

# NATALIE and BO



*To the birth mother who will change our lives:*

We think of you often, because just as we think about becoming parents - which is a LOT! - you and your choice to share that with us is woven into those thoughts. Whether we get the chance to know you through visits or updates with the child we'll share, or our paths never cross again, we want you to know that you are loved, appreciated, respected, and honored for giving us the best gift we could ever hope to receive.

*How did we come to choose adoption? We're so glad you asked! There's a few reasons:*

Both of us are fortunate to have adoption in our families! Bo's grandfathers adopted each of his parents and he's fortunate to have close relationships with each of them today. Natalie has multiple perspectives, with several cousins who were adopted, a cousin who adopted herself, and close friend who was adopted 35 years ago.

So because of that, it was always this natural part of our lives, and when our lives came together, we didn't realize how truly special it was to be immersed in something that was transformative for us to witness, and people we love to experience.

When we experienced infertility, it wasn't long before we realized it wasn't about being pregnant for us, it was about being parents, loving a child, caring for, raising them, and building a family that is more of what ours already is, full of new experiences and SO much laughter. In fact, we think it's pretty cool that you will choose us, just like we've chosen each other; often "family" is exactly what you make it to be!

**So, what would your child's life be like as part of our family?** Last year we bought our dream home up north, about 35ish minutes from downtown Pittsburgh. It's got a huge backyard that is flat enough for a swing set or playhouse, a spacious bedroom where our child can look out into that backyard, and plenty of room for us all to make memories with family and friends. We hosted our first Thanksgiving with both sides of the family, and a multitude of friends that are like family! We chose our house so we weren't more than a half hour from either of our siblings, or parents, because having that physical connection is that important to us.

We've built this beautiful life together, yet we feel that a piece is missing. To us, the gift of being a parent would be the ultimate blessing. Open and honest communication is what keeps our marriage strong. Our favorite thing to do is talk with no distractions, whether it's at the park we can walk to, or sitting at the dinner table. In all things, we balance each other; opposites really do attract!





Our weekends are always spent with at least one of our families – since they’re all close by – and a rotation of wonderful friends. The relationship we have with our parents has especially shaped how we live our lives: persistence, resiliency, passion for what we believe in, support of our community and each other.

When we met in 2018 for our first date, we talked about being parents. Fast forward to now, not a day goes by where one of us doesn’t say something like: “When our child comes...”

Natalie comes from a two-parent household with a younger brother, and an even larger cultural community beyond that. Her Serbian heritage gave her a profound sense of who she was because she knew where she came from; it’s why she believes in open adoption, should you feel that’s best for you too. She is a godmother to her best friend’s daughter and that relationship, being part of her life, has shown her a joy she didn’t know existed.

Bo also comes from a two-parent household, the only difference is he has a younger sister, but still has that big, close-knit family as well. He has a niece and nephew, not to mention the many friend’s kids who will squeal “Uncle Bo!” the moment he walks into a room. He loves to learn new things and with that zest for knowledge, Bo also believes in open adoption, so our child can do the same.

Our free time is spent doing any number of things! Natalie is a bookworm, always reading something, while Bo is handy, happiest when he’s tinkering on a new project. Together we will hike a trail, cook a recipe, go to a Steeler game, even travel somewhere.

Bo chose to get baptized in the church that Natalie’s great-grandparents helped to build. They are active members and draw on faith for any support they need.

Natalie works from home as an executive for a marketing agency, while Bo works both from home and out of a Pittsburgh office as an industrial sales representative. Professionally we both are fortunate to have family-first bosses and both of our careers will allow for a child to become our top priority; we embrace everything that comes with parenting, including unforeseen challenges, and we will be consistent, present supporters as your child matures. We are open to adopting a Caucasian, or mixed race, child.

**Why should you choose us?** Because we’re not just at peace with adopting, we are celebrating that this is our path to parenthood. We feel blessed to be able to add a child to our lives and honored that you are considering us to be adoptive parents to yours.

There’s a sign we have, gifted by a family friend, that reads: “Adoption: because a family isn’t made from blood, it’s made from love.” We firmly believe this is what we were meant to do, how we always were destined to parent. We are hopeful and we pray — every day — that we will be parents.

We’d love to get to know you! You can follow us on either Instagram or TikTok @ **loveone\_loveall** or reach out to us via email at **boandnatadopt@gmail.com**



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