



*Josh & Bridget*



# About Us

We are Josh and Bridget. We met during college and started dating shortly after meeting. After graduating we got married. We spent several years moving around the country while we both completed masters degrees, living in Indiana and California. We moved back to Ohio to be closer to family and we both found jobs in our fields: Josh works in natural resources conservation and Bridget in social work.

Our son Jaxon was born in 2018 and was the light of our world. He taught us to live life to the fullest, and we have so much more life and love to give because of Jaxon. From birth, Jaxon had many health issues, including significant heart defects. Unfortunately, Jaxon passed away unexpectedly at 5 years old. As difficult as it is to have lost our first child, we knew immediately that we wanted to continue to have more children, because of all Jaxon taught us. He was life and light.

When they say it takes a village to raise a family, we know first hand how true this is. We couldn't ask for a better village of family and friends. Our whole extended family has been supportive during this journey, and grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins are alongside us as our family grows.





# Bridget

*(According to Josh)*



Bridget is the picture of love, compassion, and empathy. She gets people and is always the life of the party with her joyful personality. Always willing to try new things, she's both followed me and led us on adventures.

In our many years together, she's learned to ski (and loves it), climbed 14,000 foot high mountains (and did not love it). Watching her love our late son Jaxon emphasized to me her relentless love and her willingness to tackle even the hardest challenges life can throw.

## Bridget's Favorites

- **Summer Activity:** Swimming Pool or Waterpark
- **Winter Activity:** Skiing
- **Vacation Spot:** Snorkeling in US Virgin Islands
- **Book Series:** Harry Potter
- **Food:** Pizza (with black olives!)

# Josh

*(According to Bridget)*



Josh is the best dad you will ever meet. He loved Jaxon with his whole heart. He taught Jaxon so much about life. Josh is dependable and caring. He may not be the loudest in the room, but he is the most caring.

He shows his love through acts of service. If you need anything, Josh will do it. He can fix everything and build anything I ask him to. I couldn't imagine my life without Josh, and I am thankful he chose me out of anyone else he could have had.

## Josh's Favorites

- **Summer Activity:** Canoeing and Kayaking
- **Winter Activity:** Skiing and Snowboarding
- **Vacation Spot:** Canoe Wilderness in New York
- **Book Series:** The Silo
- **Food:** Tacos (with shrimp!)

# Jaxon

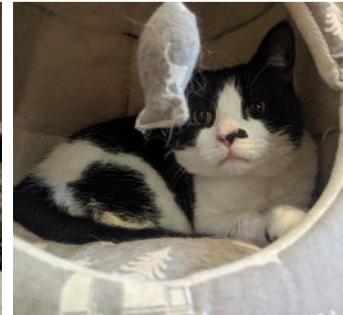
Our son Jaxon passed away at age 5 in November of 2024. He taught us what true unconditional love meant. Jaxon was a brave heart warrior, who fought as long as he could to stay with us. Not only did he make us parents, but he showed us the joy and fun that comes with parenting. He lit up a room everywhere he went with his laugh and smile, and was involved in everything we did. Jaxon lives on through all of us, and would love being a big brother.



# Home

Our home is located on 30 acres of ground in rural eastern Ohio and is mostly forested. We have trails through the woods for hiking and a playset in the backyard. We love spending time outdoors, but inside we have a loft, playroom, and lots of space for when family visits. Our large, open living room/dining room/kitchen makes it easy hosting family and friends for the holidays.

We have two cats Remy (black and white) and Hazel (white and tabby). Hazel is very cuddly and loves to climb and seek attention. Remy is shy and usually keeps to herself, until she wants petted. Our bernedoodle, Nox, makes everyone his best friend and will follow everyone around, so he doesn't miss out on the fun!



# Our Village

As we said earlier, we know firsthand how important the people around you are in life, especially when it comes to raising children. For us, that starts with our extended family, who are always eager to show up, celebrate milestones, and lend a hand. It also includes many strong, trusted friends who feel more like family and who share our values, laughter, and support. Together, this community creates a village of people ready to encourage, guide, and love a child as they grow. We truly believe children thrive when they are surrounded by many caring adults, and we are grateful to have that kind of support in our lives.

# Thank You

We want to take a moment to acknowledge how difficult reading our profile may be for you. We can't possibly imagine what you are experiencing in this moment, but we hope you realize how strong you are for making this decision. Please know that if we are chosen we will share about you and your bravery everyday. Additionally, we welcome having an open relationship with you and any other biological family members. We promise to unconditionally love your child everyday.

