



La Donna & Stan





Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you and to tell you about our family.

We believe this must be a very difficult time for you while you are trying to figure out the best for you and your precious baby.

We hope that you are supported and loved no matter where you are in your journey, and if you select us as your child's parents, we promise you, that we will love and nurture your child unconditionally.

As you are looking through our book, we hope that you see how much love and acceptance our family has for one another and you can be assured that our new baby will be shown that same love and life long acceptance too.

Wishing you strength, peace and many blessings.

ABOUT US

We enjoy *finding new adventures* and we try to plan a trip every year to enjoy family time together.

Last year we went white water rafting in Ellijay, GA with LaDonna's daughter and Stan's dad.

We had a blast while getting very wet and LaDonna came close to falling out of the raft several times when we hit a water cap and she had to hang on tight to the side rope just to stay in the raft.

She was sure ready to get back to shore and be on land when we were done.

Stan's dad enjoyed himself so much that he announced the following year that he wanted to go



One year we got chance to go to **Ireland** and we stayed in **Kinnitty Castle**.

On our second day, we hiked behind the castle where we stayed, crossed a bridge over a babbling brook into a fairy tale forest.

On our hike we also found an ancient Druidic circle and were so excited by our find, that we hiked back to the castle and researched them as to discover all we could find out about the Druids.



We like to be creative, so one night we went to a painting class with our friends and learned how to paint a tropical scene.

We had fun learning how to blend the colors to make a sunset and how to make palm trees.

We had SO much fun that we booked our next class!

Your child will have all the opportunities to engage in his/her creativity.



ABOUT LADONNA

LaDonna is a wonderful mother.

Ladonna has always been there for her daughter, whether she just needs to lean on her or whether she just needs Ladonna to listen.

One year they went on a mother/daughter trip to Busch Gardens and her daughter got her shirt caught on a ride and ripped up real bad.

They had to go and find a new shirt because her daughter was embarrassed because of the ripped shirt. The only one they could find, in her size, was a Twilight shirt which she wasn't happy about but it was all they had time to find.



Family and friends say that Ladonna has a great sense of humor. For example, she was at a patient's house and the patient was having a difficult time doing his therapy.

LaDonna spotted a dinosaur statue on their pool deck and climbed in and did a dance. The patient was laughing so hard, he almost wet all over himself.

He was so happy that he gladly finished his therapy and maintained a happy mood.

Your child would be encouraged to see the humor even in difficult times.

LaDonna loves to work in the garden and one day she was putting in a new plant and their puppy, Loki, decided he wanted to help.

He started digging in the hole and had dirt all over the place including LaDonna!.

She couldn't help but laugh at the funny pup because he had dirt all over him too!

LaDonna loves all aspects of the outdoors and plans on exploring it with your child and teaching him/her to love it and see all the glories it has to offer.



ABOUT STAN



Stan loves camping and he goes camping every year with his friends.

One year when he was camping, he decided to sleep in a hammock.

He woke up to something smelling his bottom (below the hammock) and when he got out to see what it was, it was gone!

The next morning after they all woke up, they started looking around for marks in the dirt and found bear claw marks on the tree where he was sleeping!

That would have sent Stan packing real quick!

Stan enjoys playing games with his brothers.

One time when Stan and his brothers were playing monopoly, Stan got up to go to the bathroom and when he came back, he saw that all his money was gone!

His brothers had hidden his money around the house and he had to find it.

His nephew did help him find the money and they laughed and all had fun.

Your child will enjoy all the family fun and laughter.



Stan has a great sense of humor.

To make the kids laugh, one Christmas Stan put on a reindeer hat before passing out the gifts.

The kids loved it so much that they started laughing and calling him Stan "Rudolph" and asking him if he could fly.

Stan told them that he didn't pass his flying test yet, but they could ride on his back.

All afternoon the kids took turns riding on Rudolph (Stan). He was exhausted but they all had a blast!



BECOMING A COUPLE



We met on a blind date. While we were dating, we started playing this online game called “Draw Something”, where you had to put in clues. Stan wrote a clue, “You’re my...” and the answer was **“Soulmate”**.

We dated for several years until Stan got a real good work opportunity which would take him away from the area for quite a few years.

As fate would have it, years later we ran into each other again and started talking.

We dated for about a year and got caught up on all that had happened between the time we had parted until the time we got back together again.

It seemed as though we were never apart and both of us knew that we were “always” meant to be together.



We have always wanted a child together but, due to surgery, LaDonna could no longer have children.

LaDonna’s brother and Stan’s niece were both adopted.

After we researched more about adoption, we knew this would be the way to grow their family.

We know that love makes a complete family, not biology.

We are so eager to raise your child together and know that we would make your child a good and happy home.



YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND



We both grew up with animals.

LaDonna already had Gigit (the cat) when we got back together.

We later got Bella, our (German Shepherd) and then Luna and Loki, our French Bulldogs.



We call Bella "Momma Bear". She likes to act like a mother to Luna, Loki, and Gigit by cleaning them.

One day when LaDonna was coming into the living room, she found Bella cleaning Loki's face. It was so adorable.



Our dogs love kids!

They especially love it when Stan's nephew comes to visit.

One day when his nephew came over and the dogs were in the other room, they heard his voice and came running to give him kisses.

His nephew fell to the floor giggling!



FOR FUN



We like to dress up in costumes.

One year for Halloween, we got to be part of The Addams Family theme with our family.

Stan was asked to be Uncle Fester and his niece Elaina was Wednesday.

We won 2nd place for best group costumes in the **Cosplay** at the Convention Center in Orlando.

We had a lot of fun as everyone was taking lots of pictures of us.

Your child will be supported in whatever activity they are interested in!

We enjoy going to Universal Studios on the weekends.

Our favorite area to visit is The WIZARDING World of Harry, and the last time we went, the dragon on top of the building breathed fire out at least 20 feet from its mouth. and you could feel the heat coming from it!

LaDonna jumped and screamed not knowing this was going to happen, but later thought it was funny.

We laughed all night!



We enjoy walking on the beach.

One night when we were walking on the beach, off in the distance we saw something glowing on top of the sand.

As we cautiously approached, we discovered it was a bioluminescent jellyfish.

We have seen many jellyfish before but to see one glowing was an amazing sight.



HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD



We live in a large family community.

Our favorite part of our house is the patio.

We had some friends over one night for dinner out on the patio, and one of our dogs decided he liked our friend's shoe and took off with it!

We chased him all over the patio trying to get the shoe away from him until he finally collapsed from exhaustion.

We all were laughing at the dog's reaction when he collapsed.

Your child will have a large backyard for years of playing and endless fun!

Our neighborhood has a great park with a playground, water park, tennis courts, dog park, and walking trails.

One time, we went to a carnival at the park and Stan won LaDonna a stuffed dog when playing a balloon game.

LaDonna thought it was so cute, she still has it today sitting next to their bed.



Every year our small town has a Christmas parade that goes on for miles.

One year during the parade, one of the cars broke down and halted the parade for over 30 minutes!

Luckily there was plenty of candy and band music to entertain all the kids!

When the car finally got started back up, everyone cheered with joy and the kids were jumping up and down!



OUR FAMILY

If you choose us, your child will be loved by five aunts and uncles, two grandparents, one sister, one brother-in-law, and thirteen cousins.



Our family is adventurous.

One year we went on a family cruise to Cozumel and took a swimming excursion with the stingrays.

LaDonna's daughter was swimming in the water and a stingray came directly up to her face. She ran out of water so fast that we all stopped what we were doing to make for sure that she was okay.

After we found out that she was fine, we couldn't stop laughing because of the look on her face while she was running through the water.

Our family loves animals.

LaDonna's mother lives on a farm and recently found abandoned baby raccoons and took care of them until they got old enough to take care of themselves in the wild.

She was very sad to see them go.

Your child will be very loved and encouraged to explore everything life has to offer.



Our family likes to have fun.

Our nephew had a superhero theme party last year for his birthday and we all held up comic book action signs while acting them out.

We were all having so much fun and laughing so hard until his nephew accidentally hit Stan in the face with his hand.

Stan wasn't hurt and they both laughed about it.

TRADITIONS

We all celebrate Christmas together.

Most of the time we go to Stan's brother's house for Christmas.

One year Stan asked his niece what she wanted for Christmas and she replied "anything", so Stan got her a box of Legos!

The expression on her face was priceless. Later she went and gave Stan a big hug and put an ice cube down his shirt. It was so funny.

We all laughed about it, including Stan.



On the Fourth of July we get together at the beach.

We eat hotdogs and hamburgers then go swimming and watch the sun go down over the ocean water.

There was a fireworks display on the beach and it was amazing to watch the colors light up the sky and the reflection light up on the water.

Our nephew saw a shadow and he thought it was a ghost bunny, although he was fascinated by that shadow, he didn't want to go near it.

He held onto LaDonna the whole night afraid of the "Ghost Bunny".

We will honor our family traditions and your child will grow up feeling grounded and confident.

Every year on Christmas Eve, Stan, LaDonna, Stan's brother Ron, with his family, and Pop (Stan and Ron's dad) get together and go to their favorite restaurant, "Takaras".

One year at dinner, Stan, his brother Ron, and Pop had a friendly competition to see who could name all the characters in **The Lord of the Rings** movie until LaDonna started talking like Sméagol (a character in the movie)

Everyone burst out laughing!



WEEKDAYS



Stan works at the United States Post Office and has a steady job with predictable hours where he has time to be at home with a child.

LaDonna is a Home Health Physical Therapist Assistant. She has flexibility and predicable work hours.

Both LaDonna and Stan will be able to go to your child's Doctors appointments and school-related events.



We have home cooked dinners every night.

We enjoy our dinner together at the dining table where we can talk of the previous day and other matters.

THANK YOU



We are very grateful that you have taken the time to consider us as adoptive parents for your child.

We would be forever grateful if you chose to take this journey with us and look forward to maintaining contact with you so you can see your child's growth over the years.

The gift of adoption would be the greatest blessing we could ever receive. Thank you for giving us this chance.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

