

## ***Hello!***

Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. Hopefully, our words and pictures will express who we are and provide you with a glimpse of our life. So here goes. We are Ken and Barbi. We often have people go “no way” your names can not be Ken and Barbi, but they are. The next reaction is how cute. Other than all the jokes and trying to convince people that we are not kidding about our names we secretly think it is cute too.



## ***About us~***

Ken and I met in 2002. When we found each other it was like a sigh of relief. It felt like we were meant to be together. To tell you the truth I asked God for him. I had never married and had just gotten out of a relationship and I asked God to send me someone to hold me and love me, and he sent me Ken. Ken was a widower when we met. He had been married to his high school sweetheart Rhonda until she passed away in 2001 from colon cancer. When we started dating it was a blessing for both of us because a void in our hearts was filled. In April of 2004 we were married surrounded by our family and friends.

We have now been married for three years and our lives have been, to say the least eventful and amazing. One of the many things that we talked about when we were dating was how much we both wanted children. So when we got married we started the dream of having a child right away. But after two hard years of trying and many fertility treatments later we decided the miracle of adoption was the path we should pursue. Whether our child is adopted or biological doesn't matter; having a child in our family is what is important to us.

## ***About Ken~***

Ken is a fun loving man and has a great sense of humor. He loves to play practical jokes on friends and family. He is also loving and compassionate. Children flock to Ken because he is like a big kid. He loves toys, games, and electronics. I do not take him Christmas shopping anymore because he tries to play with every toy in the store. When he is around no child will be without a playmate.

Ken is known as the “fix it guy.” Our friends and family call him when they have fix-it problems. They especially call upon him at Christmas to help put together

toys. Often kids will automatically bring their toys to him to fix. It is so cute! I knew early in our relationship that he was going to make a great father.

Ken is so generous and always does everything in his power to make me happy. I am so blessed to be married to this man.

### ***About Barbi~***

Barbi is an incredible woman. She is very patient and kindhearted. I especially admire her patience with people of all ages. She radiates warmth and enthusiasm and she is such a pleasure to be around. She makes me smile. I love to watch her with children. They are drawn to her. It is such a joy to watch her playing with kids. When we keep our friends or our family's children Barbi keeps them busy with fun activities. Their parents have told us that their children have asked to come and stay with us. Barbi used to work at a YMCA so she has had lots of experience with kids and kid games. Barbi has been known to "borrow" children to do kid activities, such as, color eggs for Easter or go to a movie. I know she will be an excellent mother.

### ***Our family and friends~***

We both come from loving, close-knit families. Ken is the youngest of five children and all but one live in the same town so we see them often. With that many in the family there are many nieces and nephews and it is hard to keep track of them all! It is never dull when 50 plus people gather for the holidays.

Barbi's parents, grandparents, sister and her family live just an hour away and we see them frequently too. Her immediate family is smaller but they are close with the extended family. So it is crowded there too at holidays. Barbi is the baby of her family as well. She is really close with her niece and nephew.

Our families have many memorable celebrations together; they are always full of fun and laughter. On the other hand, our families are also supportive in the bad times.

We are fortunate because we are very close with our friends and their families too. Our friends and family are thrilled that we are going to adopt.

### ***Fun times~***

Besides spending time with our family and friends, we also love spending time together. One of things we love to do is travel. Since we have been together we have traveled to Hawaii, Mexico, and many states. We are fond of day trips too. We will get in the car, pick a direction and just drive and explore new sights.

Barbi's parents have a permanent site in a campground that has many things to do such as swimming, putt-putt, boating, and fishing. It is a child's dream playground.

We also like having people over for dinner, and then play board games or cards.

***Thank you!***

We are excited about growing our family through adoption. We want this child to know what a loving and selfless choice you made. We pray that you find peace and comfort as you consider your options. If you choose us to be your child's adoptive family, we promise that your child will be surrounded by love and supported not only by us but our friends and family as well.

Warmest wishes!

*Barbi & Ken*