



KATIE *and* **JESSE**

"You changed my life -
AND AT A TIME WHEN I
WAS CERTAIN THAT IT
WOULD NEVER CHANGE."

**// A DIRECT QUOTE FROM KATIE'S MOM, SHARON,
IN A JOURNAL SHE KEPT WHEN KATIE WAS A BABY. //**





hi there!

IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU.

Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile. We hope these pages will give you a glimpse of who we are and all the love we have to offer a child. This journey has been a long, hard road for us. We do not know how your journey has been as you read this. However, what is most important is that our journeys have brought us together.

The future is bright, and we want to support you and your baby during this new journey together. We can't thank you enough for being here.

All our love,
KATIE + JESSE

This is our story

WHERE IT STARTED

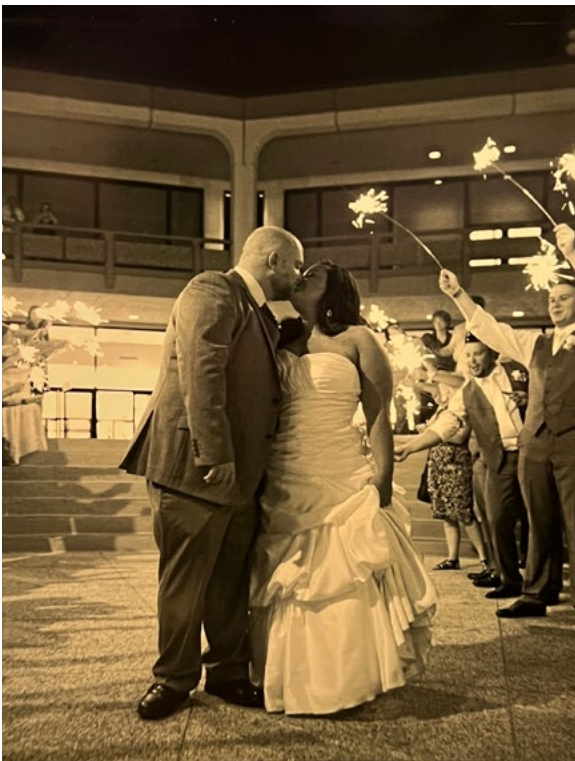
Both of us were raised in Louisiana. We met in 9th grade during English class – the first of many classes we would have together! We were friends in high school but never dated.

We even worked together at the Texas Roadhouse! After graduating, Katie moved to Baton Rouge for Cosmetology School while Jesse attended college at LSU.



FINDING FOREVER

We reconnected on Facebook in 2012 when Jesse sent a message to Katie simply saying, “Hey you.” That simple message lit a flame that burns to this day. Jesse was living in Dallas, and Katie was in Shreveport during this time. In 2013, Katie moved to Texas to be with Jesse. We got married in 2014 in our hometown of Lake Charles. It was a great day that we got to share with both of our families.



HAPPILY EVER AFTER

We still live in North Texas today, and we can't wait to bring a child home!





What led us to adoption?

Adoption has always been a part of our story because my sister and I (Katie) were both adopted. I was adopted at birth. My birth mother was only 16. My mom Sharon, and dad Lee gave me the most amazing life.

After getting married, we both loved focusing on our careers and building a beautiful life together, but as the years went on, we started to feel like something was missing.

In early 2023, we had a close encounter with pregnancy that only fueled our desire for children. We began the adoption process around the same time Katie's mom passed away in January of 2024. ***Sharon's passing confirmed that there is no better time than now to adopt a baby.***

Meet Katie!

as told by Jesse



Katie is extremely caring and fiercely loyal. She has a naturally maternal way about herself. She cares for her dogs as if they were her children. She will give you the shirt off her back, then promptly take you to Target afterward to hit a sale. You will have plenty of laughs when you hang out with her. She loves her family and having a good time.

Katie fully dedicates herself to whatever she does. She's an amazing wife, and maintaining a loving home is important to her. She goes all out for holiday decorating. Other people's happiness is most important to Katie. Your child will be given so much love by her. ***Katie has always wanted to be a mom and was born for this moment. She will embody the unconditional mama bear mentality.***



Meet Jesse!

as told by Katie

Jesse is by far my favorite person in the world. I am the luckiest girl to get to call him my best friend, teammate and husband. He is smart, trustworthy, extremely funny and loyal to a fault. He wants nothing more in life than to be a dad. His father left when he was only six years old, so always being there for his children is a top priority.

I truly believe he will be the best dad, and I want that for him. He will teach them how to be a good person, to work hard, and to stay focused on their goals. He works so hard to take care of our family and is the first person to step up when any of us need help. *Jesse always says, "Family is the most important thing" and I can't wait to watch him thrive in this next chapter.*





home sweet home

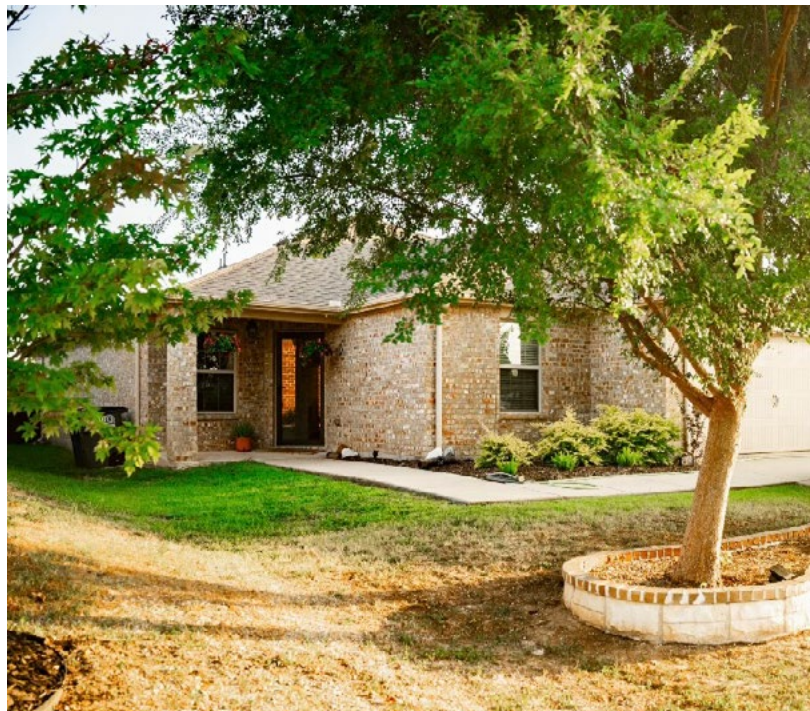
WE BOUGHT OUR HOME IN 2015 WITH DREAMS
OF STARTING A FAMILY HERE.

We are the first and only owners. Our home is one story with four bedrooms and two bathrooms. We have a home office and a covered patio in the backyard. To us, our house symbolizes our hard work and love for each other.





Our neighborhood is safe, and the people are friendly. Schools and parks are within walking distance of our home. We have lived a lot of life in this home, but our one dream of bringing home a child is still left to be fulfilled. We can't wait to experience the full circle of why we purchased our home in the first place.



Meet our pet crew!

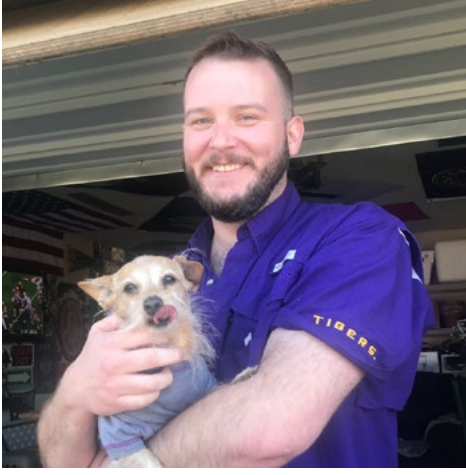


WE LOVE BEING SURROUNDED BY OUR THREE DOGS AND TWO CATS.

Our three dogs are **Cozy, Koko and Beatrice**. They are highly dramatic and lovable. **Cozy** came to us in 2015 from a shelter. We sought out the oldest dog in the shelter and thought she was 10 years old. It turned out she was only 3 months old! **Koko** is highly anxious but looks fabulous all the time. **Beatrice** just turned one year old and is a wild woman. Our two cats, **Nathen and Winston**, are brothers and like to destroy things. **Nathen** is very quiet and gets lost in the house. **Winston** is talkative and thinks he's a human.

Our pets couldn't be more different in all of their personalities. They sure keep things interesting, and we know they will be wonderfully welcoming to a new little one!





OUR FRIENDS

Logan: Jesse met Logan in Baton Rouge in 2007. Logan lives in Dallas and comes to visit us often. He's also a huge LSU fan, and he and Jesse go watch games together.

Nicki and Randy: Katie met Nicki doing her hair at the salon and became instant friends. On our first friends date we even wore the same outfit. Randy is retired US Army. They have four grandchildren, one of which is adopted.

Jenn, Chris and Logan: We met them when we moved into our houses in 2015 on the same day. Jenn and Chris's son, Logan, is 17 and is one of our favorite kids. They are a huge support and help us when we need it and vice versa.

Monique: Katie and Monique have been best friends since 2007. Each time we get together, we pick up right where we left off. When we met, Monique was also a hairstylist but now helps people process emotional past trauma.

All of our friends are very excited and supportive of our adoption and will be extremely involved in baby's life.



Ten fun facts

1.

Katie and her sister were both adopted. They are 19 months apart and share the same birth mother.



2.

We love to host crawfish boils at our house around Easter. We invite friends, family, and neighbors.



3.

We would adopt every dog in the shelter if we had a bigger backyard.



4.

We love recreating childhood memories, like renting a movie and ordering pizza on Friday nights.



5.

We are both big LSU fans!

6.

We make regular trips back to Louisiana to spend time with family.



7.

Katie has been a hairstylist for 20 years and is planning to be a stay-at-home mom after we adopt. Jesse works for a Fortune 500 company that specializes in software development.



8.

We've been married for 10 years, and our honeymoon was in Chicago.



9.

Jesse's grandparents' first language was Cajun French and they have been married for 74 years.



10.

Katie and Jesse were both raised by their mothers. They are the strongest women we know.

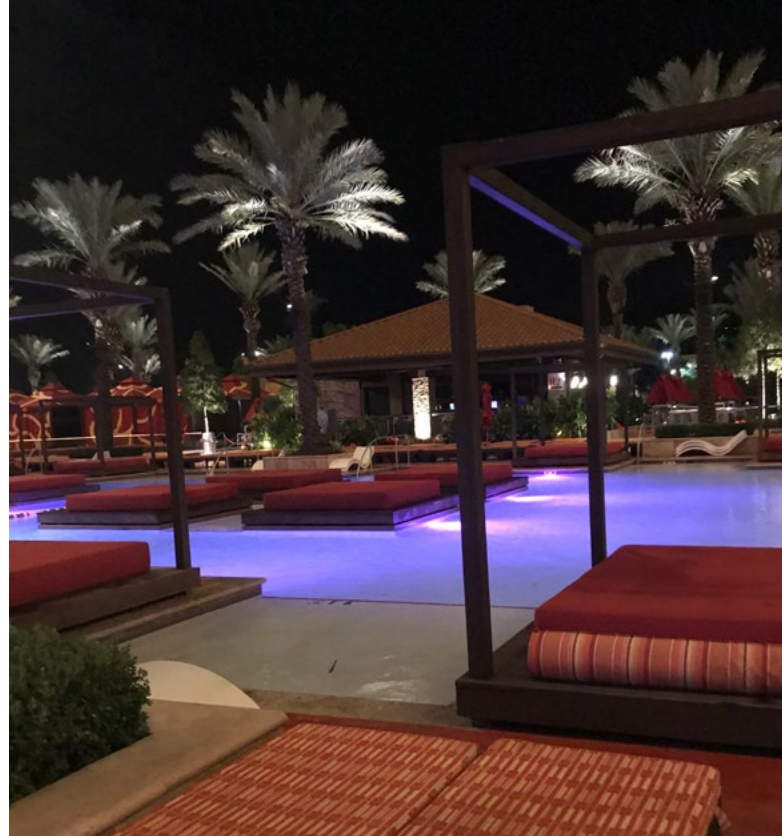


Things we love

KATIE LOVES: Cooking · Gardening · DIY design projects around the house · Organizing & planning · Buying every house plant she sees · Cleaning (Crazy as it sounds) · Spending time with our pups · Watching my favorite TV shows



JESSE LOVES: Watching sports on TV or in person · Going jogging · Doing yardwork when it's not too hot · Eating anything & everything · Boiling crawfish for friends & family · Going back home to Louisiana · Being an LSU fan · Taking vacations to New Orleans



TOGETHER WE LOVE: Going for walks together around the neighborhood, we have a lot of cool trails to explore around where we live · Watching movies, binge watching a new series · Slow dancing in our kitchen · Saturdays in Tiger Stadium during the fall · Shopping on the weekends · Driving around to look at new build homes/neighborhoods & dreaming of the future · Going to Lake Charles every couple of months to visit family



our extended family



Our families have roots in Louisiana. As time has passed, the younger generations have moved throughout the US. We all make our way back to Louisiana for Thanksgiving each year. These gatherings reiterate the love we have for each other.

We are close-knit and will not pass up the chance to party one more time. For the rest of the year, we live a few miles away from cousins, aunts and uncles. It's a blessing to have the support system we have.





promises
FROM US TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD

We promise to raise your child to respect others.

We promise to teach them right from wrong and that family is everything.

We promise that your child will be cared for and protected by us.

We promise to take lots of pictures, so you don't miss a beat.

We promise to always be honest and open about how our family came together, and we will always speak of you with love and respect. We will make sure your child knows how loved, accepted, and supported they are! We would love to get to know you and look forward to building a lasting relationship with you and others in your child's birth family if you are okay with that. We would love to keep in touch through letters, photos, and occasional visits at your comfort level.

Most of all...we promise your child will have a great life with us.
We will love this baby with everything we have.

It would be impossible to list every promise, but please just know we will spend our whole lives giving this child our very best. Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us and we hope that some day we have the privilege of getting to hear your story, too!

All our love and support,

KATIE + JESSE





