

Dear Birthparents:

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our letter. Our names are Hayden and Christian, and we are so excited to have the opportunity to tell you about ourselves and to be going through this process which we hope will turn us from a couple into a family.

We have been very fortunate recently to have the opportunity to work together in our own medical practice allowing us to see each other in a whole new light. Hayden is a primary care physician, and Christian works as the office manager. If we are lucky enough to be chosen as adoptive parents, Christian will be the “stay at home” dad. Just as we have been a great team at work, though, we know it will take great teamwork to raise our child or children and to provide them with a home where they will feel safe, where they will be encouraged to follow their dreams, and where they will always know that they are loved.

As a couple, we are a perfect example of the saying that “opposites attract”. Christian is very outgoing and social, whereas Hayden is quieter and more laid back. Hayden grew up playing sports including hockey, baseball, and basketball. Christian was an actor in both high school and college, and he is a playwright who is currently having his first play produced. Both of us enjoy reading, going to the movies and the theater, and going for long walks in the woods with our dog, Pippen.

Both of our families are very supportive, and our parents cannot wait to have another grandchild! We live in a great kid friendly neighborhood with tree lined streets and nice backyards. We are very receptive to open adoption. Hayden’s dad was adopted, and both of us feel it is important for children to have a strong sense of identity and to know where they came from.

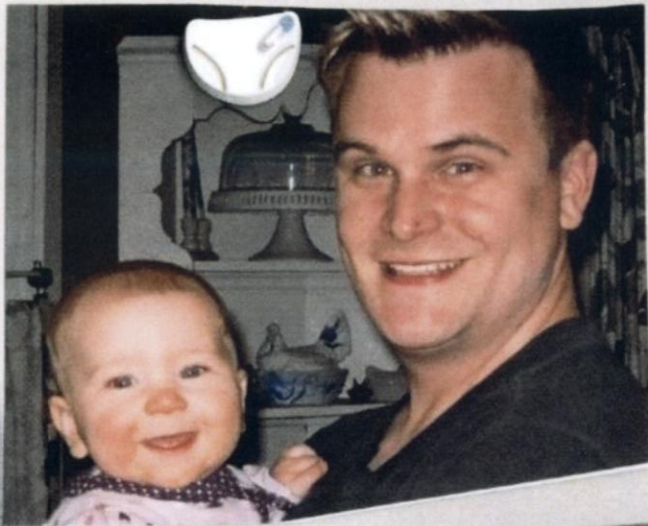
We are both looking forward to the little joys that having children bring into your lives. Hanging finger painted art work and spelling tests on the refrigerator. Making gingerbread cookies and waiting up for Santa to come Christmas morning. We can’t wait for hockey practice and piano recitals. We both feel pretty fortunate for having the wonderful supportive families that we each come from, and both of us are looking forward to giving that love back!

Thank you for taking the time to hear a little bit about us. We cannot possibly express how grateful we would be for the opportunity to become a family.

Wishing you all the best,
Hayden and Christian

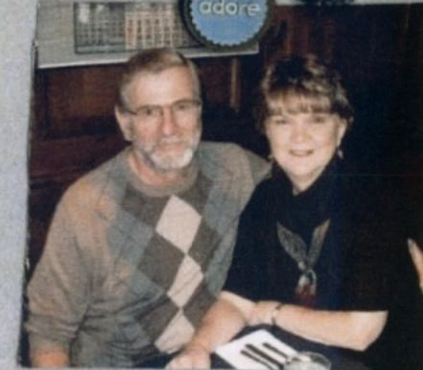
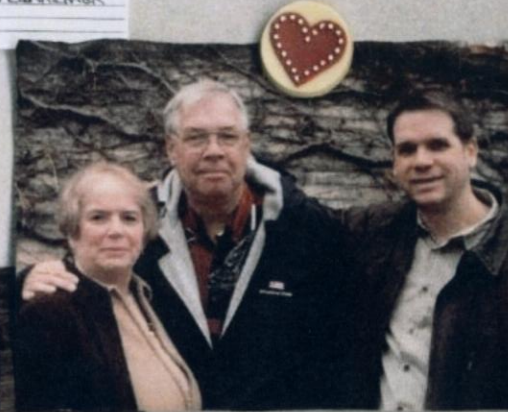
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Recipe for: *Marquerite's*
 name: *Gingerbread Men*
 Ingredients:
 1/2 cup shortening
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup molasses
 1/2 cup butter/milk
 1 teaspoon cider vinegar
 2 1/2 cups flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon ginger
 2 tea spoons cinnamon

Bake 350°
 14 minutes



Clockwise starting in upper left corner: 1) Christian with Goddaughter Evelyn. 2) Recipe for Gingerbread Men. 3) Hayden with his parents Sue & Marty. 4) Our dog Pippen. 5) Christian's parents Danielle & Norman. 6) Nephews Mason & Grant. 7) Hayden with Godson Mason. Center) Christian and Hayden