



Beth & Michael



Our Promise to You

Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you for getting to know us.

We hope that by going through these pages, you will be able to get to know more about us, our family, and the loving home we hope to provide for your child.

We know that you have many challenging decisions ahead of you, but we also know, no matter what you decide, that it will undoubtedly be the best one for you and your child.

How We Met



Above: Michael's senior prom
Below: Our high school friends

We have known each other since we were 8 years old. We were friends on and off throughout middle and high school and started dating at the end of high school when Michael was a senior and Beth was a junior.

During college, we stayed together and visited each other as often as we could. We both started working in the Albany, NY area and that's where we settled. We got engaged in 2017, after dating for 10 years, and married in 2018.

We always wanted children but faced infertility challenges. We would love to welcome you to help build our family together and be the answer to our prayers.





Beth's senior prom



Michael's house when we were 17 and 18



Disney World!

Michael



Visiting Amsterdam



At the Dr. Who Experience in the UK

I grew up in a suburb just north of New York City. I am the oldest of 3, and have a sister (Maria) and brother (Alex). Family has always been very important to me and I'm very close with my mom and dad along with my siblings. We see each other often and talk regularly. I also see my extended family multiple times a year for holidays and events. All of my cousins participate in Secret Santa at Christmastime, and we have an annual football game to ring in the New Year.

I also have close friends from throughout my life, from my hometown to where we live now. I'm the dependable one in my friendships and am extremely loyal. I've been the one that keeps my friend groups together by reaching out and keeping everyone in touch as we've gotten older.

I am a very technical person and went to college for engineering. I love to try new things and got to travel all over the world for work when I was younger.



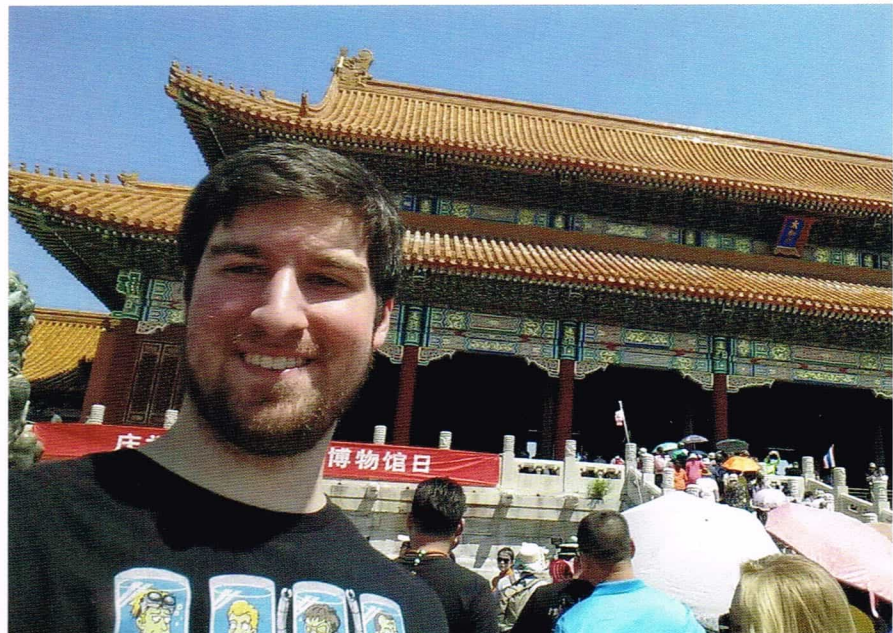
Cherry blossoms in Japan



Hiking in Hawaii



I am a huge
NY sports
fan



At the Forbidden City in Beijing

Michael's Family



Michael's family at a cousin's wedding

Michael's family has been very important in both of our lives. Michael's parents, Fran and Jim, always had Michael and his friends over to their house growing up, including Beth.

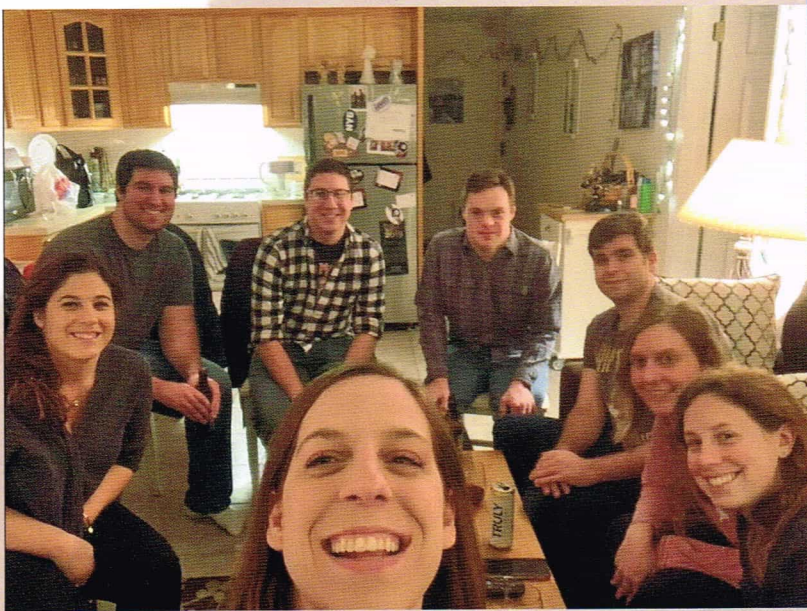
We see Michael's family very often, whether it's at our house, Michael's parent's house, or at his grandmother's beach house during the summer.

Michael is very close to his family and each year goes on vacation with at least one of them to spend extra time together. He went to Japan with his sister, took his Dad and brother to Italy, and recently went to Las Vegas with his mom.

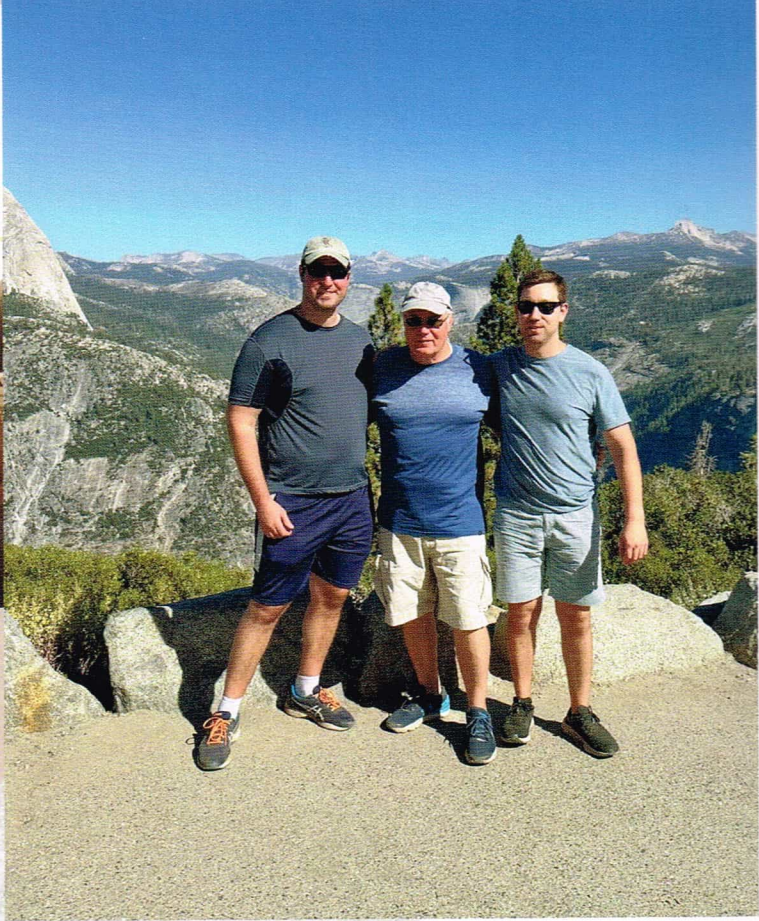
They all cannot wait for the family to get even bigger, and look forward to spoiling their grandchild.



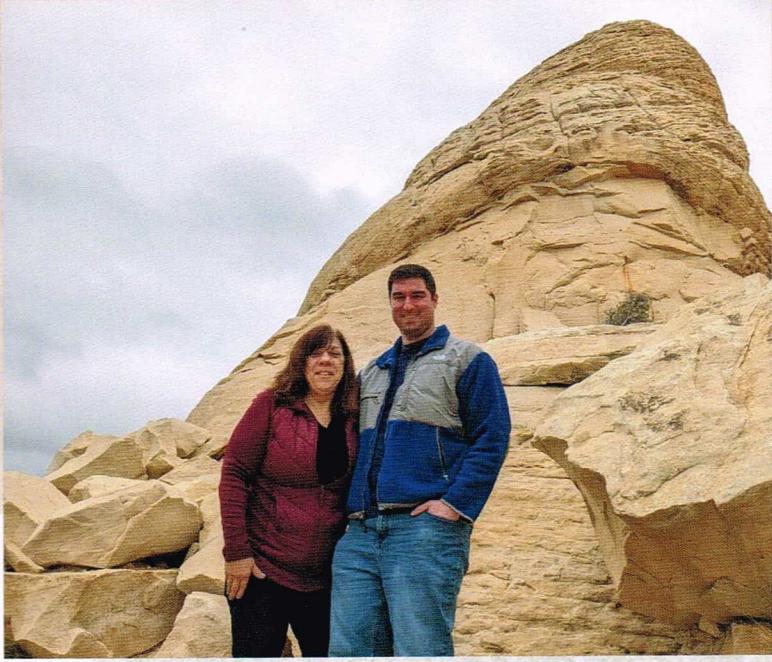
Michael with his dad and brother in Rome



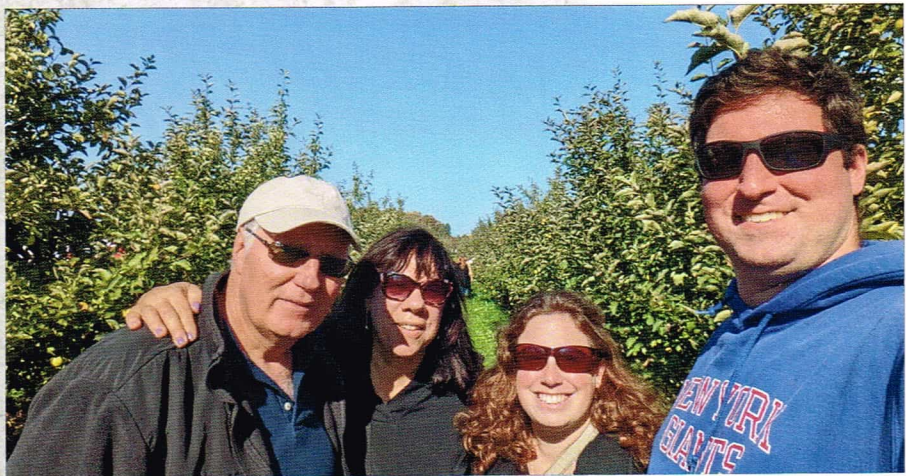
With Michael's cousins



Michael with his dad, Jim, and brother, Alex, at Yosemite National Park



Michael and his mom, Fran, while hiking in Nevada



Apple picking with Michael's parents

Beth

I also grew up in a suburb of NYC. Just one town over from Michael. I am the youngest in the family, with an older sister Kate.

I have always loved baking and coming up with new culinary creations. It is a passion I have started to share with our niece, Riley.

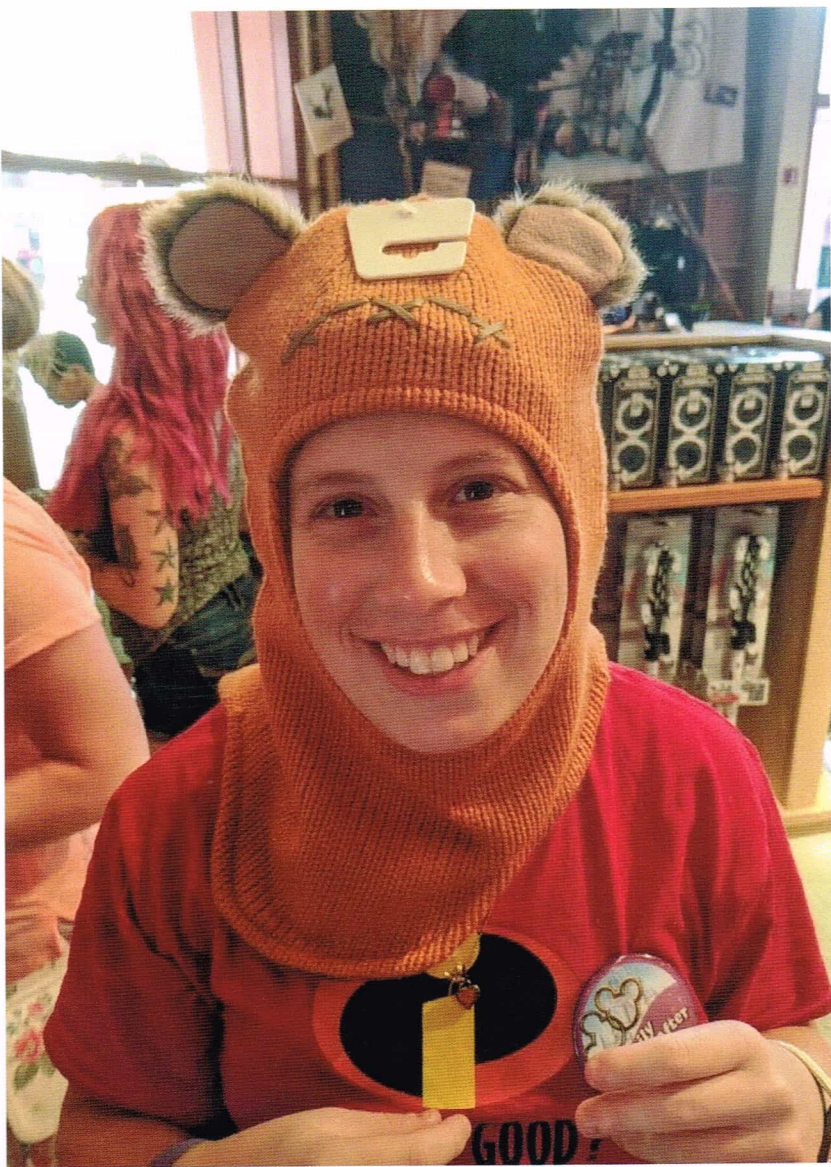
I love seeing what the world has to offer, so I feel lucky that we have been able to travel so much, and learn about different places and cultures.



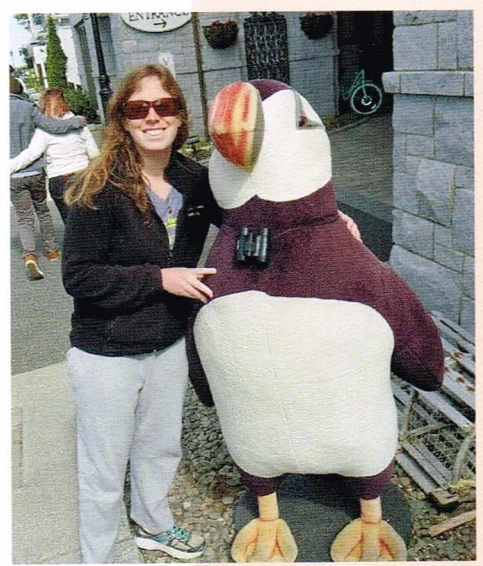
Exploring Iceland



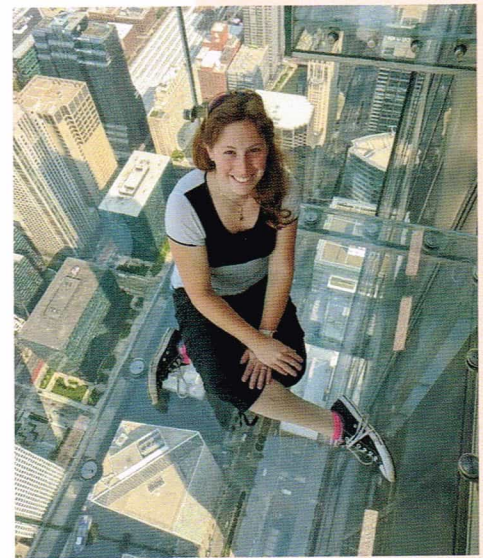
Touring our house for the first time



Trying on an Ewok hat



Meeting a friendly puffin



On a glass bridge above Chicago



Getting some sun in Italy



Flying on a broomstick in the UK

Beth's Family



Beth with her niece, Riley, enjoy the bumper cars at a county fair

Beth's family has always been a fixture in both of their lives. And just like Michael's family is very supportive of our plans to adopt.

Beth has an older sister, Kate, who along with her husband Stu and daughter Riley, we see multiple times a year. Depending on the season, we'll go apple picking, visit various fairs, or play in the snow.



Beth and Michael with Beth's family at their wedding

Since Beth's parents have moved part time to Florida, we like to go down and stay with them at least once a year, for a couple of weeks. We can't wait to go with your baby and enjoy the sights and warm weather.

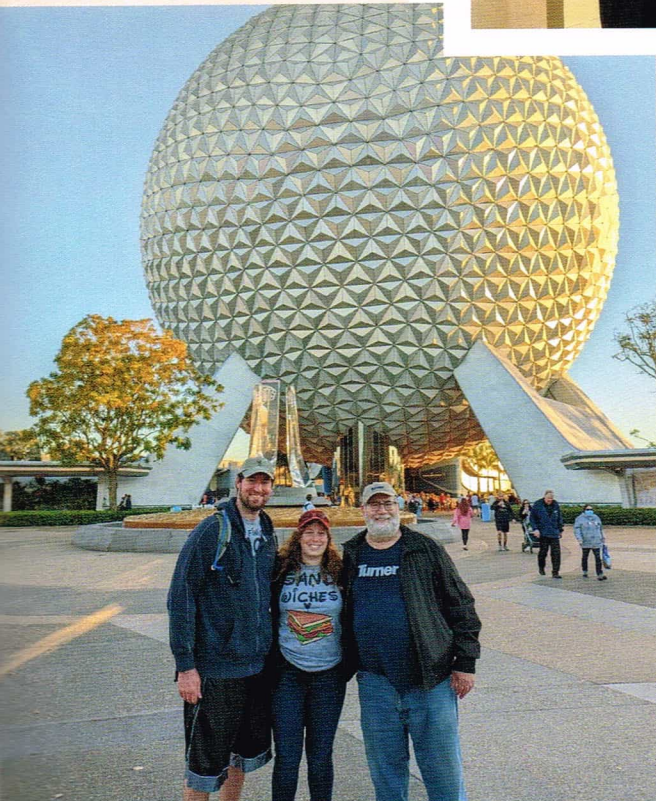


Above: Michael playing with Riley

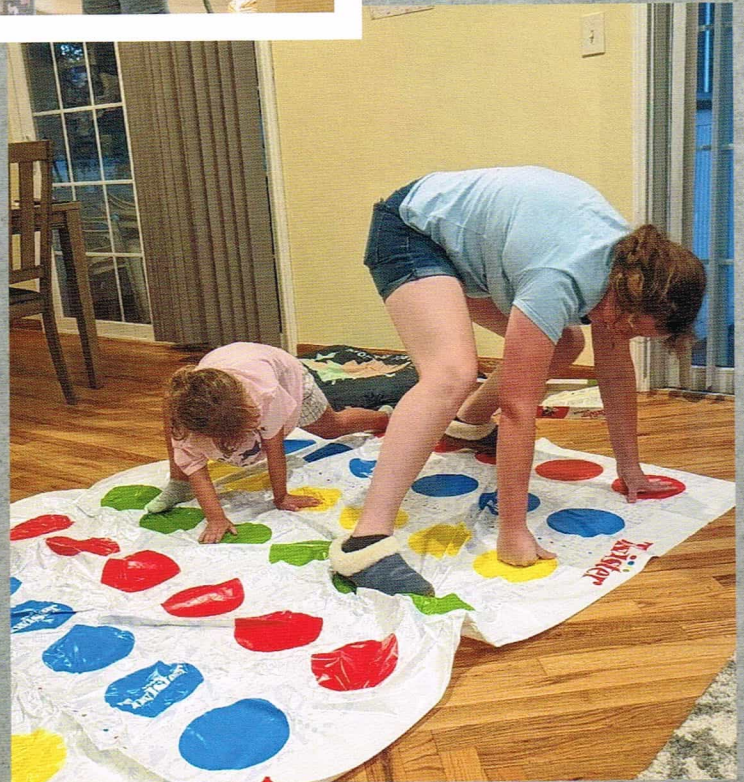
Right: Beth, Pam and Kate during our wedding



Above: Beth's Dad, Evan, and Lottie bonding



Beth and Michael with her Dad, Evan at EPCOT



Beth losing to Riley at Twister

Finn

Finn is our first dog, who we got as a puppy from a rescue in 2018, soon after we were married. He's a small terrier mix and is super soft. He loves being around people and getting attention but is very laid back and likes to do his own thing too. He loves to run around and chase other dogs when we go to the park. He's very good with children and loves getting pets and treats.



Finn and Beth kayaking on Long Island



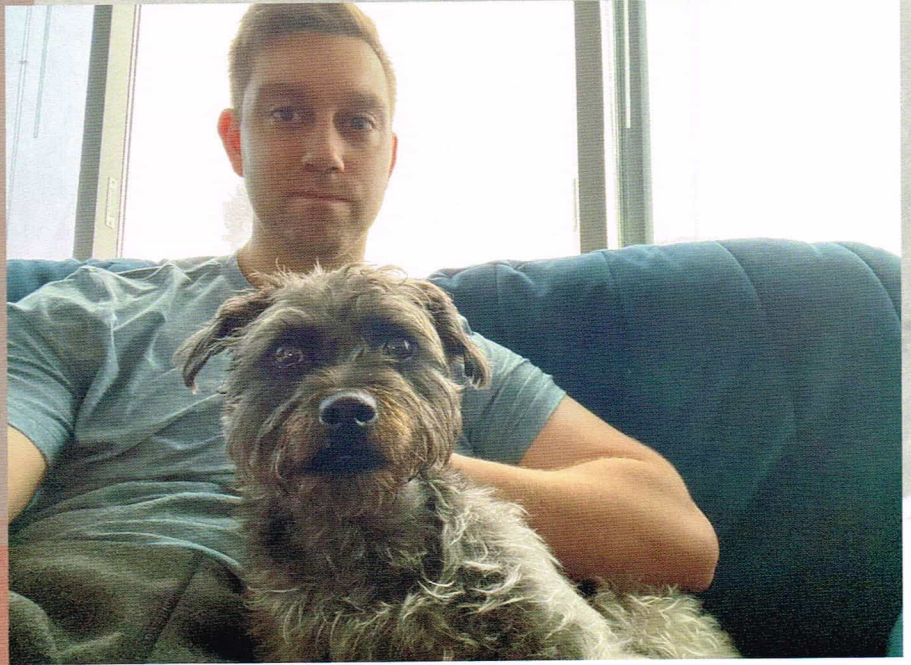
Finn trying on his new sweater



Finn in his Halloween costume

Lottie

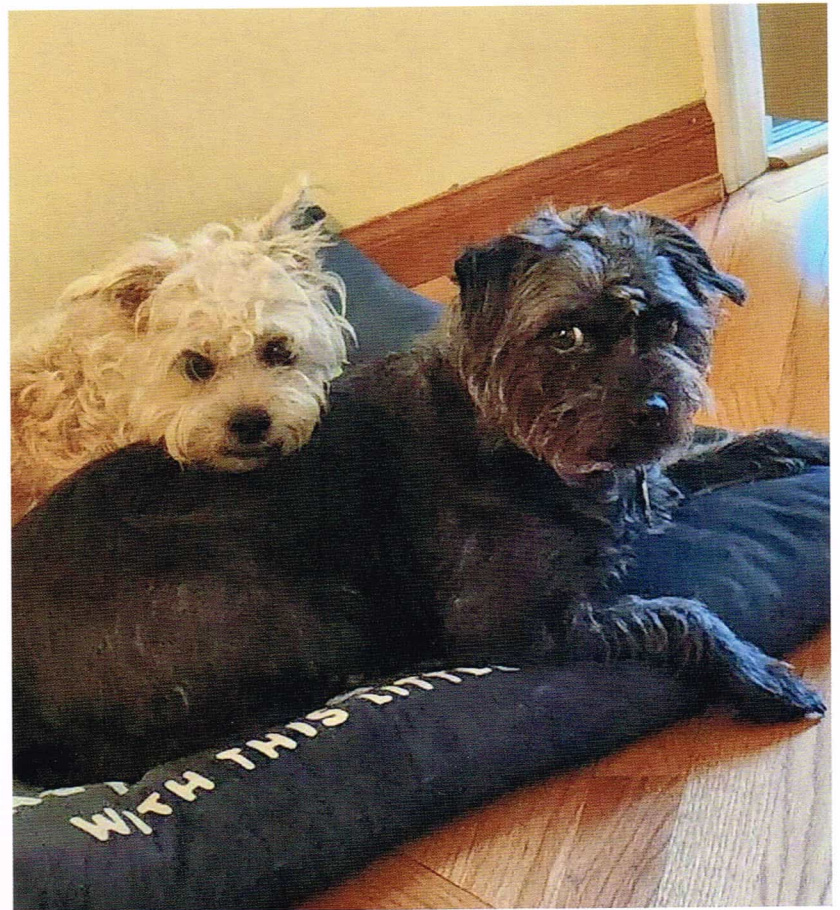
Lottie is our second dog, who we rescued during the pandemic at the beginning of 2021. She loves to play fetch and always wants to be around people and in someones lap getting pets. She loves being around children, and is always gentle with them.



Lottie spending the day with her Uncle Alex



Lottie getting tucked in for a midday nap



Finn loves using Lottie as a pillow

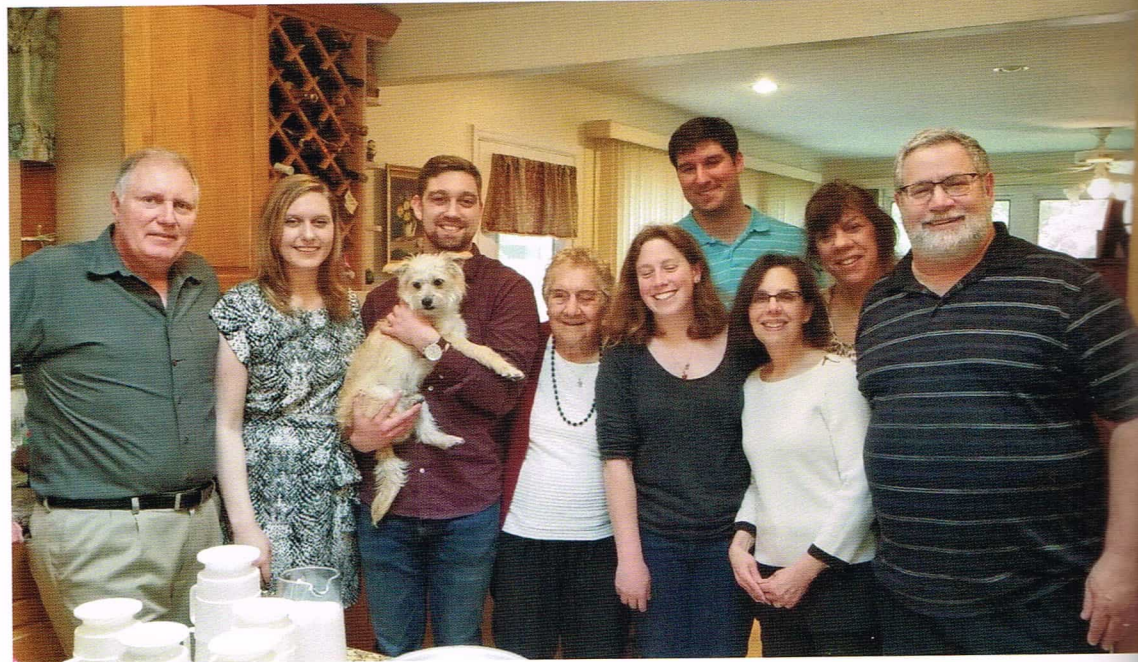
Traditions

Michael's family is Christian and Beth's is Jewish so we have a lot of traditions that we cannot wait to share with your child.

Michael's family celebrates Christmas and Easter each year and his mom loves to cook and host everyone at their house. Michael's extended family meets at his grandmother's beach house every year in the summer and between Christmas and New Years for a football game .



Michael's family at Christmas with the dogs!



Both families together for Thanksgiving

Friends

We have friends from every stage of our lives. We love to stay in touch with friends.

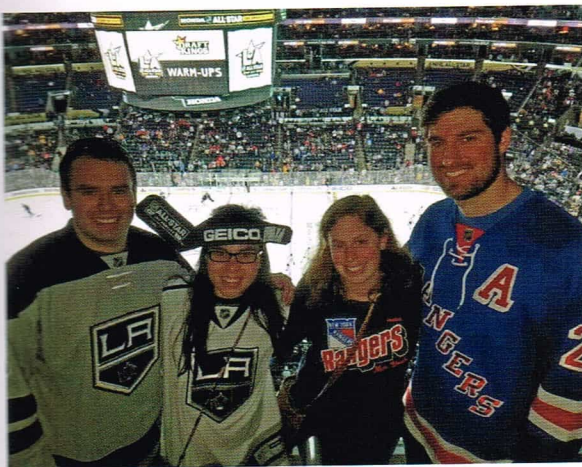
We talk to and meet up with our friend group from high school whenever we are all in the New York City area.

Every year we meet up with Michael's college friends for his fantasy football draft.

We see Beth's best friend from college Erin, as often as we can even though we've moved.



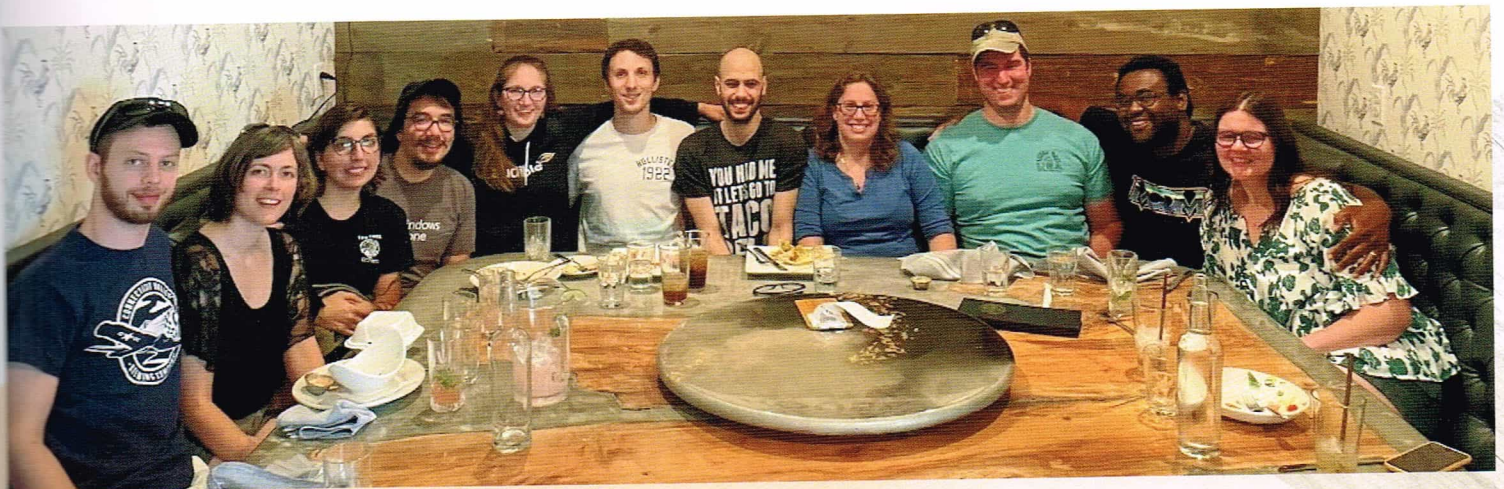
Michael with two high school friends in NYC



Visiting some friends in LA for the NHL All Star game



Beth with her friend, Erin at Acadia National Park



Visiting Colorado for the annual fantasy football draft

Things We Like to Do

We love being outdoors, whether its hiking, traveling or just walking our dogs. When we vacation we always try to include some sort of hike or outdoor activity.

When we are home we enjoy playing video games together. Michael also enjoys playing computer games on a computer he built himself.

We also both love puzzles and trivia. We enjoy doing 3D and regular puzzles and love legos and all the different things we can build with them. We cant wait to do these with your baby and continue with bigger legos as they grow!

We are also huge foodies. We love to try different food from the local cuisine when we travel and also love to cook for ourselves when we are at home. Beth also likes to try making different desserts.

We like to try new types of food or recipes at least once a month and experiment with how we can improve it. Last month we tried our hand at Kasespatzle, the German take on mac and cheese.

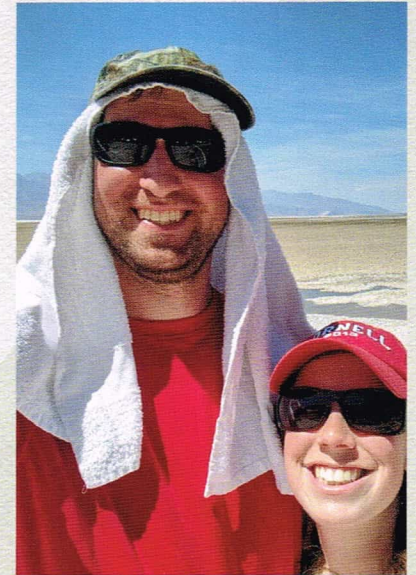


Beth enjoying ramen and tempura in Hawaii



Our annual New Years charcuterie board, we put together the board for ourselves and have some nice meats and cheeses as we ring in the new year. We hope next year we will celebrate with your child too!

Beth's homemade millionaire shortbread
(left) and challah (right)



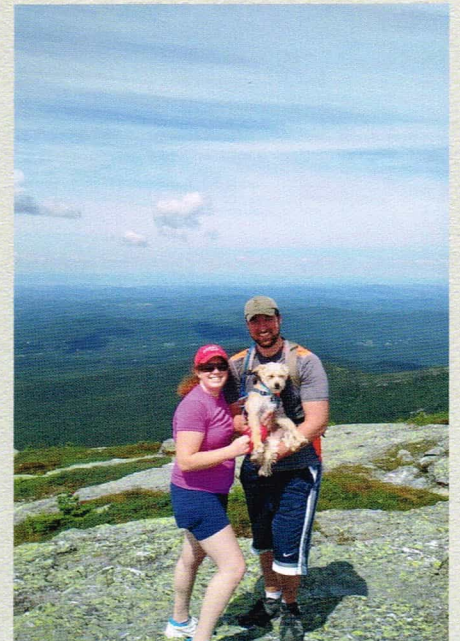
Hiking the
California desert



Lego versions of Cinderella's Castle and a roller coaster



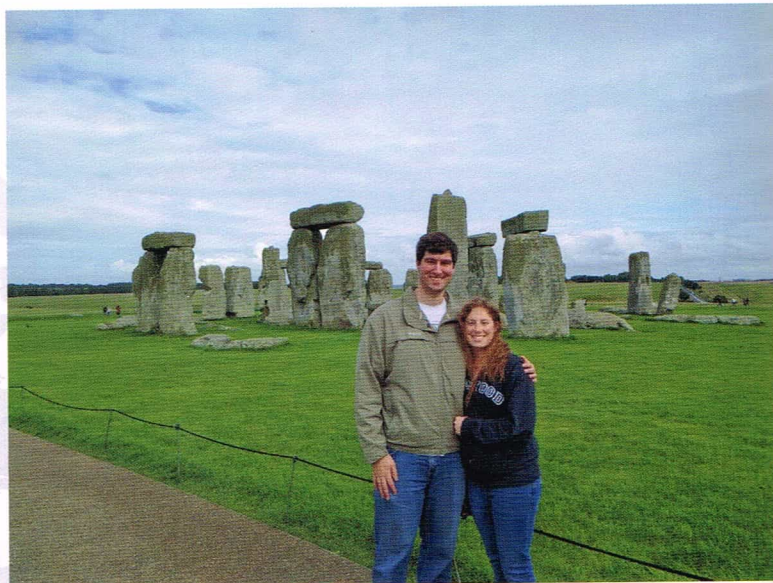
Taking flying
lessons in the
United
Kingdom
where Harry
Potter did in
the first
movie!



Vermont hike

Traveling

We love to travel and try to take trips every year to somewhere we have never been. We have travelled all over the US and Europe and want to keep travelling. In the US we are trying to visit every national park and in Europe we love exploring the cities and culture of the country we are in.

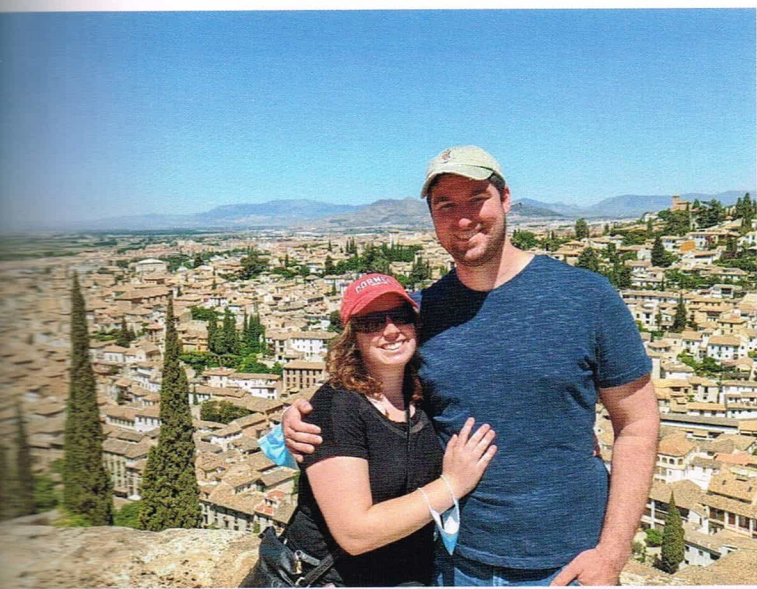


At Stonehenge in the United Kingdom

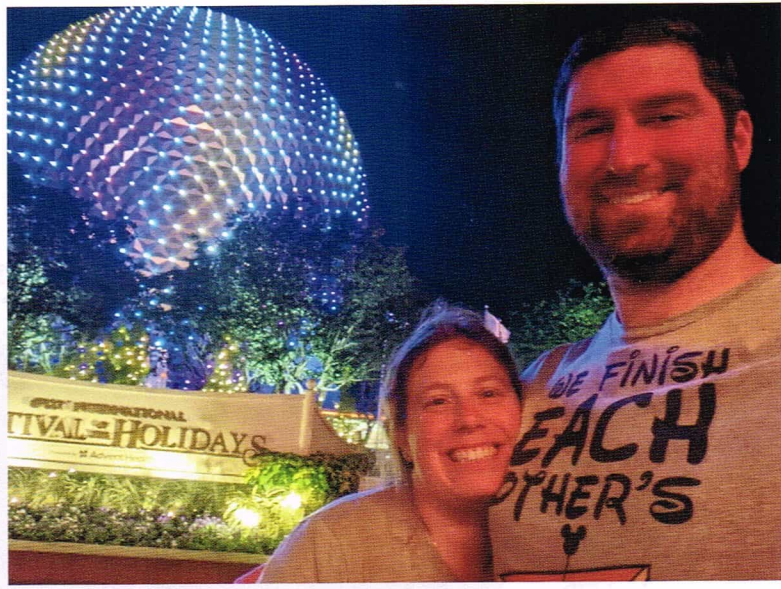
We also love amusement parks and go to both Disney and Universal when we are in Florida visiting Beth's parents. We can't wait to experience the world through the eyes of your child.



In Germany at Neuschwanstein Castle for our honeymoon



Visiting Grenada, Spain



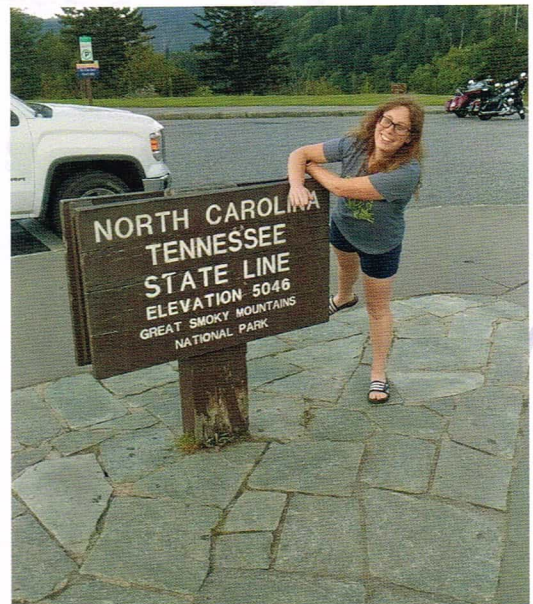
At the Festival of the Holidays at EPCOT in Disney World



In Italy for our honeymoon



Beth feeding deer in Japan



Beth at Great Smoky Mts National Park

Our House & Neighborhood

We bought our house in the spring of 2018 and have loved it ever since. Our house is in the suburbs just north of Albany, NY. Our neighborhood is made up of a few cul-de-sacs that all come off a quiet road. Perfect for learning how to ride a bike! The neighborhood is full of young couples with children who are able to play in the neighborhood thanks to how little traffic there is. Your child will fit right in!

We love to visit nearby mountains for hiking or skiing, lakes for swimming or ice skating, and where we live is centrally located between New York City, Boston and Montreal. We love taking advantage of things our area offers such as the Tulip Festival in Albany, concerts at Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and food festivals all around the region.



View from the backyard after a big snowstorm

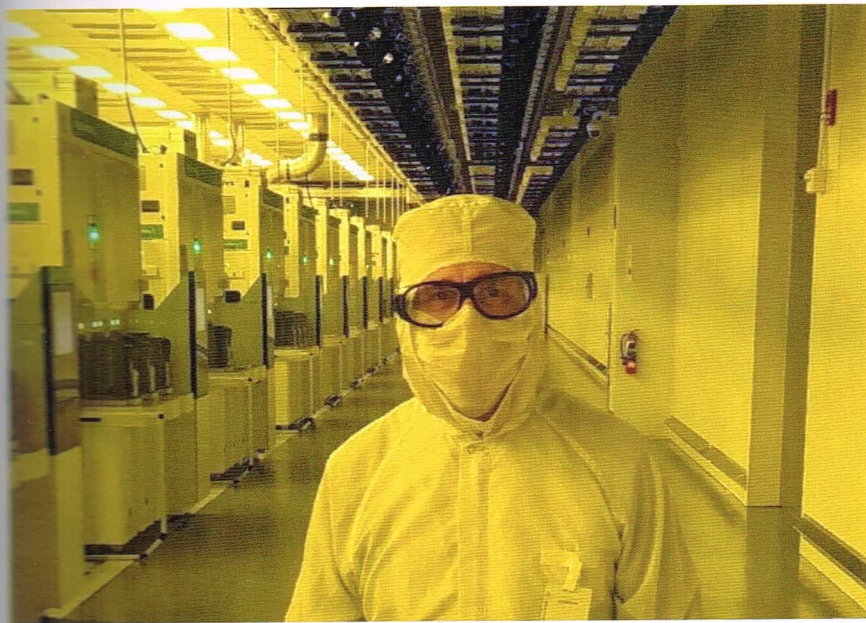


A small lake, near our house, that we like to walk around



Our house on a nice spring day

Our Work



Beth inside the cleanroom, where the chips are made

Beth has worked for the same company since she graduated from college. She makes the chips that are used in electronics, such as cell phones, video games and automobiles.

She serves as a team leader to provide technical support and to guide and mentor new engineers. She still goes into the office a few times a week. But her company offers plenty of time off, to spend time with your baby.



Michael on top of a wind turbine

Michael has worked as a quality engineer and a technical support engineer for wind turbines. Michael's current job is as a product manager for college prep software and is fully remote. He has enjoyed his different positions over the years but loves remote work since he spends time at home taking care of the house and Finn and Lottie. He would be a full time at home dad to your child!



Thank You for taking the time to get to know us.

We hope that these pages have given you insight into who we are, and the loving environment we would provide for your child. We are open to a child of any race and our community is very accepting and loving.

When it comes to staying in touch post-adoption we want to do whatever is right for you and your child. We are open to whatever level of contact you feel comfortable with such as photos, updates and visits.

If you would like to know more about us, please reach out to our adoption agency, Forever Families Through Adoption at 1-914-939-1180 or email at adopt@foreverfamielsthroughadoption.org.

We wish you the best for you and your baby and hope to hear from you soon!

Michael and Beth