



Scott & Suzanne



**WELCOME TO THE LIVES
OF SCOTT AND SUZANNE!**

We are excited that you chose to get to know about who we are. Through our words and pictures over the next few pages, we hope that you gain a feeling of peace knowing that we will be great parents and love your child unconditionally.



Exploring the trails.

WHY ADOPTION?

The joy and pleasure that comes with raising children is what we wanted since getting married. We made the decision to establish our professional lives before having children so we could provide them with stability and comfort. We ran into some infertility issues and chose the path of adoption which led us to our daughter. We are now ready to bless our family with a second child. To us, it's important that you know this beautiful child will be loved by everyone in our family.

Welcome

~ Dreams really do come true! ~



MORE ABOUT US

For the past 20 years, we have built a solid foundation to our relationship.

We met in Connecticut while Scott was in the Navy on submarine duty and Suzanne was in college. Our first date was actually on Scott's birthday, although Scott didn't let Suzanne know that until partway through the date! We had a wonderful time celebrating his birthday together and, at the time, we didn't realize that it would be the first of many more. Our differences created the common ground that strengthens our relationship even today.



Being newly weds presented us with one of our first "big" decisions; leaving our hometowns in Connecticut and moving to Scott's new naval assignment in Georgia. Growing up near the coast of Connecticut gave us a love for the ocean and, when it came time to relocate, Fernandina Beach was the best choice we could make. We've been in Florida ever since!

We have a passion for traveling and have visited some wonderful places around the world. We have continued our travels, even after the blessing of our daughter, as we feel it is important that children be exposed to the world that surrounds them. Before children, our first vacation together was at Disney World. It only took one visit and we were bitten by the "Disney bug!" We enjoyed the Disney experience so much that we are now members of the Disney Vacation Club which allows us to enjoy the Disney experience for the next 48 years with our children and grandchildren!



Hiking the lava fields in Hawaii.

A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT SUZANNE

I've been in the Human Resources field for just about fifteen years and it now offers me a high level of flexibility as well as the opportunity to work from home part of the week. The flexibility gives me special time to spend with my daughter, I also get to do things that I enjoy like gardening, running, yoga, cycling, flying, and backyard astronomy. I have hobbies I work on such as sewing, crocheting, embroidery, and working on puzzles. I've always been a science buff and have recently become interested in history and genealogy.



Hamming it up with family at a nephew's wedding.

SUZANNE'S FAMILY

I come from a large family and am the youngest of six children. My dad was in the Marines and transitioned to his civilian career in Connecticut. My mom stayed at home until I headed off to college. Being an empty nester, my mom returned to her librarian career-roots and became a genealogical researcher.

From a young age family was always an important part of my life. I've always kept close relationships with my brothers and sisters. As a child, summers were spent playing with friends or riding bikes. My grandmother's house was the best place to spend the day swimming, fishing, crabbing, or exploring all the cool stuff in her attic. Winters were spent sledding in the field across the street or ice skating and playing hockey on the nearby frozen pond. Family vacations were usually camping trips; most often with families from the flying club my dad belonged to. On many of these camping trips my siblings and I were lucky enough to get in a few flight lessons!



Suzanne & Ben (nephew)... Getting into mischief!

Disney marathon... Finished!

Suzanne

~ Scott ~



A swingin' good time with Henry & Eleanor (nephew & niece).

A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT SCOTT

After finishing my naval career I took my first professional job in the Tampa Bay area. I am now currently a Manager at a software development company where I have a team of engineers that work for me and the various projects we are assigned. I enjoy sports, Olympic and Disney collectable pins, working in the yard, and tinkering on projects around the house. I'm also a bit of a technology enthusiast and share this with my dad.

Daddy's
little
girl!



Family
gathering.

SCOTT'S FAMILY

I was raised by loving parents who provided us with courage and strength to become happy adults. Summers were often spent swimming, riding bikes, and playing with friends. Growing up, my younger sister, Kristin, and I had the "typical" brother/sister relationship. Today we often reminisce about the fun memories we have from our childhood.

As an adult I remain very close to my family. We visit my mom and dad, Sherry and John, in Connecticut as much as possible and when visiting us they enjoy being grandparents to our daughter (the warm Florida sunshine is also a nice bonus)! We especially enjoy it when my sister, her husband, and their two kids visit because it's fun watching our kids play together.





Whale watching.

SUZANNE IS THE LOVE OF SCOTT'S LIFE!
Would you believe that Suzanne and I sat down separately and wrote this to you? The funny thing is that it wasn't difficult to blend our thoughts because we felt very much the same about most things. Suzanne noted that I am the love of her life and I wrote that very same thing about her. It may be said often but, for us, it is truly how we feel about each other. Having been together for over 20 years, the person that I fell in love with back then continues to be the person I love today.

To Suzanne, being a mother is very important! She really loves kids and has a lot of fun with them, especially with her nieces and nephews that we visit throughout the year. One day, when we were working in the yard I watched Suzanne go from gardening to helping one of our neighbor's kids fix their bike, to helping a tiny earthworm cross the sidewalk and place it safely back into the dirt, then back to gardening in our yard. For me, it was a pleasure to watch all this unfold and, the amazing part of it is, she had a great smile on her face the entire time. Suzanne's other passion is running. She loves to run and has competed in several long-distance marathons in the Tampa Bay area and at Walt Disney World. While I am not a runner, I am always there to see her along the course and also to congratulate her at the finish line.



Suzanne & Jonathan (brother)... inseparable.



Soaking up the sun with Deanna.

True love!

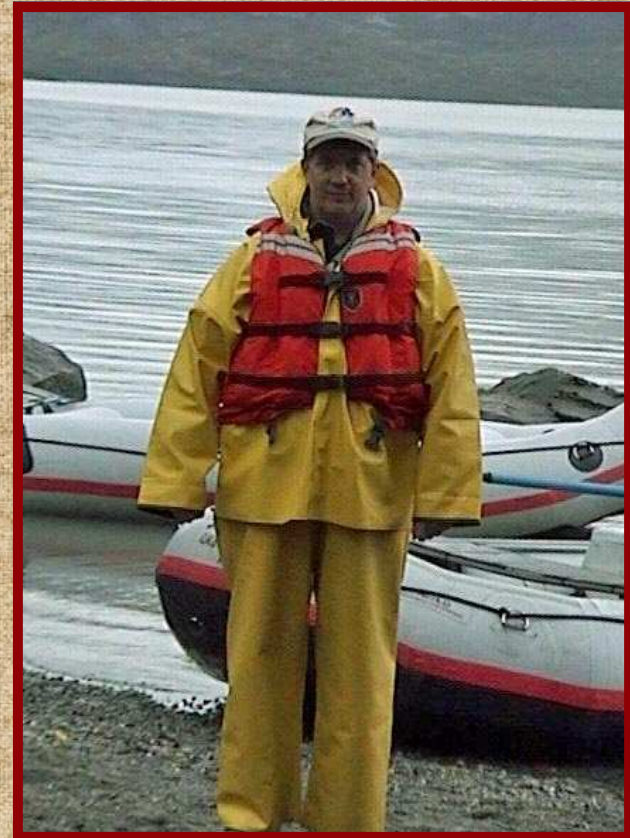
~ All you need is love! ~

SCOTT IS THE LOVE OF SUZANNE'S LIFE, TOO!

I consider myself lucky to have found the love of my life early on. When Scott and I first met he called it "*destiny*" and I totally agree with that. Since then, I have come to know him as a very intelligent, sensitive, and observant person with an incredible capacity to love and care for others. Scott has always wanted to have children and his enthusiasm is a small peek into what an excellent father he will be. At times, he can be quiet and thoughtful yet his amusing sense of humor helps keep our lives filled with laughter. He is wonderful with our daughter as well as other children, no matter if it's our nieces and nephews or children of friends and neighbors.



Scott's birthday...
a party to remember.



River rafting adventure.



Scott approaches most aspects of his life passionately and believes in treating others honestly and openly. He has strong relationships with his family and is greatly loved by all his nieces and nephews. He's usually the one who's tickling the younger ones into uncontrolled giggles and laughter. Scott was a competitive swimmer in school and now, whenever his nieces and nephews are in the pool, he's right there playing with them or teaching them how to swim.



Cruising Alaska.

Our First Child

In May of 2009 we brought home our daughter, Deanna. She was only 2 days old and we immediately began the joys of parenting. She came to us through adoption and, since that first day we held her, we discovered how much we love her unconditionally. From the early infant stage through now we have been amazed by this energetic and vibrant toddler; her personality continues to blossom.



As Deanna has grown we have come to realize that we want to continue to grow our family by bringing another child into our lives. Seeing Deanna play and interact with other children has shown us what a wonderful, loving, big sister she will be. She is always drawn to other children, calling them "baby;" which happens to be one of the earliest words she would say to us.

Deanna



Our home.

WELCOME HOME!

We currently live in a safe, gated community that was designed with children and active families in mind. There are tons of amenities such as a club house, tennis center, basketball courts, a riding path, and a playground that includes a climbing gym. The pool area is arranged for children of all ages (yes, even the "big" kids like us)! The most popular feature of the pool is a very large, circular water slide.

Our community is close to an excellent elementary and middle school. We look forward to riding bikes or walking our children to school on nice days. We researched the schools by talking with parents whose children attend there and teachers who work there. We are very impressed with their approach to education and the importance they place on each child as an individual.



A playground for kids of all ages!

Our Kingdom of Dreams

~ You will be in our hearts, forever. ~

THANK YOU

We are aware of the tremendously difficult decision ahead of you and hope that, through the words and photos throughout these pages, you feel at peace with who we are. We enjoy our lives and have waited a long time to share our joy with children. Perhaps you will allow us the opportunity to know more about you, be there with you during this journey, and ultimately be the best possible parent for your child.

Thank you again for considering us; you will be in our thoughts and in our hearts.



Playing pirate with Pintel.



It's a "ruff" life!

Best Wishes,

Scott, Suzanne & Deanna