



**Welcome –
come on in!**

**We promise your child
will always know that
your adoption decision
was a selfless act of love.
You will always be deeply
respected in our home.**

**Larry and
Amy**



Our Home

Your child will grow up in a small town in Illinois. We already know a couple of families nearby with young kids.



We have left lower branches uncut on this tree in our backyard to give easy access for your child. It's growing fast and should be ready for a kid to climb in a few years. We'll put up a swing set, too.

Scouts, sports, swimming, church, travel, and lots of books . . . these things are also in your child's future growing up with us.



Why We Want to Adopt

- > We have been married for eight years. Our time together has enabled us to build a strong relationship based on faith, patience, and love. We are ready to share our love with your child and make parenting our top priority.
- > We always felt that adoption might be part of how we built our family. Then we got an infertility diagnosis, and we saw that as a sign. We've been waiting (excitedly) to adopt for three years.
- > Amy comes from a large blended family with step- and half-siblings, which has shown us that love matters more than DNA.
- > We have so much to give: time, love, experience, family, community involvement, travel possibilities, learning—and fun! We will teach responsibility and a work ethic, but also make sure that your child has plenty of opportunities for fun.



About Amy

Amy is already staying at home helping us get ready to adopt. She enjoys homemaking, especially the fun stuff like baking. Amy's specialty is sweet scones, but she is also collecting new recipes to try with your child.

Amy loves history, reading, and writing, too. She is currently working on a book of great stories out of history for kids. She is hoping to start a writing career, so she can work part-time, while still being at home for your child. Amy has experience with teaching and tutoring. She will help your child do well with school work—not just to get good grades, but also learn how to learn (and like learning).



Amy singing
at our church



Amy playing
with a friend's
daughter





Larry, an electrical engineer, works for a company that makes large equipment. His job has flexible hours, so he'll be able to come to your child's ball games or dance recitals. He will help make sure your child learns about computers and technology.

But Larry enjoys older machines too! Your child will learn mechanical skills and have first driving lessons on this 1959 Farmall Cub. We live in town but also own 3 ½ acres a few miles away. We plan to build a garage/shop building where Larry can collect more tractors. We will also use the land for picnics and enjoying the woods with your child.

About Larry



Larry with one of our nieces



Our Families

Your child will be an only grandchild on Larry's side of the family, and for Amy's mom. But there will also be plenty of aunts, uncles, cousins (plus another grandmother) for your child with the rest of Amy's big, noisy blended family.



Larry's mom and dad (2021)



Amy's mom (2022)



pictures hanging out with various kids in the family (summer 2021)



More of Amy's family – a 2019 graduation with Amy's stepmom, a day at the lake (2020), Amy and two of her sisters (2020)

A Few More Things

Favorite things that we want to make a part of your child's life:

- Attending local and state fairs, and farm heritage festivals.
- Going to plays at area community theaters.
- Watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball.
- Hiking on our area's several local trails.
- Movies such as *Muppets Most Wanted*, *Paddington*, and *Shrek*.



At a farm heritage festival



At a play at a local theater



We love small town life, but we want to make sure your child sees the world, too. With Amy's interest in history, England is a favorite place. We'll make history come alive at places such as Stonehenge. Larry's goal is to take your child to the big national parks out West. We haven't made it past Texas yet, but were wowed by dinosaur footprints at Dinosaur Valley State Park. We also enjoy cities, especially St. Louis and Nashville.



We are both active Christians. Our faith is all about love, being part of a community, and helping others. We try to keep judgment to a minimum, and don't think going to church makes us better than others who choose not to go. But we do believe that practicing our faith helps us to be our best selves, and that our church will provide a supportive community for your child.



Interested in Learning More About Us?

Message us through Adoptimist, and we'll be glad to answer any questions you have. When you are ready, we can set up a phone call or video chat to connect more directly. Take as much time as you need, but once things get serious, we will arrange for an adoption agency or attorney near you. And we can come to your hometown to meet you in person.

We want you to know that we will discuss adoption openly and honestly with your child. He or she will always know that your adoption decision was made out of love. We would enjoy maintaining contact with you if you so choose. We will be glad to include your child's siblings and/or any other relatives you want him or her to know.

We will be praying for you to make the best choice for you and your child. We are committed to an adoption with you and look forward to meeting you soon.



on our land in the country



Amy with one of our nieces



Larry with a few toys



visiting a train museum last summer