



KEITH & DEEPAK



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HI! WE'RE KEITH AND DEEPAK

After helping to raise our siblings and babysitting our friends' kids, we realized over time that we really wanted to become parents ourselves.

We both come from very different ethnic and cultural backgrounds yet share a lot of the same values. We believe in compassion, empathy and kindness toward others. We're driven by a zest for adventure, to make the best of the opportunities we're given, and we hope to raise our child centered in these values, so they can live a fruitful life and be happy.

We hope to grow our family through open adoption, and make lifelong memories with a child who feels loved and secure in our care, and within the relationship we build with their birth family.

Thank you for getting to know us.



Dating during Mardi Gras



We love country music concerts



The beach is one of our favorite places

OUR LOVE STORY

We met in New Orleans in 2017. During our first date, we had an amazing conversation and learned we had a lot of the same passions and interests. We met during Mardi Gras, making it fun to get to know each other while experiencing parades. Before we knew it, our lives became intertwined. Even our close friends told us we had found the one! We got engaged in 2018 and married in 2019.

We're opposites who balance each other out. Keith is laid back and care-free and Deepak thrives on structure and routine. Yet we're similar in that we both like to take a humorous, light-hearted approach to our relationship and love teasing one another. We hope to grow our family filled with love, laughter - and even when times get tough - a lot of comfort and hugs.

Keith proposes to Deepak in Greece



Our wedding day



CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

DEEPAK

My mom loved taking us to Disneyland



Opening birthday gifts with dad



I've always been very protective of my sister Sonia



Favorite early memories: Every time I received good grades on my report card in elementary school, my dad would take me to our favorite pizza spot to celebrate. Also, we'd make pizza every Friday evening from scratch and watch our favorite shows on TV. I can't wait to carry this tradition down as I grow my own family with Keith.

KEITH

Mom and I enjoying my cousin's wedding



My dad and I before Christmas mass



My two sisters are my closest friends



Favorite early memories: My grandparents lived in the Florida Keys, so my family would spend summers and holidays enjoying the island life! I cannot get enough of the ocean and hope to teach my children the importance of preserving our natural resources.

ABOUT DEEPAK

I grew up in California and was lucky to be around diversity, great weather and access to beautiful beaches since I love being near water. I also LOVE animals. I'd like at least 2, 4, or just 10 more pets but Keith won't allow it. He also says I have too many plants. Going for a swim, being in nature, experimenting in the kitchen, traveling - all these things make me really happy. I like learning new things and enhancing my perspective, so I gravitate toward experiences that push me to grow and make the most of what life has to offer.

But, most importantly, PIZZA is life!

My brother Karam and sister Sonia in our grandparents' backyard



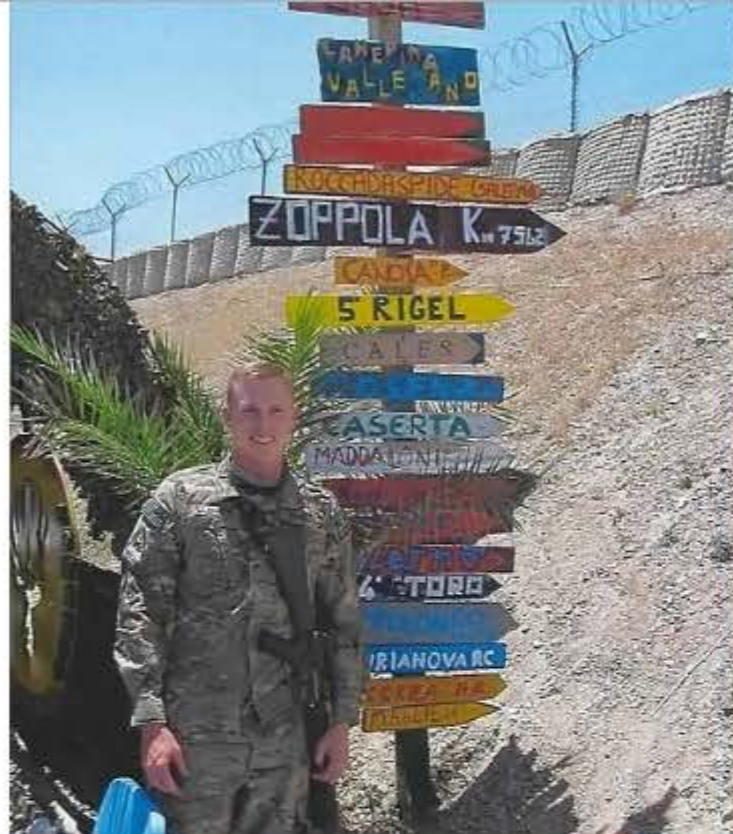
Petting Hasan the camel in Morocco

Since my parents immigrated here from northern India, I didn't learn English until I was in school, so I always found it tough growing up to collect my words. It was hard to make friends so I engulfed myself in books and read every day. I learned to love the art of storytelling and I became a TV news anchor and reporter, traveling all over the country for NBC, CBS and ABC affiliates. Now, I work for the federal government, helping our nation's top officials tell their stories.



ABOUT KEITH

People always ask me where I grew up and it's a hard question to answer. My parents both served in the Army so we lived all over the states and internationally. It was hard as a kid but I now see how it expanded my horizons, taught me so much about the world and how to adapt to tough situations. My fondest memories as a kid are with my family at the beach. Like my husband, I also love the water and earned a swimming scholarship to college. I love sports (college football and NFL especially), camping, spending time with family and friends, and traveling the world (I've been to more than 25 countries). Really, anything fun and thrilling!



Like my parents, I also joined the military, serving as a Captain in the Army. I was deployed to Afghanistan and eventually joined the Army Reserves after active duty. I retired from the Army in 2017 and now work as a Senior Human Resources Business Partner - which means I'm good at managing people and personalities.

My favorite hobby is annoying my husband, which he can't do anything about, because I promised to annoy him forever in my wedding vows.

Everyone says my younger sister Maura and I look like twins!

DEEPAK'S FAMILY

I come from an immigrant family. My parents sacrificed their own dreams to provide a better life for their kids. We had our share of struggles growing up which was softened by so many loving relatives who helped raise us, and more cousins to play with than I could count. We grew up with the best of our Indian and American cultures. My parents worked hard to provide Christmas and other holiday celebrations for us in a culture they themselves were trying to understand, so we could feel like everyday American kids. Because of my family's support, I've been lucky to achieve my dreams, and I hope to pay it forward.

My maternal grandmother is my rock



My mom, dad, brother and sister make up the core members of my family. We're so fortunate that my maternal grandmother is still alive - she raised me while my parents worked long hours at their jobs when I was young.

To the left is a picture of my cousins at mine and Keith's wedding. They've been my support system my entire life. Most of them have kids of their own who Keith and I love to spoil and adore.

KEITH'S FAMILY

My parents met while serving in the Army, which means my sisters and I were moving early and often. My dad comes from the middle of Nebraska and loves his alma mater, the University of Nebraska (Go Big Red!). My mom was born and raised in Philadelphia and is from a big Irish family. After both my mom and dad served for 30+ years in the Army, my family settled in Florida. Like Deepak's family, my parents worked hard to get where they are today and have instilled that same work ethic in me. My family still has a strong sense of service with my mom and dad working in local government, my little sister as a social worker, and my oldest sister in health care.



My younger sister Maura, my dad George, me, my mom Ann and my older sister Liz at my wedding

I'm the middle child and a brother to two sisters; one older and one younger. Because of our parents' military service, we spent so much of our younger years living in different places. It was hard to make friends having to move around a lot, so we became each other's friends. It's a unique bond that has always kept us close.

Austin & Jessica and Anne & Joey are Deepak's best friends. He is 'Uncle Dee' to their kids



Darryl, Lang and Raul have been by Keith's side since college



OUR FRIENDS



Uncle Dee serving up some pizza by the pool for the kids to enjoy



We've built a wonderful extended family of best friends, most of which stem from our childhood, college and early career days. Our friends are spread out all over the country and we love it when we can get all the kids together, so they can grow up developing close friendships, too.



We are so lucky to have formed friendships with such kind-hearted humans. They enrich our lives and just being in their presence is healing.

Most of our friends have children and we love being their uncles and showering them with tons of fun and affection. We are grateful for our friendships, as they've kept us afloat during life's best and hardest moments. For Deepak, he's grateful his friend Anne helped him escape an abusive relationship and helped him start a new life in a new city as her neighbor, with a new job. Shortly after, her husband was deployed to Afghanistan, so Deepak was able to return the favor and be there for her in her time of need. For Keith, life is a party! When Keith returned home from his deployment to Afghanistan it was hard adjusting back to reality. Keith's friends Lang, Darryl, Emily and Raul were there by his side to help lift his spirits. Keith's friends are the type that you can call for help when you're stranded on the side of the road, and they are also always up for a fun time!

OUR HOME



We love gatherings over food, summer BBQs, lighting the fire pit on a brisk fall evening and spending time together.

Our favorite thing about our home is that it's cozy. Kids can relax, play and there's plenty of room to run around. We're close to great schools, beautiful parks, shopping, dining and tons of amenities.



We have a great view of Mt. Rainier and love enjoying the scenery, gardening and spending time in the yard.



NOOSA

Age 11

Standard Poodle



BOO

Age 12

Brown & White Tabby



BRUNO

Age 1

Lagotto Romagnolo



LIFE IS PURRFECT WITH PETS

We love our pets! Deepak rescued Noosa and Boo over 10 years ago in New Orleans. The trio welcomed Keith into their family and we recently adopted Bruno. The cat is clearly the head of the household and referees the dogs, though he secretly loves them.

The pets get along extremely well and love playing with our friends' kids. We both grew up with childhood pets who enriched our lives. We look forward to raising children along with our pets, so they can also experience the joy of loving and caring for animals.



EXPLORING LIFE

Chinatown in London



Boating in Florida



Gelatos in Florence, Italy



Hiking in Sparta, Greece



Summer in Lake Como, Italy



Riding camels in Marrakesh, Morocco



We are driven to experience the world, learn about new cultures, expand our horizons and want to share all of this with our future child.



DREAMS FOR OUR CHILD

We believe every child has their own destiny and as adults, we can help give them the tools they need to realize their hopes, dreams and find the things that make them happy.

We hope our individual and shared experiences can give a child the unique perspective they need to navigate finding who they are while still being connected to their roots and their birth family. We believe it takes a village to raise children and we welcome our future child's birth parents and relatives into our fold. It's important that children know where they come from and keep the relationships that make them feel whole.

We are eager to become parents and are excited to open our hearts and home to our child's birth family and hope that they can become our family, too.

OPEN ADOPTION ASPIRATIONS



We are committed to providing a loving and stable home for our future child. They will be well-rounded, given every opportunity available and encouraged to follow their passions. We promise to love our future child with our whole hearts, exactly as they are. We hope to be able to keep in touch with our future child's birth family through visits, pictures and letters at whatever cadence they feel comfortable with. The door for connection to us and our child will always be open.