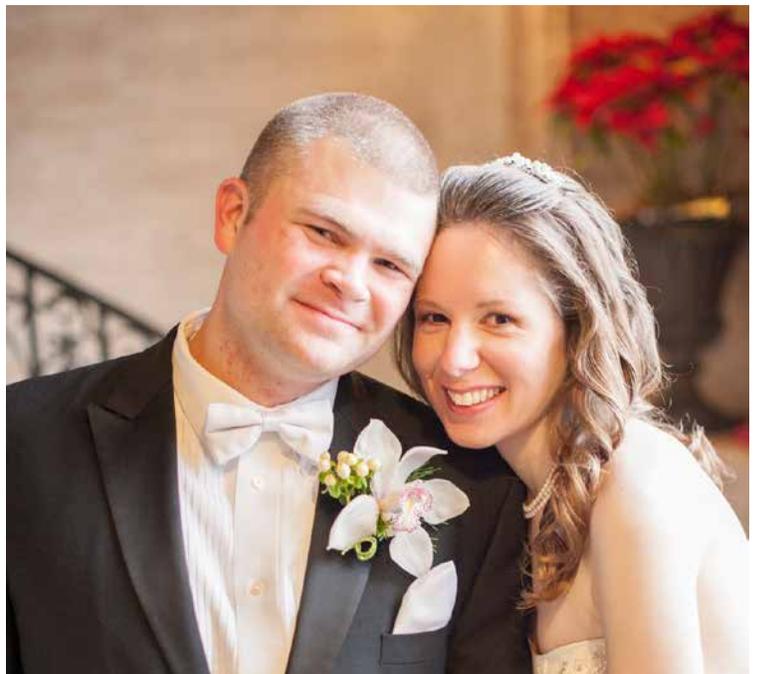




Andrew
&
Marsha



Our sweet dog Ring



Dear Birthparent,

We are so thankful that you are considering us as you make this courageous and selfless decision. We know this is a stressful time in your life, so our goal is to try and make you feel better by showing you we are a family that will treat your beautiful little child like a priceless gift, to be protected and treasured forever! We have an endless amount of love to give and only wish for the opportunity to give it. We will love your child unconditionally and will stop at nothing to provide the little one with a supportive, compassionate, enriching, safe life. Our home is a Christian home, where joy, peace, patience, and gentleness are central to who we are. Your child will be nurtured, mentally and physically, and he or she will know all about what a brave decision you made and how much you love them. We will guide him or her, through our words and the examples we set, towards becoming a kind, sweet, strong, resilient, humble person who always tries to help others. We will teach the little one to enjoy the simple things in life. The world, and all the fun and enjoyment it can provide, will be experienced in person, not through a screen. We believe education is important and we will do whatever is necessary to set him or her up for success. Should you choose us, you can be assured your child will be the center of our universe and that you are choosing two empathetic, compassionate, and capable people who will be able to help and support him or her through anything life dishes out. We admire your courage and we pray you find peace and strength in making this decision. Thank you for considering us as the future home of your child. We are so excited to become parents and to welcome a child into our hearts.

With Eternal Gratitude,

Andrew & Marsha

Our Story



Although we grew up only twenty miles from one another, we met 250 miles away, in another state! We met on Match.com in 2012 and got married three years later. We bought a house, got a sweet dog named Ring (Andrew's partner at work), and started planning for the day we would have children.

Unfortunately, after 6 years of heartbreaking losses, that day still has not come. However, along the way we have only grown closer and deeper in love. We are each other's best friends and always seek the other's guidance, advice, and company before that of anyone else. We enjoy going for walks, being out in nature, visiting new places, going to the beach, and spending quiet time together at home. From our very first date, we were attracted to one another because we each thought the other would make a great parent. We are so grateful to have hope that we will one day be parents through adoption, and we can't wait to become a family of three!

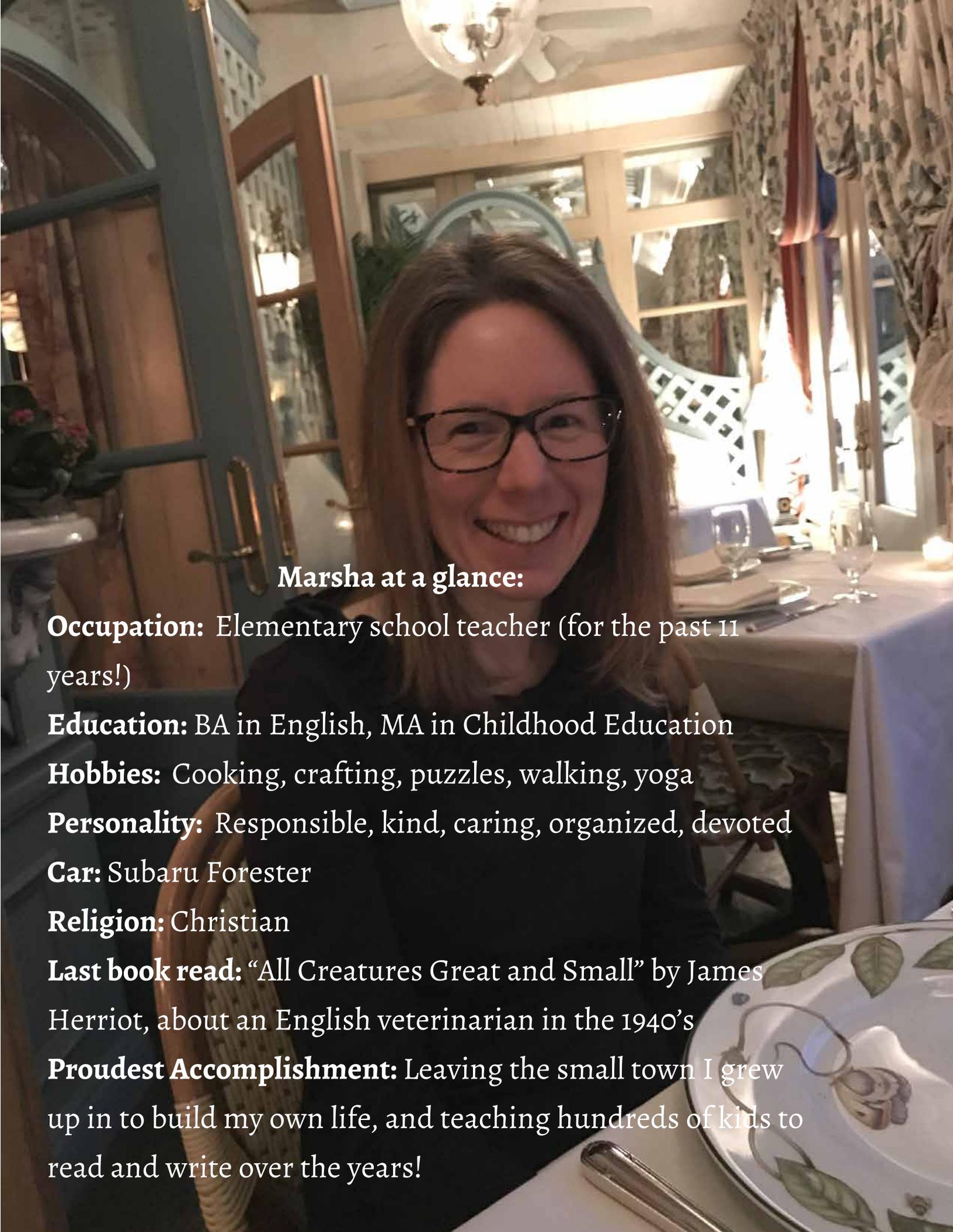




I knew I wanted to be a mother ever since I was a little girl playing with my dolls. I am an elementary school teacher and have been for the past 11 years. I value education and can't wait to teach a little one to read, write, and count! I also value family and community. I grew up in the same town, indeed the same house, that my father was raised in, and I call my parents once a day to check in. I am an organized and proactive person, frequently making lists and never leaving anything to the last minute. I have always loved children, and I am so excited to plan birthday parties, pick out books to read at bedtime, go on fun vacations, explore museums, and surround a child with love in every way I can so that he or she grows up to be independent, smart, and kind. Religion is also important to me and has given me the strength to get through loss and has guided me towards the path I'm currently on with adoption.

Meet **Marsha**



A woman with long brown hair and glasses is smiling warmly at the camera. She is seated at a dining table with a white tablecloth. In the background, there is a window with patterned curtains and a chandelier hanging from the ceiling. The setting appears to be a restaurant or a formal dining room.

Marsha at a glance:

Occupation: Elementary school teacher (for the past 11 years!)

Education: BA in English, MA in Childhood Education

Hobbies: Cooking, crafting, puzzles, walking, yoga

Personality: Responsible, kind, caring, organized, devoted

Car: Subaru Forester

Religion: Christian

Last book read: “All Creatures Great and Small” by James Herriot, about an English veterinarian in the 1940’s

Proudest Accomplishment: Leaving the small town I grew up in to build my own life, and teaching hundreds of kids to read and write over the years!



My life revolves around protecting and providing for people, both at home, and at my job as a police bomb technician and K9 handler. My dad and I watched a lot of action movies growing up, and I got from those movies a lifelong desire to be a hero that helps and cares for people. A child in my care will always have his or her needs met and will never worry about monsters in the closet! I am a humble and down-to-earth person, and I would want to raise a child to be the same by emphasizing simple, inexpensive fun, family time, and moderation. Team sports like lacrosse and hockey were a big part of my childhood, and I would want a child to try sports because I think they teach confidence, the value of hard work, and the ability to move past disappointment. I am a moral person who tries to think what God would expect me to do, and I am a diligent person, who reads instruction manuals and never lets his car miss an oil change. Finally, my mom taught me that by using my head, being creative, and never giving up, success is always possible...a mindset I look forward to passing on!

Meet **Andrew**





Andrew at a glance:

Occupation: Member of a police bomb squad and K9 handler

Education: BA in History

Hobbies: Movie buff, outdoor activities, fitness

Personality: Loyal, responsible, principled, supportive

Car: Police Chevy Silverado that I get to take home, and a Toyota Corolla

Religion: Christian

Last book read: "Can't Hurt Me" by David Goggins, about a Navy SEAL and his mindset

Proudest Accomplishments: Making it through rigorous training to become a police bomb tech, and saving lives through frequent blood donation.

More About *US*

What Marsha says about Andrew...

Andrew is the most hard-working man I know. I always feel safe with him around and my happiness is always his first concern.

Andrew is responsible, trustworthy, capable, and is always thinking of others. I am so lucky to have found him, and I can't wait to see him be a dad!



What Andrew says about Marsha...

Marsha is smart, loving, motivated, and responsible and most importantly, she holds both me and herself to a high standard. Marsha is the only woman besides my mom who has ever pushed me to become a better person. As soon as I met Marsha I knew she would be a wonderful mother.



Question and Answer

How would your friends describe you?

M: My friends would say that I'm a great listener and a lot of fun to be around. I love to laugh and am usually smiling!

A: They'd say I'm hard-working, conscientious, reliable, and I give good advice.

How would you describe your perfect day?

M: I'd spend a lot of time at home with Andrew and our dog Ring! We would take a nature walk together, then we'd enjoy a quiet afternoon. I would have a warm cup of tea in my hands as we sat next to a fire in our fireplace.

A: It would start with a big breakfast, followed by a workout and lots of time with Marsha, and end with pizza and a movie.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

M: Somewhere in the countryside, with mountains and open fields all around me.

A: A small town in New England. I like the winter! Maybe I would run for Sheriff.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

M: I have always wanted to work with children. I became a teacher, but I also wanted to be a librarian. I'm interested in the weather too and thought about becoming a meteorologist.

A: I've wanted to be a police officer since high school. I also wanted to be a veterinarian, but I'm not good enough at science.

Our Family

Our families are filled with loving, loyal, and capable people who will instantly adore, accept, and support an adopted child in every way possible! The little one won't just have parents, but will have an entire team of grandparents, uncles, and aunts that are so excited about our adoption journey and can't wait to welcome and love him or her. There is no problem all of us can't solve together.



Andrew's dad is a retired comedy writer and his mom, who stayed at home while he was growing up, now works as a marketing consultant. They can't wait to devote themselves to being grandparents! Andrew's younger brother is an office manager and is the gentlest, most kindhearted person he knows. Andrew also has a cousin on his dad's side who was adopted as an infant and is now in college.



Marsha's dad is a retired water plant operator and her mom, who also stayed home with her as a child, now works in an office. They love taking walks, going to the beach, and enjoying quiet time at home. They also love photography and will never tire of taking pictures of their new grandchild! Marsha's brother is a locomotive engineer and his wife drives a school bus. They both love trains, and can't wait to share their interest with a niece or nephew.



Our family! (From left to right)
Andrew's brother, father and
mother. Andrew and Marsha in
the center. Marsha's mother,
father and brother.



Hobbies *and* Interests

Andrew's Favorite...

- Food:** All breakfast food
Drink: Coffee, hot or iced
School subject: History
Song: *Thunderstruck* by AC/DC
Movies: *Taken*, *The Rock*, *Die Hard*
Thing I own: A Leatherman multitool I use at work
Item of clothing: Slippers...always on in the house!
Candy: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
Vacation spot: Outer Banks, NC
Family activity: Hiking in National Parks
Solo activity: Trap and skeet shooting



Marsha's Favorite...

- Food:** Banana bread
Drink: Green tea
School subject: Math
Song: *Don't Stop Believin'* by Journey
Movie: *Father of the Bride*
Thing I own: My blender (for smoothies)
Item of clothing: Wool shawl
Candy: Dark chocolate kisses
Vacation spot: Sanibel Island, FL
Family activity: Going to the beach
Solo activity: Golf, jigsaw puzzles





Thank You

These words are not enough to thank you for the gift you are thinking of giving us. We know what a courageous decision this is and we pray for grace and strength to guide you. We want you to know that we are comfortable sending letters and pictures as often as you see fit. We wish you the best in whatever decision you make and in the rest of your life! We appreciate you taking the time to get to know us. We look forward to talking with you more!



With Eternal Gratitude,

Andrew and Marsha