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# About Me:

My name is Emily. I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. My mother, JoAnn, and my father, Gary, raised me and my two sisters. I am the middle child, Sara is the oldest and Rachel is the youngest. We enjoyed all different sports growing up! I played basketball, softball and soccer. My father was my coach for all three! Basketball was always my favorite and I idolized Michael Jordan when I was younger. I was also involved in Girl Scouts and my mother was my Scout Leader. I babysat a lot when I was a teenager and never stopped. I was raised Catholic (baptized as a baby) and still hold those beliefs. My family and I enjoy traveling together, boating on the Ohio River, watching sports and simply spending time together. I am currently a teacher in Denver, Colorado.

Some of favorite things are my family/friends, my job, my home, porch time, cheering on my sports teams, cooking (my sister Sara calls herself my sous chef), cherry pie, the color blue and traveling!



## My Education-

Elementary School: I attended Kilgour Elementary school from kindergarten to 6th grade.

Middle School/High School: I attended Summit Country Day School which is a private Jesuit school in Cincinnati from 7th grade to 12th grade. I graduated in 2004. I was confirmed into the Catholic Church in the 8th grade.

I have many teachers in my family so when applying to college it was a no-brainer that I was going to be just the same. Along with my love for kids, it just fit!

College: I attended Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. I graduated in 2008 with a Bachelors in Education and Montessori credentials.

## My Work Experience-

My first job was neighborhood babysitter, and I loved it! As i mentioned, I still babysit on occasion today. I took American Red Cross classes and still keep up my skills of CPR and First Aid for work.

For several summers, I worked at our local amusement park, Kings Island, as a ride operator. It was a fun summertime job!

During my time at Xavier University, I was an intern at Mercy Montessori and Sands Montessori, each for a semester.

After graduating college I was an aide for a year in the Cincinnati Public School system.

In 2012 I got a job as a lead Montessori teacher for Bright Horizons. I am now a lead at montessori school in Wheatridge.



## My Daughter Callie

I dreamed about being a mother and finally my dream came true on July, 28th 2019 when my daughter Callie was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I can't put into words what it was like seeing her and holding her for the first time. Tears still flow when I think about it.

She was 2 months premature and I was with her from day one. We spent 22 days in the NICU.

Callie was officially adopted in February of 2020 and it was simply one of the best moments of my life. She was also baptised in June 2021 with my great friend Rhonda stepping in as Godmother.

Callie is the light of my life. Every night when I kiss her to sleep I say "You are my best-best". She'll smile and say "No!, You're MY best-best"





## About My Callie Peach-

Callie is currently enrolled in a Spanish immersion classroom. We are extremely lucky that she not only gets this Spanish experience but that she gets to attend the same school where I work.

Callie has enjoyed so many different experiences. She is currently enrolled in a soccer camp, a ballet studio and swim lessons.

Callie has many likes. Her favorite food is by far pasta and fruit, the messier the better. Callie's favorite shows are Paw Patrol, Frozen and Bluey. She loves the color pink and colors everythign rainbow. Besides her home, Callie's favorite place is the beach.

Above all, however, she loves her family. "Mommy, we're all together!" she shouts as she runs from me, to Aunt, to Uncle, to cousin, to Grandparents, and back to me. Callie has 4 second cousins in Denver that she adores and plays with reguarly.

Callie would love to be a big sister and she would be the most nurturing and caring one at that.



My Mother, JoAnn:

I think it is important to say that my Mom was adopted as an infant and has passed on to us how incredible the process can be. We are a family that knows families can come in different forms. She grew up in northern Ohio with her parents and brother, Jack.

She went to The Ohio State University (Go Buckeyes!) for college and attained a Ceramic Engineering degree.

She worked for The Procter and Gamble Company for over 40 years as a Human Resource Manager.

My parents instilled in me to have empathy for others, to work hard and have given me an idillic life! The life lessons were to be proud of who I am and to help anyone you possibly can.

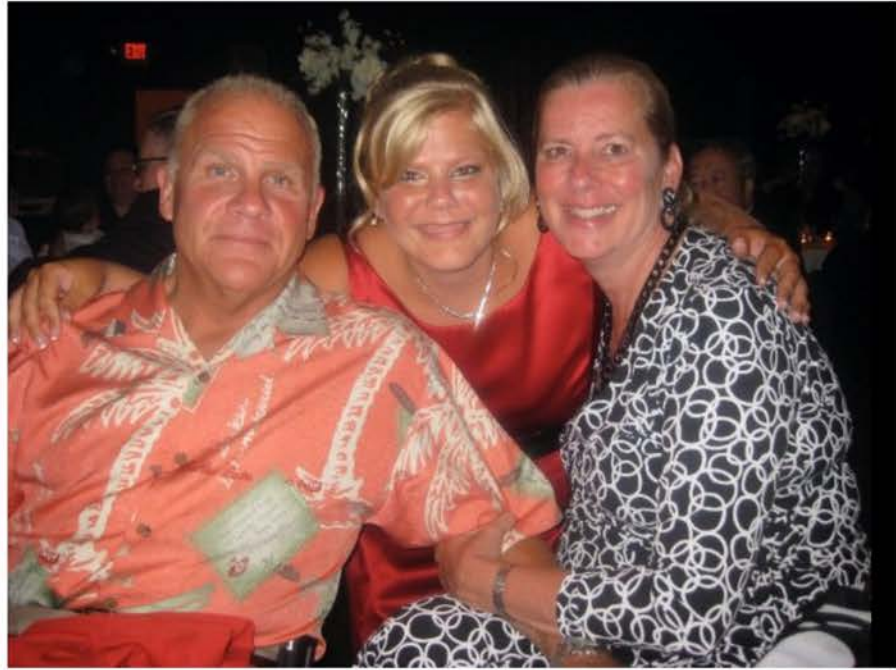
My Father, Gary:

My father grew up the oldest brother with four sisters! He was born in New York and then moved around Colorado and Europe as his father was an aerospace engineer that worked on armed forces projects.

He attended The University of Notre Dame (Go Irish!) where he attained a Chemical Engineering degree and played on the football team. He then attended University of Minnesota where he attained his Law degree and MBA.

My father also worked at The Procter and Gamble Company as a Corporate Lawyer.

They have been married since 1983 and have been the absolute best role models in commincation and support.



My parents were born to be grandparents. I knew of the love and support that my sisters and I received but nothing prepared me for seeing them with my daughter.

Since Callie was born they have not spent more than a month away from her. Callie affectionately calls her Grandfather "Pa" and her Grandmother "Gammy".

We have taken many trips to their home in Cincinnati, Ohio where Callie loves swimming in their pool and hot tub. While there she also enjoys an electronic horse, an electric car, her own playhouse and playground in the large backyard.

My parents also own a condo in Denver just doors away from ours, where Callie happily scurries from our home to theirs.

Gammy reads a book and puts Callie to bed every night they are in town and Pa will go exploring in the park with her at the slightest ask.

Callie could not have inherited better grandparents than them and they are thrilled with the idea of another Grandchild.







My Sister, Sara-

My older sister Sara is the sporty one! She moved to Colorado for college and never left.

She has competed in and completed many marathons, the Leadville 100 bike race and an Ironman competition.

Sara graduated from the University of Colorado with an Environmental Studies degree.

She worked at several camps with that degree and then earned her teaching credentials.

Sara is currently a Special Education Teacher at Carbondale Middle School in Carbondale, Colorado.

My Brother-in-law, Allan-

He is also from Ohio (Yay!) He grew up in Cleveland, Ohio with his parents and his younger brother, Scott.

Allan went to Colorado State University, graduated with a Natural Resource Management degree and also never left Colorado.

He has a niece and nephew whom he and my sister adore!

Allan worked for the Roaring Fork School district as a computer technician which is how he and my sister met. He now works for a non-profit supportign local school systems.

Allan is an avid climber but together he and my sister love rafting, skiing, and biking.

They have been married since 2013 and Rachel and I had the honor of being bridesmaids!



My Sister, Rachel-

My younger sister, Rachel, is the artsy one!

She also went to the University of Colorado and graduated with an Art History degree!

After college, Rachel moved to New York City and became an intern at Christie's where she then worked as an art consultant for several years.

During that time, she got her MBA from Rutgers University. From there, Rachel became a Brand Protection manager for 1stdibs and is now a Senior Director for Artsy

Rachel recently got engaged to her boyfriend, Phoenix, and Callie is excited to be the flower girl! They have two properties In New York.

Soon To be Brother-In-Law Phoenix Trent

Phoenix was born in New York where he has lived his whole life between Long Island and the Hudson Valley areas. He has grown up with 4 siblings who he is very close with as he is with both parents and step-parents. They all live very close to each other in New York. Phoenix went to American University in Washington DC and currently works for GallopNYC.

Rachel and Pheonix are looking forward to kids of their own and share the excitement of the family to add a niece or nephew.



I love my sisters with all my heart. I grew up with my two best friends, who just happen to be my sisters! I truly believe in the power of three because of these two and feel that we can do wonderful things together!

Callie lights up when she sees her aunts. Her Aunt Sara shows her how to trampoline, ride a Strider bike and plays soccer with her. Her Aunt Rachel plays princess with her as they joke to me that they are “breaking all the rules”.

Callie also hit the Uncle Jackpot. Allan and Phoenix, my wonderful brother-in-laws, are the cherries on top. They are the brothers I never had and both are the perfect fit for our close family. They couldn't love my sisters, me, and Callie anymore. Allan is going to teach her rock climbing and Phoenix is going to teach her all his cooking skills!

I can't wait for Callie to learn from them and grow with them. All four are very excited at the prospect of another niece or nephew.



My sisters!

## My Best Friend Jenni-

I have known Jenni for 15 years now. Not only is she my best friend but she is a third aunt to Callie. Jenni will read countless books to my daughter, play any game, sing any song. She volunteers to push Callie in the stroller and hold Callie while she naps.

Jenni affectionately calls Callie, "Sweet Peach" and hangs the pictures Callie draws her in her office cubicle.

Jenni flew to Colorado for Callie's adoption and makes weekend trips for both Callie's and my birthdays.

Only best friends get called aunts and Callie and I are both extremely lucky to have Jenni as part of our lives.





# Our Cozy Home

I moved to Denver in 2012, moved into the condo that I own in 2014 and it has become my “happy place”.

My condo is in the Capitol Hill area of Denver, right off of Cheeseman Park. Can you believe it? My backyard is a park! And it has a great playground!

I love taking walks in the park and sitting on my back porch. I have spent many great times grilling with family/friends and enjoying the beautiful Colorado sun.

I am also a member of the Denver Botanical Gardens which is just a short walk through the park!



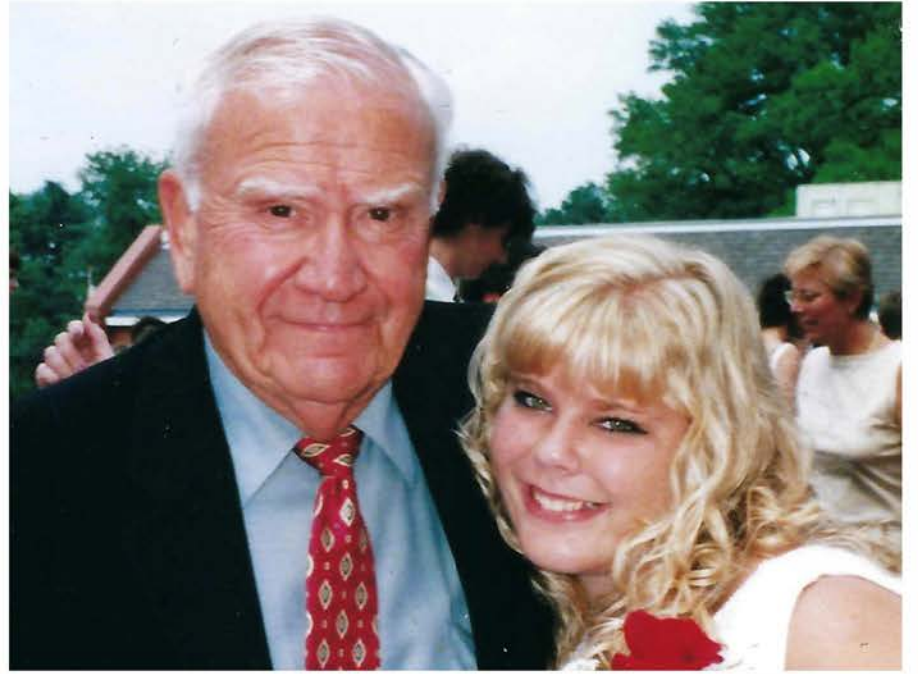
# More of My Family

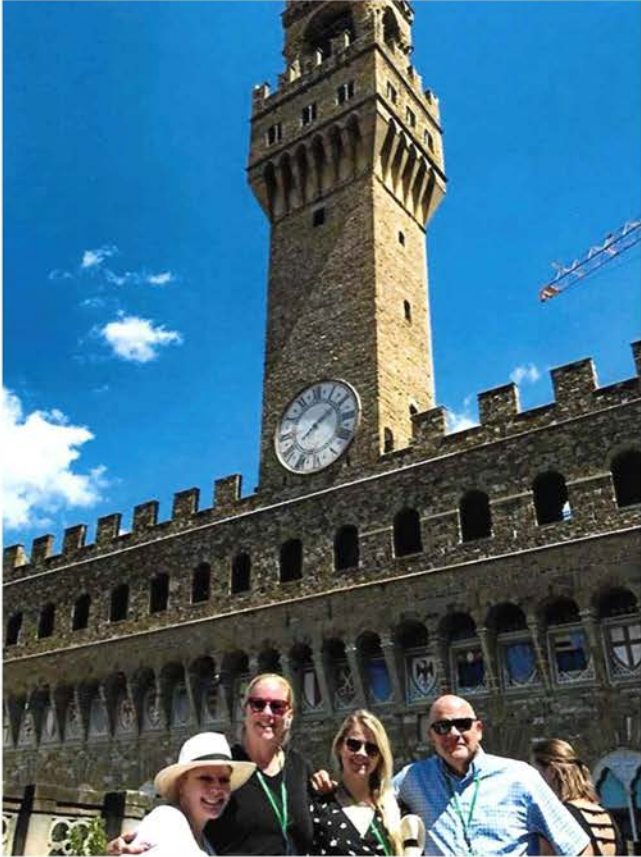
I had the most amazing childhood (we went to Disney World for ten straight Spring Breaks!) and my life just keeps getting better! We love spending every holiday together, boating and travelling!

We have travelled across the United States and have been lucky to travel to Italy, Brazil, Jamaica and Mexico! Having these experiences have been not only fun but educational and life-changing.

Along with my amazing parents and sisters, I have cousins, aunts/uncles and grandparents who love(d) me as well! They have also played a huge part in my life as part of my support system! I have so many people who love me and you can tell by my many loving nicknames. Some are Lulu, Tloo, Emmers, Emmy and Ernie to name a few!

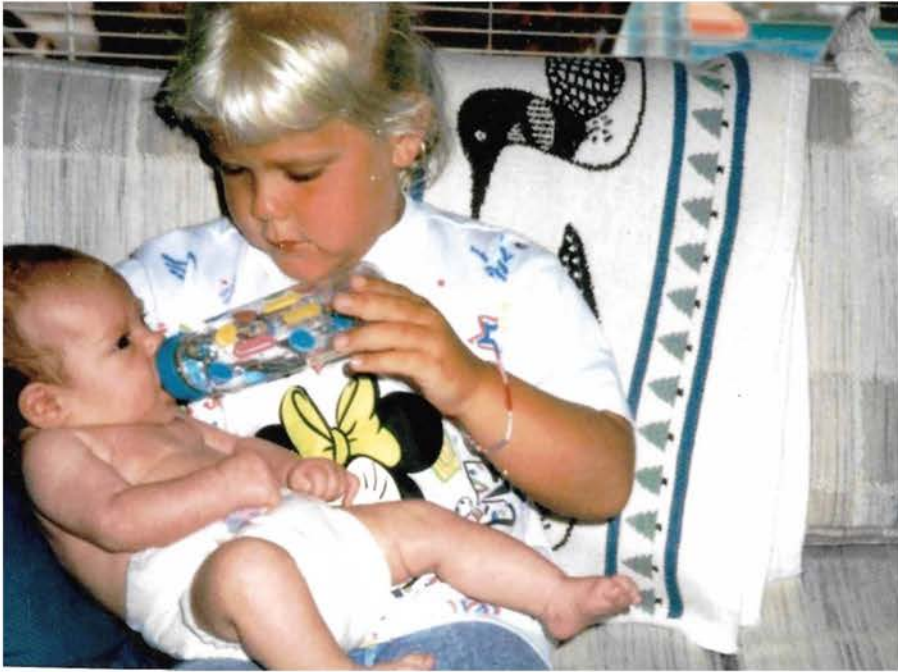


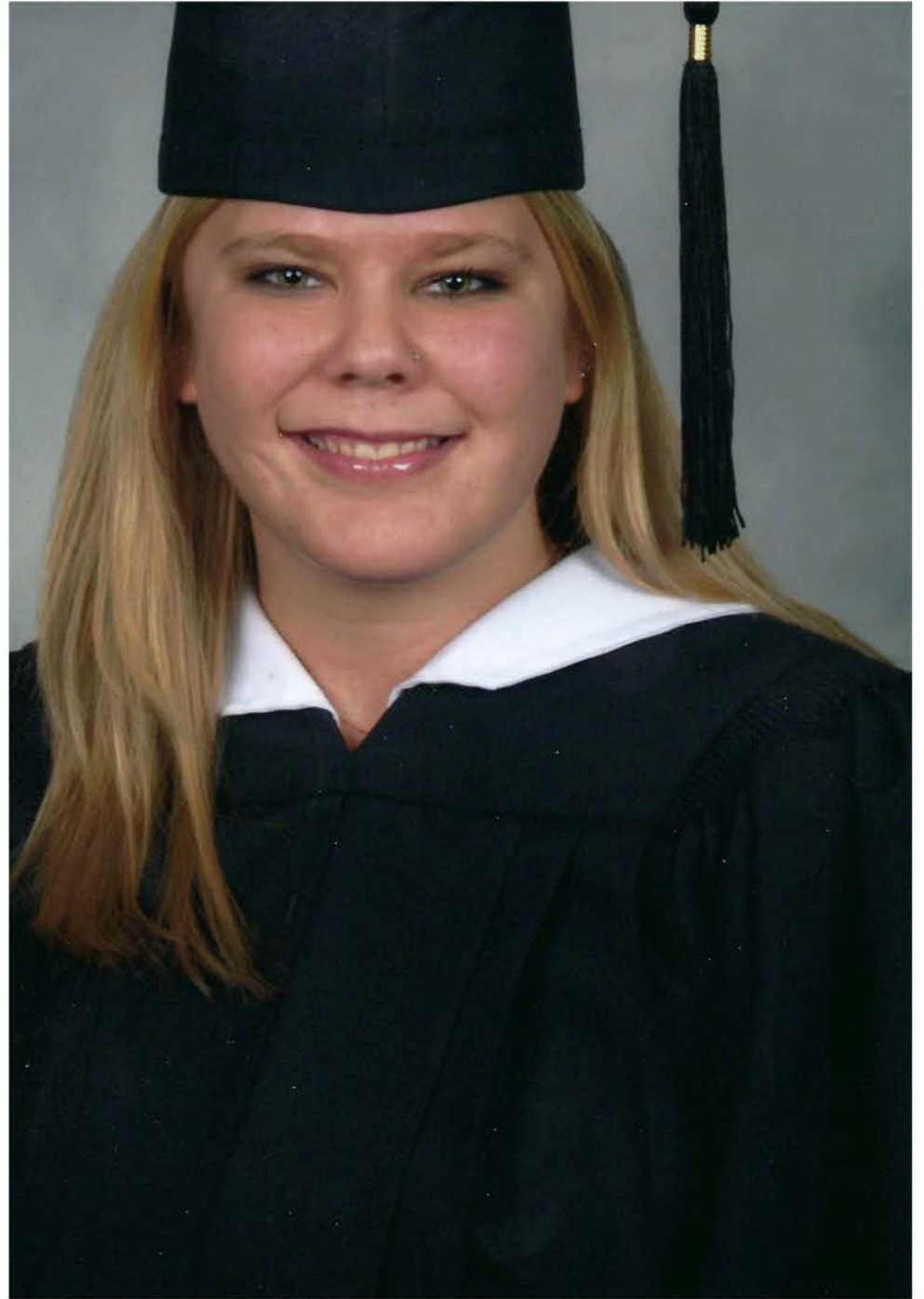












# Being A Teacher

I am so blessed to call myself a teacher! To teach kids how to read, write and become simply a great human being is the most rewarding job! “My Kids”, as I call them, bring me so much joy. And just when I think I’m teaching them, they turn around and teach me instead. I couldn’t ask for anything better! I love making a difference in their lives.

Here I am teaching in my Montessori classroom and also two notes from mothers of the children in my room.



Dear Ms Emily,  
 Thank you for teaching me how to read, how to do math, and for helping me with my workbooks so I could go to Stargate!  
 I love that you are so sweet and always smiling. I love to get hugs from you every day. And my most favorite game with you is playing the "You're the best! No,

you're the best!" game with you every day!  
 I'm going to miss you so much when I go to kindergarten, but mom promised we will see you all the time!  
 You will always be MY Emily and I will never forget you. EVER!  
 I Love you!  
 SKIQR 😊

Emily,  
 Wow! What an amazing journey this has been. You have had such a positive in Luke's Alanna's lives, and played such an important role. Your love, kindness, patience and yearning to teach has been so influential to Alanna. We will miss seeing your bright and welcoming smile every morning.

We wish you much joy, success and love.  
 From the bottom of our hearts -  
 THANK YOU!!

our best,  
 Ana, Brian, Alanna & Luke  
 The Carphenters

# Notes From Family and Friends

*From the moment Emily was born, we knew what a sweet person she was going to be! She is so kind, loyal and loving. Her love of her family is unparalleled and she will do anything she can to spend time with and help those she loves. We have such wonderful memories of her growing up - happy times from sports, to scouts, to dancing, to family vacations. Emily has always been so grateful and appreciative. She's famous for her thoughtful words on milestone occasions - from her speech at her sister's wedding to cards and letters to us, her sisters and extended family. As would-be grandparents, we are so excited for Emily to be a mother. Her mother, JoAnn, was adopted and has instilled in Emily that families come in all shapes and adoption is a wonderful gift. JoAnn also has been involved with ProKids (CASA) supporting foster children for over a decade and knows the importance of safe and secure family units. Her father, Gary, comes from a large and very close family, still getting together with his siblings for holidays and family events. We are so looking forward to having this child in our lives.*  
*-Gary and JoAnn (Emily's Mom and Dad, Grandparents-to-be)*

*She loves Children as a dedicated teacher should. She has a special place in our heart and family and we love her very much. She is like a daughter to us. She will have a great support system from us; Tony, Holly, Mark, Jacqueline, their spouses Bri and Sean and their children Harvey, Cooper and Gregory, as she starts her journey as a new mother.*  
*- Holly and Tony (Aunt and Uncle)*

*I am one of Emily's Aunts and have watched her grow up from a fun, loving child to a beautiful, mature, compassionate adult. Emily loves life and enjoys spending time with her extended family and friends. She gets along well with everyone she meets and always has a smile on her face. She is an awesome teacher who adores her kids and they adore her. Emily would be a very nourishing mother to a child that would be blessed with lots of love, hugs and kisses. I can't say enough positive things about my dear niece Emily, and wish her well during the adoption process.*

*- Dale (Aunt)*

*Emily is one of the most kind, generous, caring people I have ever met. We have been friends since college (over 10 years!), and I can't imagine my life without her as part of it. She was a valued bridesmaid when I got married, and continues to be a close confidant throughout all of life's ups and downs. Emily is extremely caring and amazing with children--she loves them dearly and would make an excellent mother. She has surrounded herself with close-knit family and friends. By introducing a child in her world, that child would know expanded horizons, a deep passion for Ohio and Colorado sports teams, and an endless amount of love, caring, and acceptance.*

*-Rhonda (Friend)*

*Dear Emily,*

*We remember ever since you were a wee little girl always being a caregiver. You always had a big smile on your face, wanted to make sure everyone was ok and wanted to help in any way you could.*

*You are still such a beautiful example of what a compassionate, loving and understanding young woman is. You have so much love in your heart.*

*We are excited to be on this journey with you.*

*-John and Jill (Aunt and Uncle)*

*Growing up with Emily we would put plays on for our family, she would always let me have the spotlight. We would play American Girl Dolls and she would let me pick my favorite one first. She has always been generous and now that we are older she's generous with her time but mostly her love. She ends every weekend with a quick text; "hope you had a great weekend".*

*She seems to remember and celebrate all the milestones in my life, not just my birthday but the smaller things like my wedding anniversary and first day back to work after maternity leave. She loves with her whole heart and throws that same passion into her work. When she's not at work she's typically babysitting or attending birthday parties for the kids in her school.*

*Emily is fun and funny. She is loving and she is warm. She is my cousin and my best friend. Emily is the kind of person my husband and I trust with our own infant, the kind of role-model we want around him as he grows.*

*- Jacqueline (Cousin)*

*It has been the greatest privilege to have known Emily for as long as I have. It would be a disservice to the world for Emily to not have the chance to be a mother. Her love is unconditional and she is the most genuine person i know. She simply makes my life better. She is such a great friend and I even consider her a sister to the point where I still cry when we say goodbye.*

*-Jenni (friend)*

*Emily is excited and ready to take this next step. She has chosen a career with children, truly loves to be around them, and will be a dedicated, kind, loving, and supportive parent. Emily will provide the nurturing, caring, and family-first lifestyle for any child and she is surrounded by and supported by her family and friends.*

*-Sara and Allan (Sister and brother in-law)*

## One Last Note From Me:

Thank you taking the time to look through my portfolio. I hope it gave you a glimpse into my life and what my family is all about. Becoming a mother has been the most life-changing and greatest dream I have made come true. I love being a mother so very much that I am ready to add to my family. I feel in my heart that is it not complete yet.

I am completely humbled by your consideration and please feel to ask about anything more!

Thank you!

Emily



