



**Scott**

**Anne**

**Job Description:**

Aquarium Service Technician

Librarian & Circulation Manager in a Large Public Library

**Education:**

Bachelor of Science in Fisheries Management

Bachelor of Arts in English & Women's Studies, Masters of Library & Information Science

**Favorites:**

**Cartoon**  
Ren & Stimpy

**Cartoon**  
Family Guy

**Family Activity**  
Fishing at the Beach

**Family Activity**  
Walking the Dogs

**Shopping Store**  
Dick's Sporting Goods

**Shopping Store**  
Nordstrom

**Sport to Watch**  
Poker

**Sport to Watch**  
Frisbee Dogs

**TV Show Character**  
Agent Scully from the X-Files

**TV Show Character**  
Elaine from Seinfeld

**Children:**

None

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**What We Love About Each Other**

**Anne says:** The thing that attracted me to Scott was his sense of humor. He can laugh at himself, and loves to tell stories. He can also embarrass me by acting like a goofball, and thinks it's funny, but I usually get over it pretty quickly. We both like the same comedy movies, and even like to laugh at really bad horror movies together. He loves animals, which was always very important to me since we always had pets when I was growing up. I am very excited to see what a great dad he will be. He regularly talks about things he wants to do and places he wants to go when we have a child, and is very much looking forward to being a father.

**Scott says:** Anne is very motivated and loves to plan things like vacations and activities to do during our time off work. She is very smart and was ambitious enough to get her Masters degree and teaching certificate. We both love animals and have similar taste in movies. We both enjoy the outdoors. Although she doesn't always fish with me, she enjoys being outside and will come along for the boat ride and read while I fish. She is very caring with our pets, and always makes sure they are healthy and safe. I believe she will be a very good mother.

**What We Expect We'll Like Most About Being Parents**

We are both looking forward to having a child to share our lives. Even though we enjoy the little things in life, we always talk about how much more fun we would have if we had a child to share it with. We can't wait to see him or her catch a fish, go to Disney World for the first time, and to see what is under the tree on Christmas morning. We are also very much looking forward to attending school plays, teacher conferences, and any sports, dancing or other activities a child would want to take part in. Scott is a nature enthusiast and took many biology classes on Ohio wildlife and plants. He is very much looking forward to sharing all this information with a child. Anne is a librarian and knows the importance of early literacy and reading in a child's life. She is looking forward to nightly story times, bringing home all the newest books from the library, and sharing her love of reading with a child.

**Our House and Neighborhood**

OHIO

We live in a rural area outside of a large city in Ohio. We chose our home because of the large, 3-acre lot and fish pond. We spent the first several years of our relationship living near a busy college campus in apartments with noisy neighbors. We both agreed that a quiet country setting would be the perfect place to raise a family. In the evening, we can hear frogs, see deer grazing in the fields around our house, and see what seems like thousands of lightening bugs all around. It is also a great place to see the stars because there are no city lights. We enjoy walking around our large pond and looking for turtles, different kinds of fish, and the occasional muskrat. We can walk on our road for an hour and only see one or two cars. Many of our neighbors have farms with horses, llamas, goats, cows, and other strange pets.



**Our Home**

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## Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Anne with Her Mom in Our Back Yard and by Our Pond

Our town has an annual fair and other summertime traditional events we look forward to attending with a child. Luckily, we are also within a short drive of a zoo, a science museum, a large metropolitan library, several parks, and local lakes with beaches for swimming. Our house is a ranch, with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room and family room, and a huge basement which we are looking forward to turning into a play area for a child. We are also excited at the idea of adding a swing set in the large back yard.



Christmas at Catherine's

## Our Extended Families

**Scott:** I come from a large, close-knit family. I have one older sister, a deceased older brother, and a younger sister. I see my first cousins about once a year, and visit with my siblings and their families as often as possible, although they live in other cities. For the past eleven years, we have spent every Christmas with my parents and two sisters, either at one of our homes, or at a vacation destination, such as Gatlinburg, TN. Our last family get-together was Christmas 2007 in Las Vegas. My parents, Anne and I, and my two sisters and their families all stayed together in a condo for the week. When we are all together, we enjoy playing all sorts of card games and board games. Each family usually picks one night to cook a large family-style meal. My older sister always makes a huge turkey dinner on Christmas Eve, and my mom always makes the roast beef on Christmas Day. Everyone in my family is excited at the idea of us adopting a child.

**Anne:** I come from a very small family and have no siblings. My father passed away in 2004, and my mother lives a few hours away. She visits often, spending several weeks each year at our home, and joins us on vacations and holiday get-togethers. She still makes her traditional turkey dinner every Thanksgiving. She is very excited at the prospect of having a grandchild.

Scott says: Both my father and my maternal grandmother were adopted. Therefore, I grew up with the idea of adoption as being a very natural way to create a family. My father and grandmother spoke openly of their feelings and experiences, so I am also familiar with many of the questions an adopted child might have later in life.

Anne says: Even before we knew that we were going to struggle with infertility, we had discussed adoption as a possibility as it seemed such a normal and natural thing to do. My mother is very excited at the prospect of us adopting. I am an only child and she had me when she was nearly 40. She always told me when I was growing up that she wishes she had adopted more children so that I would have siblings.



With Anne's Mom in Venice, Italy



On Our Deck with One of Our Cats

## Our Pets

We both grew up with pets in our lives. We each always had a dog, and Anne's family also always had a cat around the house. She has many memories, and pictures, of when she would dress the cats in doll clothing and push them around in a carriage. A few months after we were married, we adopted two cats, Pumpkin and Frances, from a farm with a "free kittens" sign out front. They were only three weeks old. They are now over ten, but extremely healthy and happy. A few years ago, we went to the local humane society, just to look, and ended up coming home with a mutt we named Harry. He was soon followed by another mutt from a shelter, Sadie. We have traveled many times with our dogs, and they love going to the beach. They also enjoy running around our huge back yard and going for walks.



In Athens, Greece

# Scott & Anne



In Ephesus, Turkey



Celebrating Halloween



In Cairo, Egypt



On the Beach in St. Augustine with  
Our Dogs



At Amelia Island

## Dear Birthparent(s),

Hello and thank you for reading our profile!

We are Scott and Anne. We live in a small town in Ohio, near a large city where we both work. We met as freshmen at The Ohio State University, and have been a couple for nearly 16 years. We celebrated our eleventh wedding anniversary this past summer. We both love many things about each other, but our senses of humor and need for adventure is what brought and keeps us together. Words cannot describe our excitement about adopting our first child.

Our families are very excited that we are going to adopt a baby. Both Scott's father and his maternal grandmother were adopted, so everyone in his family understands and appreciates how adoption can change lives in a positive way. We cannot imagine what you are going through, but we would like to reassure you that we will give your child unconditional love and support should you choose adoption. We understand that you have your child's best interests in mind and wish we could help you through this difficult and stressful time.

Even though we are just beginning our journey, several family members are already planning on babysitting and visiting often. We are prepared and excited to send updates by way of letters and pictures. We are also ready to start sharing the child's adoption story with him or her at an early age. Anne is a librarian and knows that there are books even for the youngest child which introduce and explain adoption. We look forward to making a scrapbook about our child's adoption story, and possibly including pictures and letters from you.

We have been looking forward to having a child for many years, but unfortunately it has taken longer than expected. However, we have spent hours talking about what the future might hold, and have big plans for our family. We take fun vacations at least once a year, as well as many weekend trips to visit family or just get away. One of our favorite things to do is to visit as many national parks as we can, and often make detours during road trips to do so. Scott proposed to Anne at Disney World in 1995, and we also took part of our honeymoon there. We have talked many times about how exciting it will be to take a child there. We have a boat and spend many evenings and weekends during the summer on nearby lakes swimming and fishing. We regularly talk about how much more fun it would be with a child. Luckily, our work schedules are flexible and we have started discussing who might wait with the child for the bus, or pick him or her up at the end of the day. Our moms are also nearby and very excited at the opportunity to be a part of this child's life. We will have a college fund for the child, and encourage and support him or her to follow their passion when it comes to a career.

We want to sincerely thank you for taking the time to look at our profile. We can only imagine what a difficult time this is for you, but thank you for considering adoption. Finally, we wish you peace with whatever decision you make, and that you have a safe and healthy pregnancy.

**Scott and Anne**

