

*Elle & Mark*



*We are Mark and Elle.*





We are honored that you are considering us to love and cherish your child. Your choice of making an adoption plan for your baby is both courageous and loving.

There is no greater love than the love shared by a family in a warm and compassionate home. We will provide a life and home full of love, protection and encouragement for your child.

Thank you for considering our home and family as the choice for your child. We hope that as you learn more about us you will feel our connection and, perhaps, the destiny that has brought us together.



# About Us



We met over six years ago when we were both traveling on business. It didn't take us long to figure out that we had a deep connection and respect for one another. We will always be grateful for that chance meeting and for the wonderful, loved-filled years since that moment.

Traveling is a passion that we share. We love exploring new destinations, and collectively we have been to Mexico, Hawaii, the Dominican Republic, Nevis, the US & British Virgin Islands, Scotland, Asia, France and Italy. These experiences have given us a greater appreciation for the world we live in, and we hope to one day experience this with our child. When we are not traveling we enjoy spending time together at home and with our family, having cookouts, going swimming, playing tennis and volleyball, and visiting with friends.





We cherish the time we spend with our family, especially Mark's two daughters, Meredith and Mindy. We enjoy family vacations to the lake and summer trips to the beaches of Florida. These trips have become a tradition and the girls still get excited when it's time to go. We spend time on the beach swimming and throwing the Frisbee or football, and in the evening we cook, play card games and have fun playing Trivial Pursuit.

From the beginning of our relationship, we knew we wanted to try and conceive to expand our family as well as to adopt because of Elle's positive adoption experience. In 2010, our beautiful son Luke was born, but due to medical complications we were only blessed with him for 12 days. Through this experience our family has grown even closer and even more aware of how important life and family are. Now we would like to share our family, our lives, and our love with a special child through adoption.

# *My Wife*



To know Elle is to see her love and passion for all that is good - life, faith, family and children. She has forever changed my life by becoming my wife and showing me how to see so much good in everything the world has to offer. Elle is the shining light that brightens each day.

As a child who was adopted, she has been personally touched by the love of an adoptive family. She knows the value of a stable home, the loving hugs of a mom and dad, and the joy of being accepted into the warmth of a forever family. Elle enjoys walking outdoors on hikes and playing with our family dogs.



She also is an avid scrapbooker. Her talent for photography and creativity combine to allow her to make memorable scrapbook keepsakes for our family and friends. She also enjoys planning and hosting family gatherings, spending time with friends, and taking vacations to tropical destinations. Our meals together and the time we share in our home are some of my most simple yet favorite experiences with Elle.

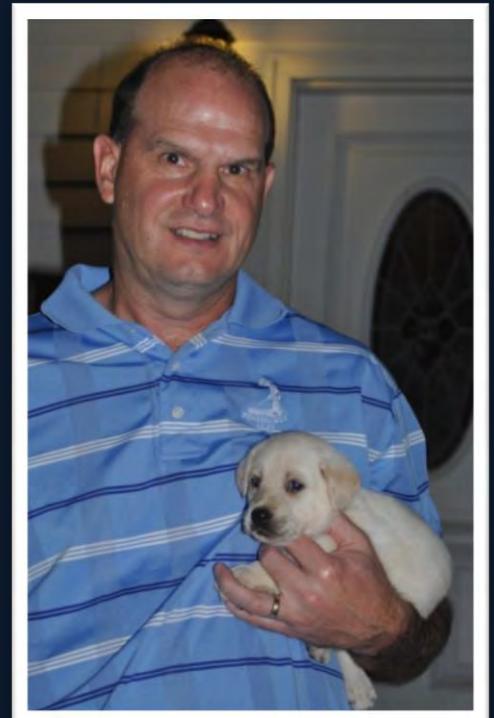
Elle's desire to be a mother again is inspired by her love for children and her hope that every baby has the chance to be secure and loved in a close-knit home and family. She will give all of her passion and life energy to ensure that your baby is given the love and nurturing that he or she deserves.

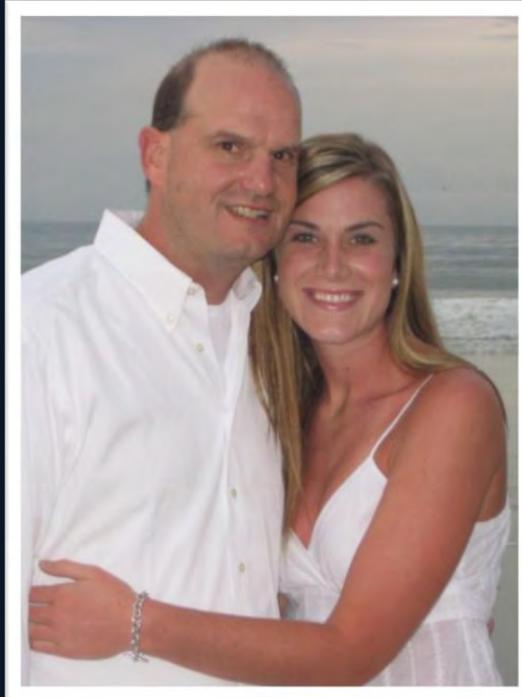
# *My Husband*



I am so blessed to have Mark in my life. He has brought so much love and joy into my life, and he truly is my best friend. Mark is loving, kind, loyal, respectful and funny. When we first met, it was his personality and sense of humor that drew me in, but ultimately it was his passion for his family that truly melted my heart.

Mark is a very loving and dedicated father to his two beautiful daughters, Meredith and Mindy, from his first marriage. Once I met Mark, my life was instantly filled with high school sporting events, memorable road trips to basketball games, and river rafting trips with the high school softball team. We have had so much fun! I have enjoyed watching Mark as he has loved, coached and guided his daughters through their teenage years. Never have I seen a dad more involved and connected to his children.



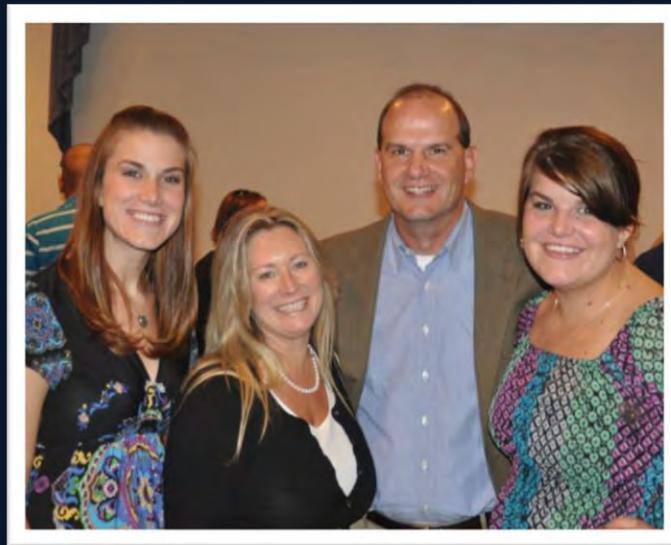


Mark's enthusiasm for sports is contagious; he enjoys both watching and playing sports. Some nights Mark and his father will go to the local high school sporting event and cheer for the home team. The Atlanta Braves and Georgia Bulldogs are his favorite teams, and as a family we attend many of their games throughout the year. Mark also enjoys traveling, golf and waterskiing, and he just completed his first half marathon.

I am so proud of Mark's accomplishments and business ethic; he is a hard worker and a great provider for our family. Mark has been in the medical technology field for over 20 years and is currently a vice president for a medical software company. The great thing is that Mark has a home office and a very flexible schedule, so he is able to be very present in a child's life. He is a very devoted husband and father, and I know he will guide your child with great love in his heart. He is truly excited about welcoming a new baby into our family.

# *Our Children*





Mark's daughters are amazing young ladies. We have enjoyed watching these young ladies grow into beautiful, kind, intelligent women. Meredith has just graduated college, and Mindy is attending college. They are both kind, loving souls.

Meredith and Mindy were amazing big sisters to baby Luke when he was born; they came to spend time with him every day. Although they miss their little brother, they are looking forward to welcoming a new child into the family and are excited that we are adopting.



# *Our Family*

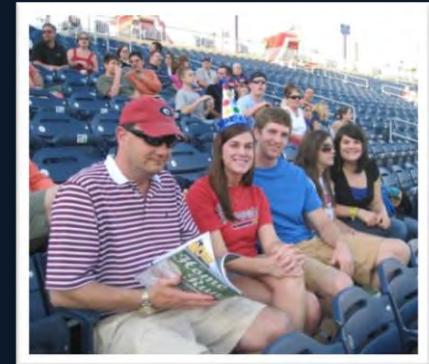


We are very fortunate to have many loving, supportive family members who live so close to us. Both our families are so excited about our decision to bring a child into the family through adoption and can't wait for him or her to join in on the fun and family traditions. Our family is a huge part of our life and we enjoy being close enough to spend time with them whenever we want. Birthdays and holidays are always festive with lots of food and usually a few different games going on. We all love to cook, so the kitchen is always filled with people.



Most of Mark's family lives near us, with the exception of his brother's family who lives in California. Mark's brother and sister-in-law are teachers and have the summers off; they have a home in Arizona near Elle's family, so we visit with them often





Mark also has two sisters who live close by. Debbie and Gary have two older daughters. Becky and Jeff have five amazing children, four of whom were adopted.

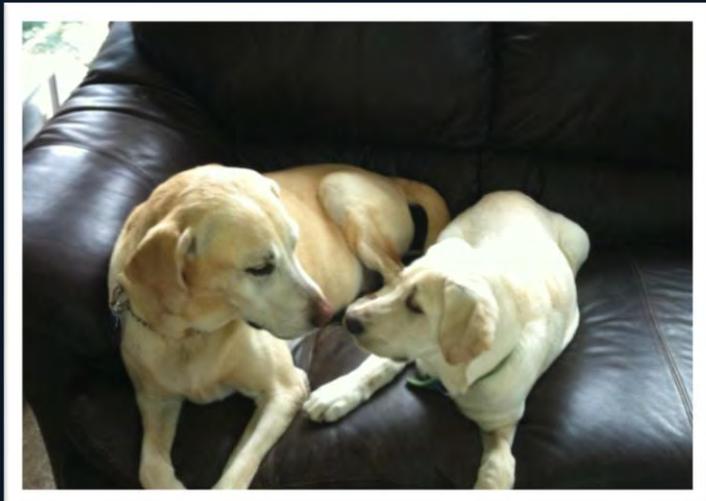
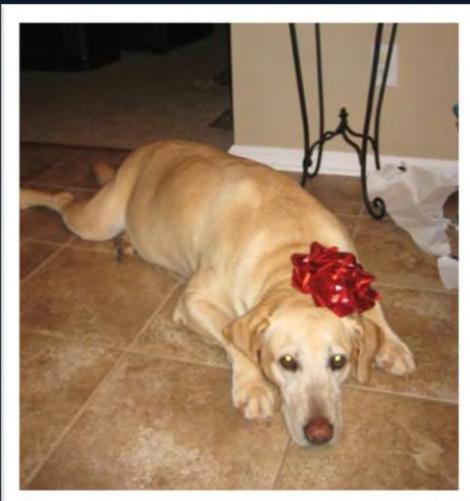
Most of Elle's family is in Arizona and Colorado. Elle's parents are deceased, but we spend a lot of time with her aunts and cousins, nieces and nephews. Both of our families get together a few times a year, usually in the spring in Arizona to watch our nephew play professional baseball. When we are not together, we are on the phone weekly if not daily. All of our family loves being together. We cherish all the memories we have and look forward to making many more.





*Our Home*

We live in a beautiful suburban neighborhood outside of Atlanta. Our house is located in a swim and tennis community that also includes basketball courts, as well as a lake and trails where we can explore nature. We love spending time outside gardening in the yard or visiting with our neighbors and their children. Our community hosts many activities for the children to enjoy throughout the year. There are many beautiful parks with trails nearby, and a dog park where our yellow Labradors, Madison and Murphy, can play. We also enjoy being close to Atlanta as it gives us the opportunity to experience all that the big city has to offer such as sporting events, museums, cultural activities and the theater.



# *Our Thanks*



As you consider your choices, we thank you for allowing us to be considered as a part of this wonderful gift of life. Your courage and compassion will be continued throughout the life of your precious child.

While we are passionate about extending our family and would love to do so by providing your baby with the home and love that would honor this gift of life – the real winner is your child. We know that whomever you choose, your child will have the life of love that you desire for him or her to know, and that is what brings a smile to our hearts.

God bless you in your journey and thank you for considering us as the family for your child.



