

K.C. and Maggie



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Welcome and thank you for  
learning about our family  
and our story.



Walter



K.C. and Maggie



Ellie



# Our Relationship



We were introduced by a mutual friend the spring of 2006 and were both at a retreat later that summer together. We hit it off and spent our summer building a friendship that turned into a partnership as we explored Western North Carolina where we both called home and fell in love



Iceland - Standing Between 2 Continents

We dated for two years and surrounded by family and friends we took the leap and got married in the summer of 2008. We celebrated with NC style barbeque that Maggie's dad cooked and danced to a local bluegrass band.





California Coast

Our love for the outdoors, desire for new adventures, passion for making a positive impact on the world, and compassion for others were a firm foundation upon which we continued to build our relationship and have a lot of fun along the way.



In 2018 we moved from NC to WA and have loved making the PNW our home over the last few years.



Anniversary Trip to Iceland



We both grew up with dogs and have always had dogs as part of our family. We enjoy the humor and mild chaos that our pups Walter (7) and Ellie (3) bring to our lives.



# Maggie's Story

## Hobbies and Interest:

- Cooking and Baking - love trying out new recipes and exploring with flavors
- Gardening - Usually found with a little dirt under my fingernails
- Competitive Rowing - A new sport since moving to the PNW, love rowing with my competitive team
- Outdoors Sports- Hiking, Biking, Skiing

Occupation: Environmental Engineer,  
works in contaminated site clean-up



KC & Maggie with Maggie's Family  
in Moab

## Fun Facts:

- I am named after my paternal grandmother and nicknamed "Maggie" at birth because my grandma always wanted to be called "Maggie".
- Learned to ski at age 2 and my friends and family say I ski better than I walk
- Have traveled and worked at the farthest north point in the U.S.
- My first and one of my favorite jobs was teaching kids to ski
- Have 3 Nephews and 2 Godsons, who are the most fun to love on and watch grow-up



Maggie & Parents



Maggie & Godson Kenneth





Maggie & Mom on a Hike



Maggie & Dad at Lumineers Concert



Maggie & Brother Snowmobiling/Skiing

I grew up in the Appalachian mountains of North Carolina in a house my parents built themselves. My brother is six years older than me so I was born with the fiercest advocate who made sure I could hold my own. My family has always been a stable and constant foundation for my life even as we have all grown older and our family has grown. My parents and brother's family all now live in Idaho so we love having them close enough for frequent visits.



KC & Asher



Maggie, Asher, & Walter on Asher's First Christmas!

Welcoming our nephew, my brother's son, Asher and first grandchild into the family in 2020 has been a joy and we have loved watching him grow and spending as much time as possible with him.



Maggie's Grandfather

A Favorite Memory:  
My grandfather always tinkered with things and lived by a golf course so he collected trashcans full of stray golfballs. One day he asked me if I knew what was inside a golf ball, when I said no his immediate answer was "let's find out". We then cut open a golf ball and he explained it to me as he went. He helped instill a genuine curiosity for how things work.



Skiing with Brother and Sister-In-Law



I struggled with debilitating migraines for years, these started soon after KC and I got married. They stopped me in my tracks and forced me to depend deeply on my friends, family, and KC. I do not take a healthy day for granted and express my gratitude and love for those around me without hesitation. We cannot make it through life without a village and it instilled in me the importance of both accepting and giving support.

I care deeply about my friends and family and have always maintained a close circle of deep relationships. I tend to move full speed in everything I do and with certainty. I am committed and will push to accomplish any goal. This has led to quite a few sports injuries/surgeries along the way as well as some hard lessons that have been learned. It has also led me to continue pushing forward with strength when challenges arise.



Maggie & Best Friend (College Roomate) - Sarah

## K.C.'s Story

Hobbies and Interests:

- Rock Climbing: I get out climbing whenever the weather allows.
- Dog Adventure: I love taking Walter and Ellie out on adventures in the mountains
- Home Project: Our home remodel gives me the opportunity to take on new projects and learn new skills.
- Outdoor sports: Mountain Biking, Skiing, Fishing.



Occupation: Solar Performance Engineer





### Fun Facts about K.C.

- My family has lived in the same place in North Carolina for over 200 years.
- I was a division 1 pole vaulter in college.
- I was a white water raft guide for 2 summers during college.
- I share my first name of Kenneth with my Father and Grandfather.



I was born and raised in a rural county in Western North Carolina on a small family farm. We raised cattle and grew tobacco. My younger brother and I grew up surrounded by family. When not working on the farm, I spent most of my days doing something outdoors either playing in the woods with my brother or fishing or hunting with our father. My family is still in NC and we go back a few times a year for family gatherings and holidays.



I studied mechanical engineering in college and started working in the Solar Industry a few years after graduating. I am proud of and enjoy the work I do. When not working I can either be found working on one of the many house remodel projects that we have underway or out adventuring in the Cascades climbing/biking or exploring the woods with the dogs.



KC & Dad





One of the lessons I learned growing up with my family was how to show up for people. Whenever there was a need in the community, I watched my father, uncle, and grandfather show up and help others. It seemed like every winter we would spend days cutting firewood for someone who was sick or unable to. We would regularly get calls from neighbors to help look for cattle that had gotten loose or to help put up crops before the end of the season.



KC & Godson Kenneth



KC, Dad, & Brother



KC & Maggie with KC's Family





# Our Home and Neighborhood

In late 2020 we bought a 1970s home in western Washington.

The house had not been updated since it was built and we quickly set to updating the house ourselves and working to make it our home. It has been a journey but we love this house and have made it into a cozy and welcoming home filled with our unique character for ourselves, friends, and family.



Our living room



Our backyard with firepit for gathering with friends and family

One of the many reasons we decided on our home is due to the neighborhood. It is located outside of a smaller town in a very accessible neighborhood filled with families. Our neighborhood has trails along with a community park/playground and pond. We are also near a lot of trails allowing us to easily spend time outside.



Biking with Maggie's Parents on a nearby trail

# Favorite Traditions



The Framily on New Years

We gather at least once every year with our Friend Family "Framily". This gathering alternates between the summer and new years each year with impromptu gathers in between. Our Framily started as group of three couples who we have been friends with since the beginning of college. The framily has grown to include three kiddos along the way, two of whom are our godsons. This group of chosen family has been there through all of our lives together and are a constant source of love, support, and humor. We are typically so busy making memories and having adventures that we forget to capture photos!

Framily Tubing Summer 2022



Teaching godson Kenneth to Ski



We spend time in western NC each year with KC's family. During this time we gather with all of the cousins and family to laugh, eat good food, and catch up.



KC's Family Reunion (2022)



Christmas with Maggie's Family



KC and Great Aunt Betty



Skiing in Idaho (2008)



KC and Brother with Granny on 100th Birthday

We spend time in Idaho each year skiing with Maggie's family. We have done this since we started dating and it is a favorite time each year. Sometimes this is over Christmas as well so we are guaranteed a white Christmas!

## Dreams for our Child(ren)

That they feel truly seen, understood, and loved. They know that they have the unconditional love and support of their family and this allows them to have the confidence to dream BIG and chase those dreams.

They find their passion and feel supported to always follow their dreams



KC & Nephew Jarren



A love for learning, adventure, and exploration, whatever that may look like for them.

They know their birth family and the deep love their birth family has for them.



Maggie & Nephew Asher

That they are able to find humor, happiness, and joy throughout the ups and downs of life



# Open Adoption Aspirations

Our family and friends are important parts of our lives and one of our favorite parts of that is being part of their kiddos lives. The larger the village to love and care for the kids the more support they will have throughout their lives. Our aspiration is to have an open adoption that allows for our adopted child(ren) to have a large family (bio and adopted) and circle around them so they are supported throughout their journey.



We want to honor the traditions of the birth family and ensure they know their importance in our life and the life of our adopted child(ren). We acknowledge this will be easier said than done but we are committed to being open and flexible throughout this process as our family grows through adoption. We look forward to building new traditions along the way.



Thank You for taking time to read about our family

