

JOEL & KELLY JEAN



WE ARE
JOEL
&
KELLY JEAN



BEING TOGETHER IS OUR FAVORITE PLACE TO BE

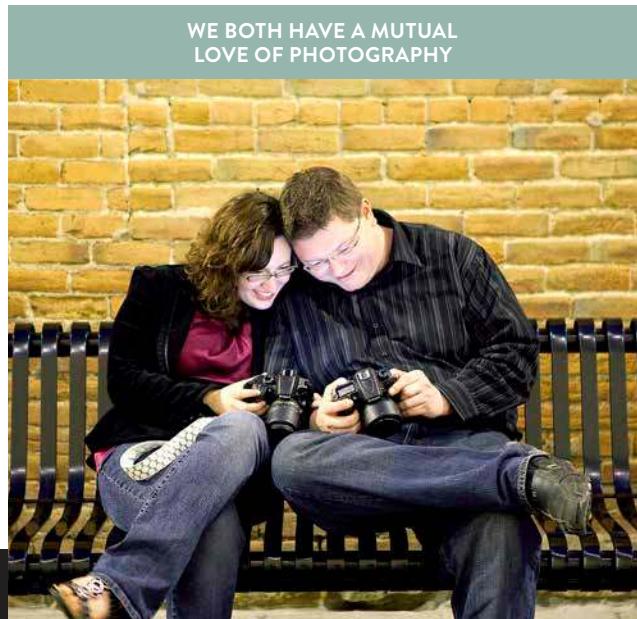
Hi THERE!
Thanks for taking
THE TIME
TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT OUR
FAMILY



EXPLORING MANITO SPRINGS
ON OUR ANNIVERSARY



WE LOVE DANCING
ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE!



WE BOTH HAVE A MUTUAL
LOVE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

We've always dreamed of having a big family. In our infertility, we've come to realize that growing our family the "traditional" way wasn't what God had in store for us. We have dreams of showing our children the amazing world they live in, of reading books together and watching sci-fi movies. We look forward to seeing the joy in their eyes as they experience new things in life. **Our family is an accepting one, once you're a part of our family, you are fully a part of our family. We want your child to always feel like they belong, are deeply loved, and wanted (and they certainly are).**



BEING MARRIED TO SOMEONE WHO MAKES YOU LAUGH
LIKE THIS MAKES EVERYTHING BETTER!

HOW WE
MET
» & «
Life
TODAY



CHEWBACCA WAS SO
EXCITED TO MEET US!



OUR
STORY
CONTINUED

OUR SUPPORT
OF EACH OTHER
WAS HOW OUR

**RELATIONSHIP GREW AND
REMAINS A CRUCIAL PART OF OUR
MARRIAGE TODAY.** Our marriage becomes stronger each year that we are together and, in more ways than we ever expected. We always stand up for each other. We want to enjoy one another our whole lives and display for our children what a good marriage looks like, so they see how spouses should work through difficulties and listen to one another.



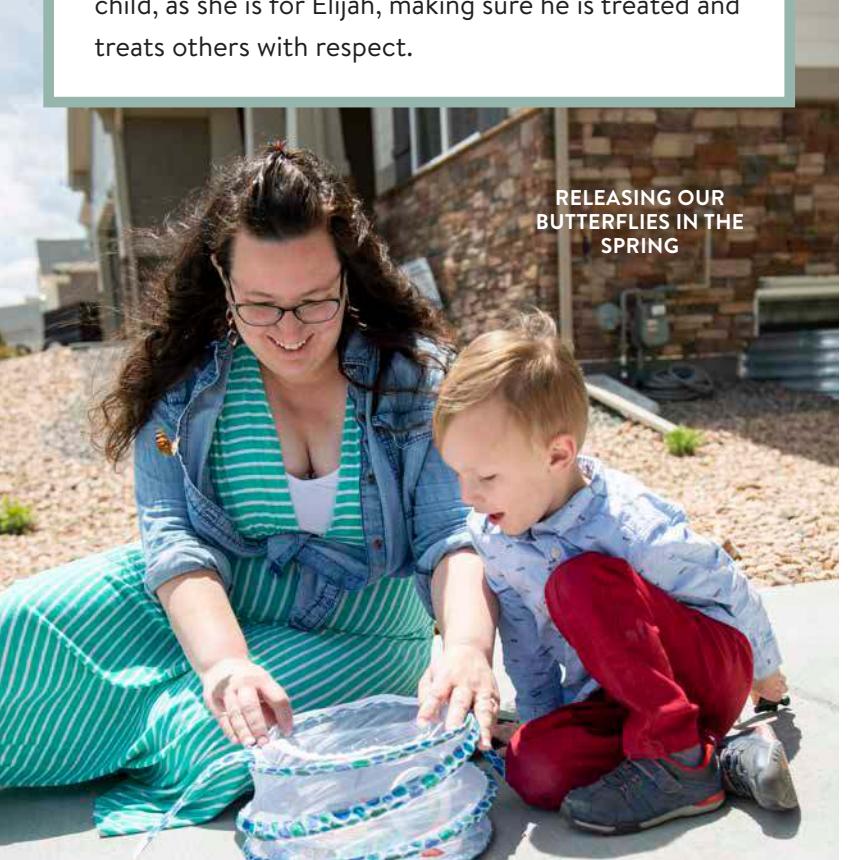
About MY WIFE KELLY JEAN

by
JOEL
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When I met Kelly Jean, I was immediately taken aback by how smart she was and her passion for her work delivering babies as a nurse midwife. **She's just as invested now as a stay at home mom to our son.** She enjoys deep conversations and loves to figure things out with me. What I love most about Kelly Jean, (besides how beautiful she is) is that she isn't afraid to get her hands dirty and help me fix or build something. On top of all of this, she is an amazing cook!

ANNIVERSARY TRIP
MEANS TEA TIME

WORKING ON BIBLE STUDY
HOMEWORK TOGETHER



RELEASING OUR
BUTTERFLIES IN THE
SPRING

About MY HUSBAND **JOEL**

by
**KELLY
JEAN**
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Joel is passionate about everything he does.

He is a hard worker who would do anything to make sure we are loved, provided for and safe. Joel always looks for ways to express his love - whether it's taking out the trash, listening to me talk about my day, or just leaving me a sweet note.

In his free time, he's probably playing with technology of some sort - making our home 'smart' or working on our home theater/arcade. Joel started building computers with his dad when he was young. The enjoyment of creating computers and playing with them has never left. This year he and Elijah built their first computer together.

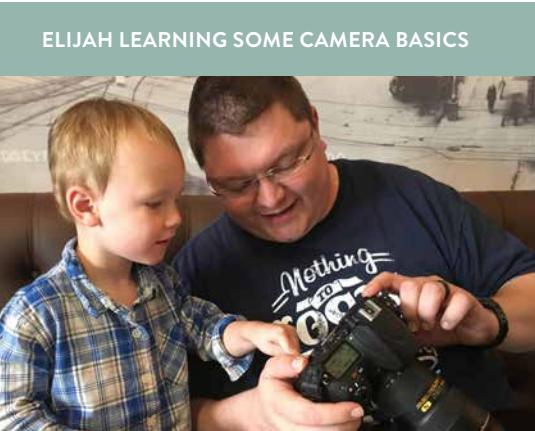


WHERE JOEL REALLY LIGHTS UP IS AS A DAD!

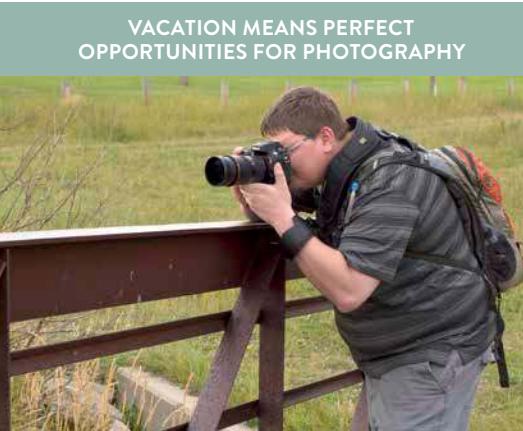
He is committed to being present in Elijah's life. He never misses anything important to Elijah - doctor's appointments or holiday performances. He always takes time to listen to Elijah and keep his promises to him. Joel is the best at soothing bad dreams, helping conquer fears and gives the best "squeezie hugs."



BOARD GAMES ARE
A FAVORITE FOR
FAMILY TIME



ELIJAH LEARNING SOME CAMERA BASICS



VACATION MEANS PERFECT
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY



Joel Loves SHARING HIS
PASSIONS WITH ELIJAH

IF YOU HAVE TO DO HARD WORK, COOL TOYS MAKE IT FUN



Elijah is four years old. He's our little infertility miracle thanks to lots of prayers and a little science. **He loves all things trucks, cars and dirt.** Elijah loves playing outside on his new playset and looks forward to Awana Cubbies (a church group where he gets to learn Bible verses and play games) and his gymnastics class each week.

At bedtime we love snuggling up with a Bible story and books. We share the best and hardest parts of the day and then sing songs before hugs, kisses, prayers and lights out.

ELIJAH IS SUPER EXCITED ABOUT BECOMING A BIG BROTHER AND ADDING A BABY TO OUR FAMILY. He likes to announce to random strangers that we're getting a baby at our house "soon." He thinks the baby should sleep in his room so he/she would never "cry or be afraid of the dark".



ELIJAH AND MOM BEING SILLY



ELIJAH'S DREAM!
DRIVING A BOBCAT

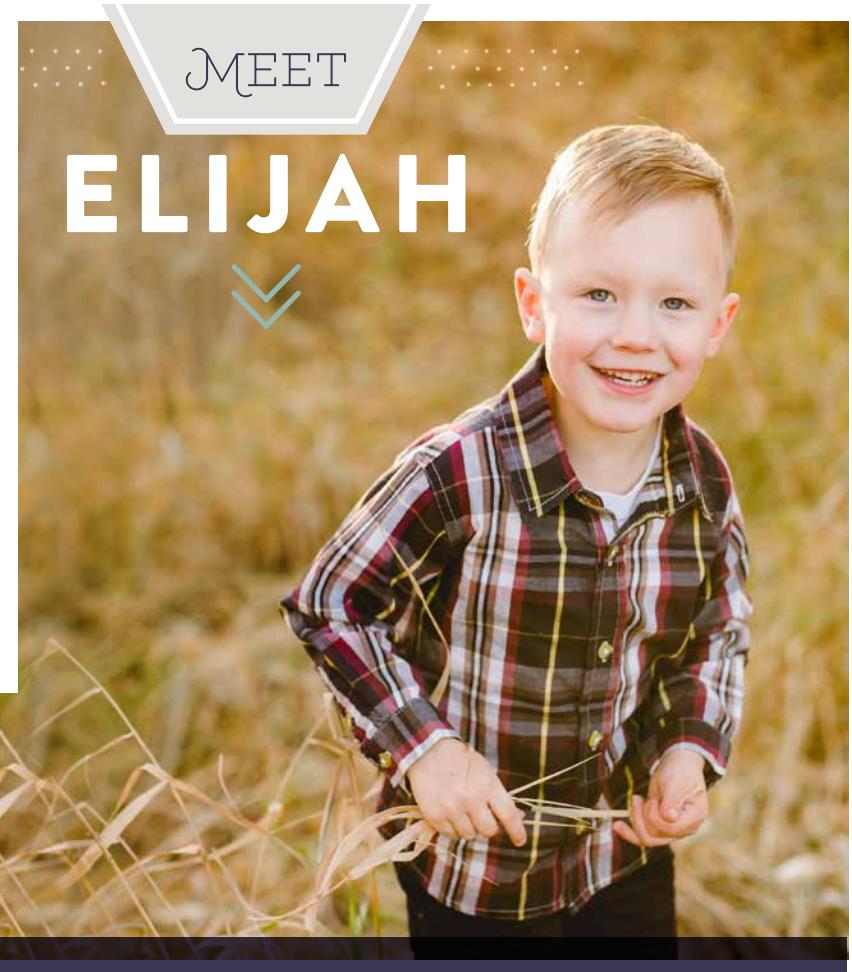
FAMILY

Nana & Papa time is much anticipated by Elijah. They share our love of Disney and can't wait to see the magic in your child's eyes on our next family trip together.

Papa loves putting his woodworking skills to good use while working with Joel on projects around the house. Uncle Nick and Aunt Amy live in Montana with 3 year old cousin, Wyatt.

Grandma and Grandpa love their 3 Kerry Blue Terriers. In fact, Grandma shows them at dog shows around the country and they have stacks of ribbons! Grandpa is a retired decorated Air Force Colonel. Uncle Cody has walked in his footsteps and is currently active duty military, living overseas with Aunt Sarah.

Both Grandma and Nana take joy in making quilts for us. Elijah already has a stack he sleeps with every night. They're excited to rev up the sewing machines for another new little one.



YARR! WHO WANTS TO JOIN OUR CREW?



WE LIVE IN THE SUBURBS OF DENVER, COLORADO - only a few hours from the mountains. We enjoy year-round sunshine, snow capped mountains, local deer visiting our neighborhood, and watching the seasons change.

We just built our home last year and we loved designing it to fit our growing family. Our open kitchen has become the gathering place for our family - for baking, cooking, science experiments, crafts or just hanging out.

There are many kids to play with on our street. We have 2 playgrounds in walking distance as well as our playset in our backyard that we play on a lot. Our neighborhood has a pool with a shallow area perfect for little ones in the summer and a cozy fire pit for roasting marshmallows in the cooler months. When we aren't hanging out in our neighborhood, we love family outings to the air and space museum, the zoo or the nature and science museum.



HOME
Sweet
HOME



4 GENERATIONS OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE
WITH GRANDMA AND GREAT GRANDMA

CHRISTMAS Traditions

UNCLE CODY AND AUNT SARAH COME VISIT



DISNEY WORLD WITH BOTH FAMILIES



CHRISTMAS MEANS GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING



AFTER OPENING PRESENTS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING,
WE MAKE DELICIOUS BREAKFAST PIZZAS TOGETHER



» ADOPTION « IN OUR FAMILY

ADOPTION ISN'T NEW TO OUR FAMILY. Kelly Jean and her brother, Nick were both adopted as infants as well as others in our family. We look forward to sharing this special bond with your child.





THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US. We have a strong faith in God and hope our children will grow up with a love for books, a desire to learn and a heart to reach out to people around them that may be hurting or in need. If this also resonates with you and the dreams you have for your child, we would like to join you on this adoption journey and pray that as you make these hard choices you find peace in your decisions. **We're excited for what the future may hold and we look forward to meeting you.**

