



Ray & Angela

Dear Birth Parents:

Thank you for your decision in considering adoption. This shows the true love you have for your child. It is a very important time in your life and the future of your child. We pray you stay strong and feel comfort with your decision. This is truly a gift and we feel very fortunate that you are considering us for this amazing gift.

We have known each other for 14 years, after meeting in college our freshman year. It was a great friendship for 3 years. This friendship grew into a love and commitment for each other, by taking the next step during our junior year of college. This step has us celebrating our 10 year anniversary December 2011. Being married to your best friend is something that makes us both feel very blessed. We have so much love for each other, and cannot wait to share this love with the gift of a child. We are blessed with a close knit family and friends who continue to pray and support us in our journey of adoption. This love and support has also helped us through our infertility and has made our love and faith so much stronger. Believing and having faith that we will be parents soon has also comforted us during this time. We feel very fortunate to have the life that we do, and becoming parents is a gift we pray to share every day. The love, support, and opportunities your child will be surrounded with will show how every moment is cherished.

Again, we would like to thank you for loving this child and considering adoption. We feel very honored and fortunate to be considered as potential parents for your child, and cannot express in words what a gift of being parents would mean to us.

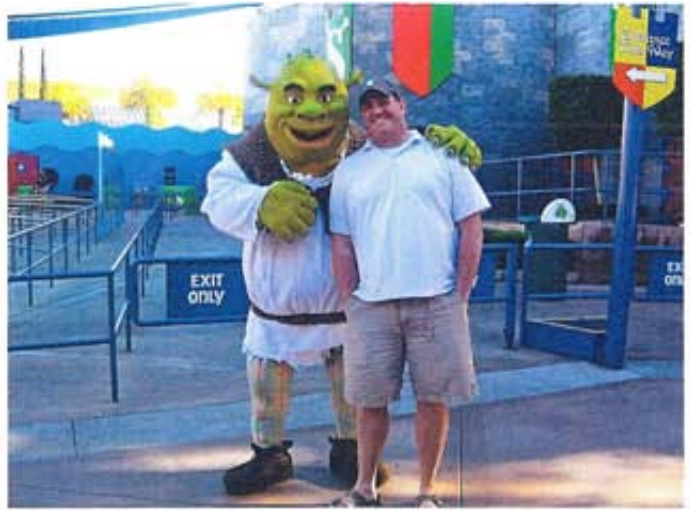




Summertime for us is camping, boating on the pontoon, water skiing, fishing, and tubing.



Angela with Minnie Mouse
in Disneyland. She made sure to
join in with the kids and get her
picture taken too!



Angela's parents enjoy taking the
entire family - kids and all- on
vacations. Shrek really wanted a
picture with Ray :)





Angela's family likes to play football when they get together. Here we are in our backyard in a heated game!



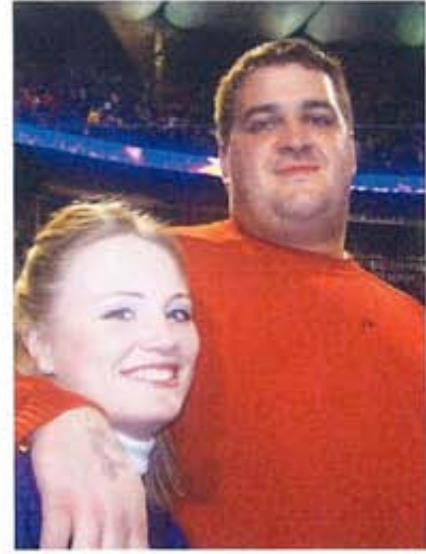
Ray played football & basketball in high school. As you can imagine, he was the tallest on the team!



We both attended
college at NDSU.
We follow the
Bison and attend
as many games
as we can.



Go MN Twins!



Vikings...gotta
love em!
Angela's family
is true blue fans.



Angela enjoys running.
She completed one
marathon (26.2 miles)
and numerous other races.



Ray volunteers on the local
fire department. We feel it is
important to be a part of the
community and help where
we are able.

Golfing is a favorite past time. Angela golfed on the NDSU college team. We now take our nieces & nephews for some fun, but also enjoy going just the two of us.



We enjoy spending time at Angela's family farm. Angela grew up on the farm helping her dad whenever he needed. Angela attributes her hard work ethic to it. During harvest we often meet at the Field for supper. Angela's mom works hard to make sure the men are fed really well, even after a full day of work at the bank!

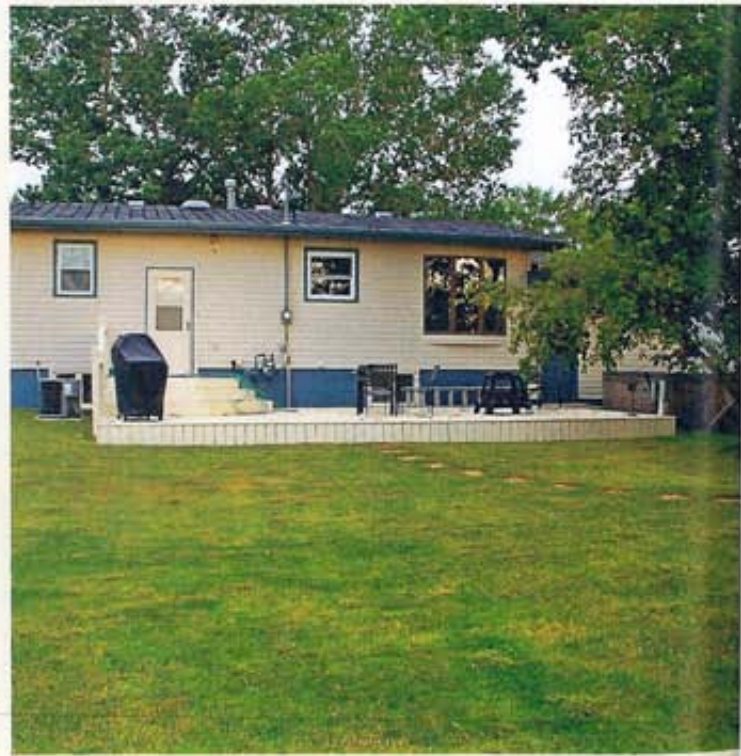


Ray worked for a farmer in high school and college. He now enjoys helping Angela's family and even farms some himself with Angela's brother. There's so much to do on the farm. The kids ride dirt bike, 4-wheeler, and play trucks in the sand and gravel. Angela's dad loves to take the kids with him in the combine and tractors.

On the farm, we plant wheat, barley, peas, and canola. After it's planted it must be sprayed for weeds and insects. Then, comes harvest which is always a fun and very busy time. Angela's whole family, including her sisters, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews all help.



Our house. We live in a very nice neighborhood with a big backyard, trees, hot tub, and garages.



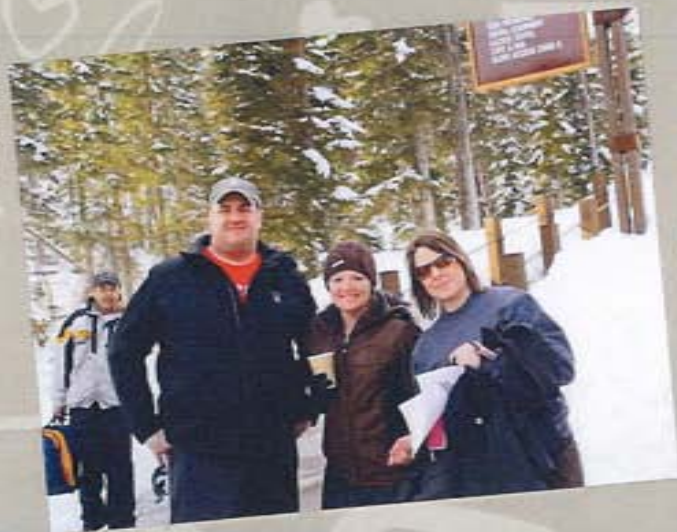
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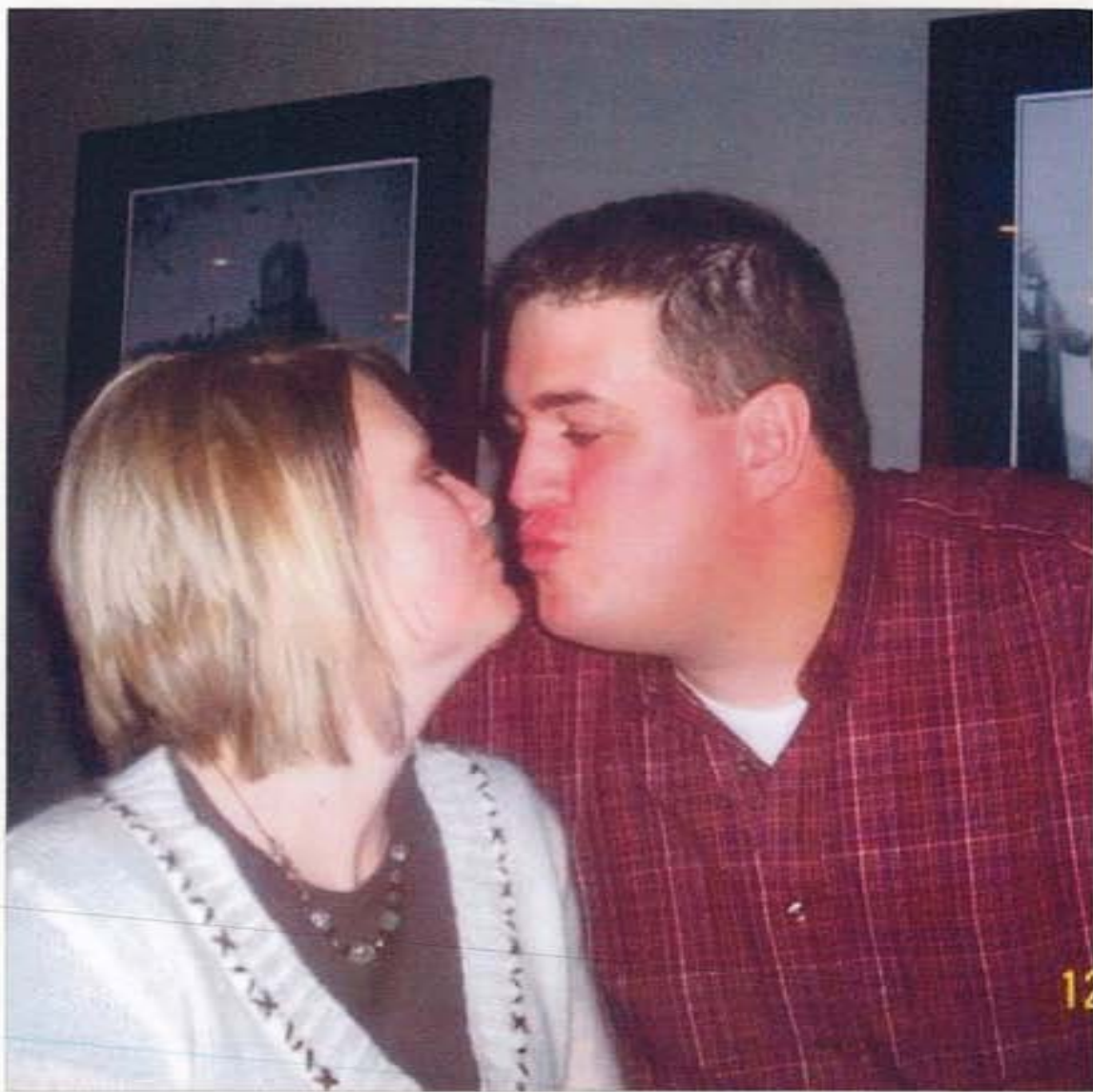
Ray has loved to cook ever since he was little when his mom would let him stay home from school just to make Christmas cookies or pies for the neighbors. He enjoys making LOTS of food for friends and family. We have followed his mom's tradition of making plates of cookies during the holidays and giving to everyone we can think of. We also enjoy grilling and using the smoker. Ray's mom passed away when he was in high school, but we remember her every day especially when we are cooking or baking.



Across the street is the high school. The track and tennis court are easily accessible. We often use the tennis court with our nieces and nephews.



We enjoy skiing, snowmobiling & just playing in the snow.



Angela hanging out with her mom and sisters. On the left they are making lefse at her grandma's house, a family tradition. On the right, Angela with her mom and sisters in NYC. They do enjoy spending time with each other...and just added a sister-in-law to the pack.





Ray helping the kids learn to ski. He's so patient.



Angela & her nephew dancing....he's always willing :)



We spent many afternoons tailgating at college football games.



Ray & kids found a place to watch cartoons while we checked out of Disneyland.



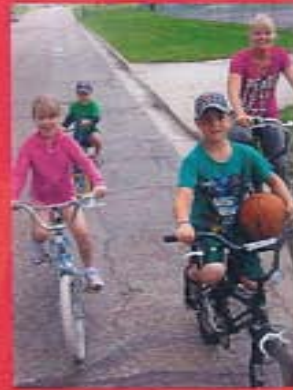
Our newest nephew. He is also Ray's Godson. There's lots of kids to grow up with.



This picture was taken in a photo booth at a wedding.



Jet skiing with the kids. They loved it & ran out of gas by the end of the day.

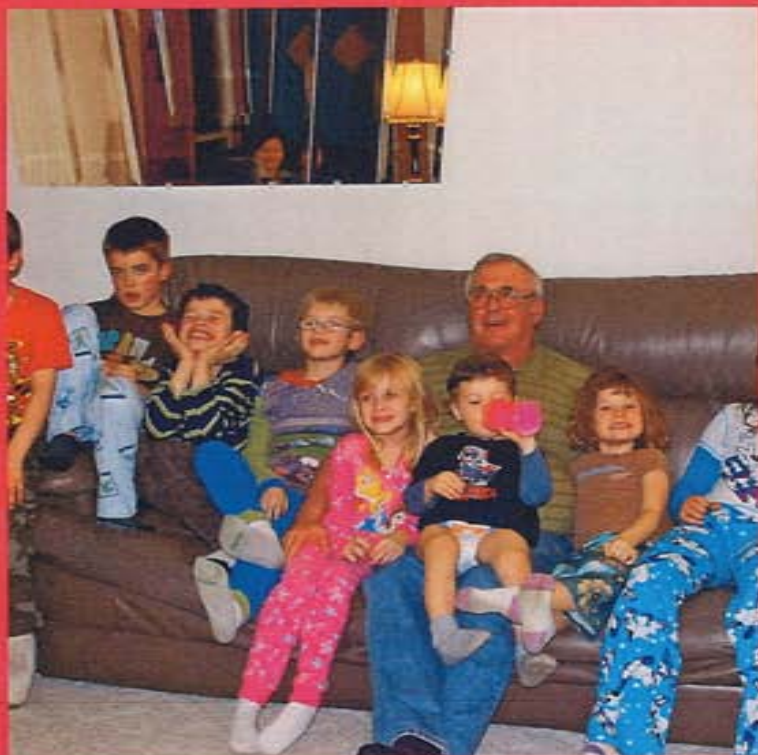


Angela enjoys going on bike rides with the kids & playing basketball & tennis.



Ray has (4) and Angela has (2) God children. We have both also been Confirmation sponsors for two individuals. We believe that Faith is an important part of life, and do think it shows in how we choose to live our life and our love for each other, and our family.

Ray's Family. He has (3) older brothers, (1) older sister, (3) sister-in-laws, (1) brother-in-law & (9) nieces and nephews.



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Angela's Family. She has (2) younger sisters, (1) younger brother, (1) brother-in-law, (1) sister-in-law & (4)...soon to be (5) nieces and nephews.





We hope you have enjoyed our book and we thank you for taking the time to look at it. It is a reflection of our life and our love of each other. We have so much love to give your child. We hope and pray that you will consider us. We promise that he/she will live a very happy, healthy and rich life with lots of love.

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