



Joe, Emily and Miles



Miles 5th birthday.

"If I make a wish will it really come true?" Our son Miles asked us before he blew out the candle on his 5th birthday cake last year. We looked at each other and then looked back at him and said, "Yes." He blew out the candle, looked up at us and said, "I wished for a baby brother or sister," his face beaming with excitement.

What he did not know was that we had tried for the past 3.5 years to grow our family. When we got pregnant with Miles, we didn't know the journey to conceive a second child would be such a painful one; and yet it has brought us here to the path of adoption--which is where we truly feel like we are meant to be. **We hope to join you on this path of adoption and go side by side navigating the twists and turns together.**

Our Hope



Spending time at the Hudson River with Miles and our dog Levon.



Watching the 4th of July parade in our town.



Christmas festivities.

We can only imagine the overwhelming mix of emotions you are going through at this time. We admire the strength and courage you have to embark on this journey. Our hope is that through these pages you get a sense of the life your child would have in our family-- a life full of **unconditional love, adventure, and never ending support.**

In addition to that, they will always know that **you** are their birth mother and that your decision was made out of a selfless act of pure love for them. We want to adopt because we feel our family is not complete and we have so much more love in our hearts that we want to give to your child.

A day in the life of Miles

You may be wondering what a day would look like for your child in our family. Of course Miles attends school, but when he is not in school, here is a glimpse of what he loves to do!



Movie dates with Mimi (Emily's mom).



Summer adventures with friends.



Ice cream with cousins Amelia and Charlotte.



Miles' favorite--bowling!



Broadway shows.



Hikes on local trails.

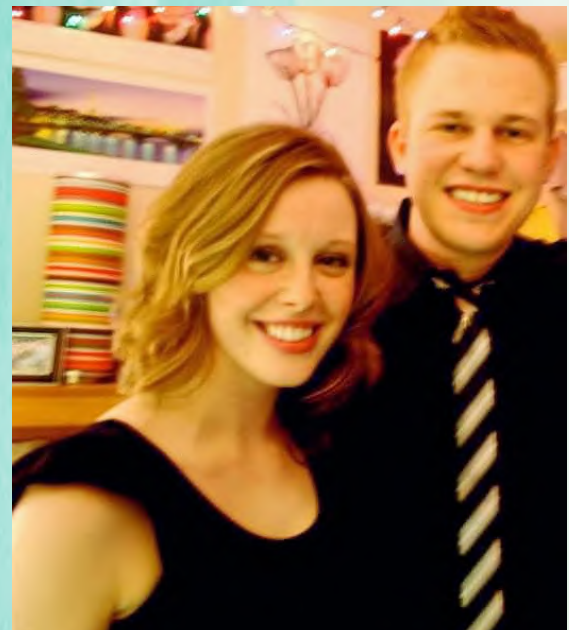
How We Met



We met in college in 2009 when we both lived in the same dorm. We became friends and bonded over long conversations at the dining hall. After a few months, we realized our feelings were deeper for each other. We started dating and moved in together a couple of years after that.



Photos from our college days
when we met.





Our dog Levon
as a puppy.



Right after I said "Yes" to
Joe's proposal.



Our first dance at our
wedding.

2014: Rescued our dog Levon and
got engaged.

2016: Got married.

2017: Bought our home--on the
same street Emily grew up on and
one house away from her parents!

2018: Our son Miles was born.



Miles at just a few days old.

About Joe by Emily



Joe and Miles on a visit to NYC.

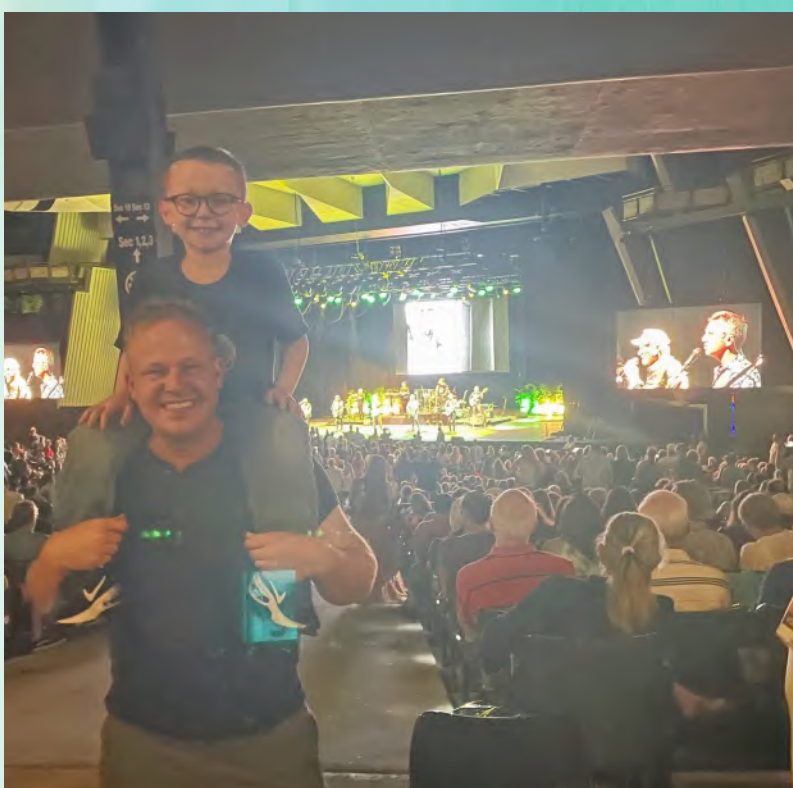


Merry-go-round fun on a weekend trip to Saratoga Springs.

Joe is the friend who is always planning things--weekend getaways, concerts, Broadway shows, etc. He has a gift for bringing people together and making memories. He is also an incredibly dependable person; if a friend needs help moving or someone needs a ride to the airport, he offers before they can even ask.

This character trait also happens to make Joe the best dad in the world. He is always there--so involved. He loves taking Miles to do fun things like bowling, swimming, hiking or fishing.

The two of them always come home with fun stories about their adventures together.



Joe and Miles at a recent Beach Boys concert.



Fishing on a recent trip to a friend's cabin.



Meeting Mickey in Disney World.



Joe with Miles and some of our nieces on a family vacation.

About Joe by Emily

Joe is also a **dedicated teacher**. He teaches high school math in an inner city school. He makes connections with each of his students, encourages them to try their best, and be their best selves. He has taken me and Miles to sporting events and drama club performances that his students are in—**cheering them on even outside of the classroom.**



Joe and some of his former students.



One of the many weekend trips Joe planned-the Dr. Seuss Museum.



Halloween 2023.



Pumpkin picking fun!



Joe and Miles with his sister Nikki and her daughters.

About Emily

by Joe



Emily is the heart and soul of our family. From the moment we met, she captivated me with her kindness, compassion, and infectious humor. Beyond that initial impression, her deep love for family stood out. She constantly thinks of ways to bring family together--inviting her parents over for a weeknight dinner or suggesting a quick weekend trip up-state to see our niece and nephew.

Emily has an ability to turn ordinary moments into unforgettable adventures, always bringing joy and fun to our lives.



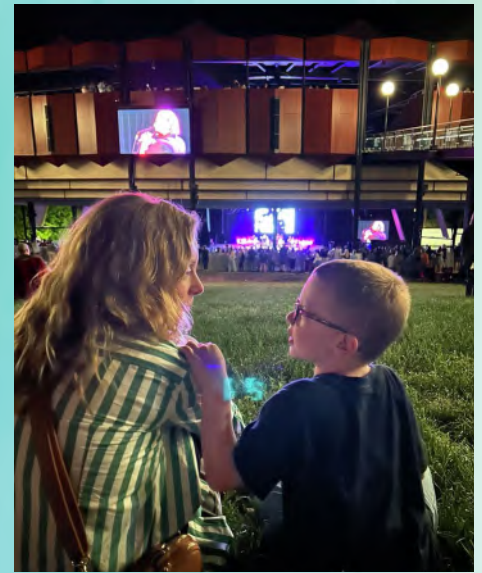
Emily and Miles on his first day of school.



Beach vacation fun!



Snow day fun with Miles and Levon.



Outdoor summer concert.



Emily reading to Miles' class.



Getting fresh air on a winter day.



Favorite part of the day-book and snuggles before bed.

About Emily by Joe



Emily's unwavering support for Miles and myself is truly remarkable. Whether she is cheering Miles on at soccer or surprising him in class with a story, her love shines through in everything she does. I feel incredibly fortunate to have her as my partner.

In addition to being an incredible wife and mom, Emily is a Middle School Counselor. In her role, she makes a profound impact on students navigating the hardest years of adolescence. When we visit her school for events, it's clear how deeply she is loved, with students excitedly running up to her to say "Hi Mrs. T!!!"

When you ask Miles what he loves most about having Emily as his mom, his eyes light up as he says he "loves everything about her" – from the nightly stories before bed to the morning cuddles that kick off our days. He often tells me how "happy he is that we are a family". Emily is already an amazing mom, and I have no doubt she will be an incredible mother of two.



On a roller coaster at Disney World!



Aquarium visit.



Halloween 2022.



Miles getting ready to help blow out the candles for Emily's birthday.



Swimming on a lake trip to our friend's cabin.



Annual beach vacation.

About Miles

Miles is a loving, silly, and curious 6 year old boy. He is sweet, kind, and loves to learn. He is full of wonder and lives each day to the fullest. One of his favorite things to do is go to the playground and each time we go he seems to make a new friend. He loves his school, which is just a short walk from our house.

We love to have family movie nights with popcorn and play board games together. We end everyday with snuggles and a book before bed.



Miles reading to our first baby...our 10 year old Lab/Hound mix Levon.



Swimming with cousin Claire.



Learning about dinos at the Museum of Natural History.



Bowling with one of his best buddies.



Hanging with cousin Luke.



Outside fun with cousin Amelia.



Singing and playing piano before bed!



Emily's family when she was growing up.



Joe's family when he was growing up.

Family

Both of us are very close with our parents and siblings. Miles is also so close with his cousins, or "cuzzies" as we call them. Our families are very supportive of adoption and they look forward to welcoming your child into our family with open arms.

We live on the same street where Emily grew up, just one house away from her parents. We see them daily and often enjoy neighborhood walks to visit Emily's brother and his husband, Rishi, who are less than a mile away. Emily's sister Katie is her best friend and although Katie and her family live a few hours away, we Facetime and talk on the phone daily-sometimes multiple times per day! We also enjoy monthly gatherings with Joe's family, making the most of our time together. Family has always been at the heart of our lives, and we are so grateful for the strong support system we have.

Family



Emily's sister Katie and brother Dan.



Joe's brother Steve and sister Nikki.



Miles' cousins on Joe's side.



Emily's parents (Mimi and Poppy).



Joe's parents (Mema and Pepa).



Miles' cousins on Emily's side.



Miles, Emily, and her brother Dan-supporting our niece Sienna at her race.



New Years Eve Kid's Ball Drop in our town square with cousin Claire and Amelia



Seeing a concert with Emily's brother Dan and his husband Rishi.



Miles with Joe's parents (Mema and Pepa), and Donald Duck of course!



Emily's family at her brother Dan's wedding to his now husband, Rishi.



Joe's brother's wife, Francine. Snuggles by their outdoor fire pit.

Friends



Miles and some of his friends at a birthday party.



Miles and one of his best friends at the local farmer's market.



Hanging out with Miles' friend and his family.



Miles and some friends at his 6th birthday party.



Halloween fun with friends.



Saturday morning soccer games.

Holiday Traditions



Annual adventure of cutting down our Christmas tree.

Christmas morning snuggles.

It's evening and the house smells like cookies baking in the oven. The fireplace warms us up.. The twinkly Christmas lights on the tree give off a soft white glow. We snuggle on the couch as a family to watch Elf. The next morning Santa will ride around the neighborhood on a firetruck waving as kids jump up and down with glee. It's our favorite time of year.

Each year we look forward to cutting down the Christmas tree, riding the polar express and our annual Christmas Jam-a yearly party where family and friends gather while Joe and his friends play classic Christmas songs. We enjoy good food and each others company; appreciating the year we had and looking forward to the next.



Joe playing music at his parents' annual Christmas Eve gathering.



Miles on the harmonica during our annual party, Christmas Jam-where Joe and his friends play Christmas music in our living room.



Emily, cousin Claire and Miles on Christmas Eve.



Miles with Emily's parents on our annual ride on The Polar Express.



Baking Christmas cookies.

Where We Live



View of our house driving up our street.



We caught a photo of Santa and his reindeer on our roof!

We live about an hour and 15 minutes outside of New York City right along the Hudson River. Our town is so special to Emily because it's where she was raised. We walk up the street to her parents' house for family dinners or to just pop in and borrow an ingredient we may have forgotten for dinner!

A typical weekend usually includes walking to the playground and then going across the street to get ice cream where the owner knows almost every kid's order. Every Tuesday evening in the summer there are concerts at the community bandstand where people dance and chat and kids run around to burn off some energy in the summer air. It was a great place to grow up and still is an amazing place to raise a family.



Where We Live



Future nursery.



The nursery's view of the backyard.



Our living room, with lots of windows and natural light.



Enjoying live music at the bandstand on a summer evening.



Miles' bedroom.



Our dining room on Thanksgiving.

Our Promise...

Our promise to you is that your child will be loved unconditionally for who they are. We promise to always keep your child safe and happy. We promise to form a relationship with you that you are comfortable with--with your child at the center of it--ensuring that they grow up knowing who they are and where they come from. We happily will welcome a child of any race or background into our family. Once we welcome your child into our lives, we plan to take maternity and paternity leave and use our local trusted daycare. We are also fortunate to have help from both sets of grandparents in addition to our summers off.

We are wishing you a smooth and healthy pregnancy and delivery. We are praying for comfort and grace for you as you navigate this difficult decision.





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