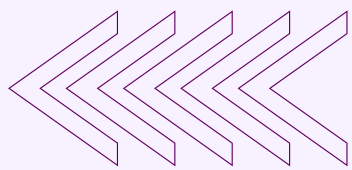


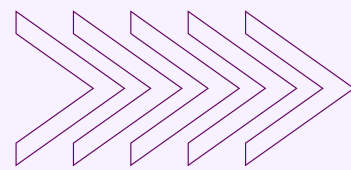


VANESSA + LUKE





# Hello!



Thank you for getting to know us! If you are an expectant parent reading this, we know you are going through an incredibly difficult time, and we hope that we can offer a loving option to support you. We have been married for 7 years and are extremely excited to start our own family. Luke is a software engineer and works remotely from our home in a suburb just outside of Columbus. Vanessa is a high school science teacher and works in a nearby school district. In recent years, Luke's parents have needed increasing care due to their health concerns, so they have moved into the home with us! We also have a dog, Gracie, and we cannot wait to welcome a child into the extra space in our home and our hearts.



We enjoy spending time walking our dog, taking road trips and camping trips together, or even just sitting in the same room while Vanessa reads and Luke watches sports. We both enjoy crafting, and you will find various knitted and crocheted pieces scattered around the home. We both have a love of gaming and enjoy playing together as well as with our nieces and nephews when we visit.

# Luke



Luke moved to Central Ohio for school, and attended The Ohio State University's College of Engineering to obtain his skills in computer science. After college, he has developed a strong and successful career in software engineering, and is able to work from the comfort of his home office. This gives him a great advantage as a caregiver for his parents, and will give him the same advantage as a father.

His personal development and growth has been a journey for many years, and he has grown up a lot personally, professionally, and spiritually in the last 5-10 years. Today, he's a diligent Buddhist practitioner, and when you can't find him working or caring for his family, you can find him meditating to work on his mind, exercising to work on his body, or playing video games and listening to podcasts to relax.

Vanessa would say that Luke is a very intelligent, logical and caring person. He puts his entire heart into caring for those that he loves and is always there if someone needs a hand. Luke is also compassionate towards his community and volunteers often to give back. The time we spend together, even just existing in the same room, is her favorite part of the day.

# Vanessa



Vanessa moved to the Columbus area after attending Capital University for four years and graduating with a Bachelors in Science Education. She has built a strong career in education by continuing to take classes for various licenses and supporting the students in her district as best she can. This experience has helped her grow in grit and compassion throughout the last 5 years.

Vanessa is a strong believer in seeing the world through patience and different perspectives. She values empathy, compassion, and honesty very highly and has learned to lead with those ideas in mind. Though it has been a rough journey, Vanessa has been focused on improving her work-life balance in preparation for a family. She makes her family time a priority and tries her best to leave as much of work at the door as she can.

Luke would say Vanessa is a kind and loyal person. Her care for others and deep empathy is amazing, and part of why he fell in love with her. She will help anyone who needs it, in any way she can, and she never fails to put a smile on his face.





# Our Home



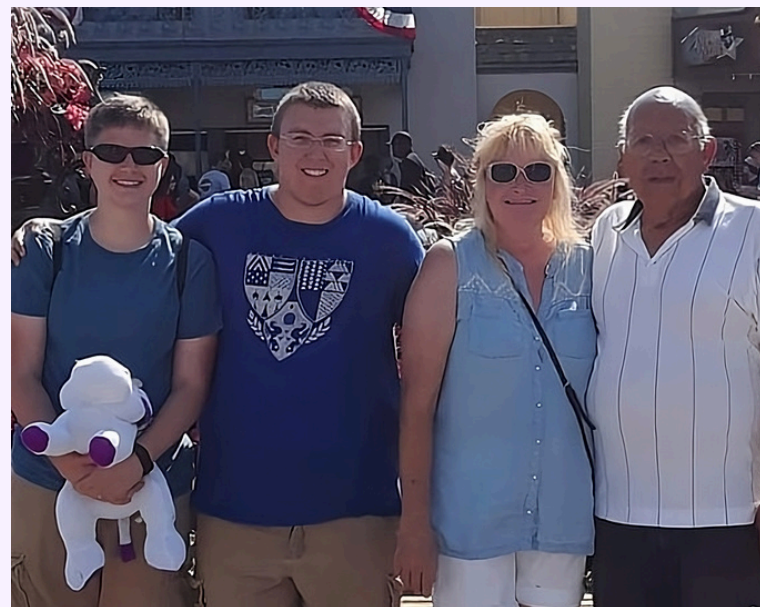
We live in a four-level split single family home in Central Ohio. The home has four bedrooms, and two living spaces. Luke's parents live in the lower portion of the house with their own living room and bathroom, and we live in the middle and upper floors. This gives us great ability to care for his parents' needs while also maintaining our own personal space.

Our neighborhood is fantastic, and Luke routinely comments on how lucky he feels when driving into it. Our neighbors are great, kind people with kids of their own, and folks in this area are always willing to give each other a helping hand. There is a park within walking distance in the neighborhood that we look forward to bringing our kids to.

# Our Family

Since Luke's parents live here, we are naturally quite close to them, and we sit down as a family to eat dinner together every night. Don, Luke's dad, is a loving grandfather to Luke's nieces and nephews, and is excited to meet another grandchild. Joann, Luke's mom, is a caring and loving person, and can be credited for the spirit of kindness and love that has carried through Luke's life. She will be a wonderful source of support and she can't wait to spoil another grandchild.

Vanessa's family still lives in Southwest Virginia, and we like to make a point to visit several times a year. We love seeing both her parents and her sister's family - our nieces and nephews are a joy to visit, and we have grown close to them in spite of the distance.



## WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU

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