service
in emergency management

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Raised Christian

SPORT: Basketball, softball, volleyball

FOOD: Cheeseburgers

HOBBY: Riding bikes, gym

TRADITION: Our family game nights

MUSICAL GROUP: Classic rock

MOVIE: The Proposal

DREAM VACATION: See all the MLB stadiums

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: Friends

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: PE.

BOOK: Harry Potter





OUR FAMILY & TRADITIONS

We live so close to our families; we are always getting together to just hang out and talk. They are always stopping by, and it is suddenly a Twinkie-roasting party, one of our favorite summer pastimes. Together we have seven siblings who are married with kids. We have a strong family support system with aunts, uncles, and cousins who are eager for a new little cousin.

We have an annual family sleepover where we play yard games, make crafts, eat, watch a movie outside, and launch water balloons. The holidays are festive with our family. Together, we do arts and crafts, carve pumpkins, make Christmas ornaments, and build gingerbread houses. These are family traditions we are excited to share with our little ones. Our adopted son is biracial, and we try to educate ourselves on ways we can help him learn about his culture and keep that part of him prominent in his life.

Family is one of the most important things in our lives. Our family is fun and supportive; they even show up for our dogs' birthday parties. We feel so blessed to have grown up here so close to our families, and we look forward to sharing it all with our children.





DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. If chosen, we promise to love unconditionally and incorporate any traditions you would like to share with us to pass on to them. We will model kindness, courage, and strength. We believe a child should always feel loved and supported with the decisions they make throughout their lives. We will raise them to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up for what they believe in.

Mika played basketball, softball, and volleyball, and her parents came to every game and cheered her on. She cannot wait to be that support for our children. Mika will be the type of mother who makes our kids feel safe. She will protect them and teach them how to protect themselves. She cannot wait to take them to Disneyland and spring training.

Natalie is the easiest person to talk to. You can talk to her about anything without fear of judgment. She makes you feel safe and feel like it is all right to just be yourself. She is trustworthy, a great listener, and an excellent communicator. She is always looking for ways to bring people together and build closer relationships. She always has a cheerful smile and a positive attitude. We always have fun together, and the time is filled with laughter and love.

We respect your decision and feel blessed you are considering us. We hope to have a chance to get to know you better and build a relationship with you.

With Love,

Natalie & Mika



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