

SNELL FAMILY



JENNIFER & CASEY

Love makes a family. We have chosen adoption because we love being parents above anything else. Our love for each other brings so much joy to our lives and we feel we have a lot to offer as parents. We would also love for Eliza to grow up with a siblings because we know how special the bonds between siblings can be given our own family upbringing. Jennifer was adopted into her family at **18** months old. Her parents had a very open and honest conversation with her as soon as she could understand the idea behind adoption. We are **pro-life** supporters and want to be a safe and loving place for your children. We have both struggled with fertility issues for the last **9** years of our marriage. We will support and honor an *open adoption* plan with the child's biological parents and family or whatever is most comfortable. We would love the opportunity to give your child the kind of upbringing we were blessed to have and that we have provided for our daughter.

PROFILE SNAPSHOT

Married 9 years

Catholic

1 Biological Female Child

College Educated

Traditional Values

Small-Town Living

Home Study Approved

KBI- Child Abuse and Neglect Check Cleared

FBI- Finger Print and Background Check Cleared

Blue Cross Blue Shield Insured

Interested in biracial and multiple children

Not gender specific

Ready to Adopt



Jennifer

is **36** years old, born in March. Kansas born and raised, she was adopted into her family at 18 months old. She has three older brothers and 9 nieces and nephews. The influences in her life are her grandparents and foster family. She had a very fun, supportive, and loving upbringing. She grew up on a farm, 2 ditches away from where they currently live. A daddy's girl at heart, she loved spending time outside with him checking cows and playing with the baby piglets. As family, they always took summer vacations to some place new and exciting. A lot of the same family traditions she grew up with, Casey and her continue with their family today. She has always been very musical, learning to play the piano in elementary school and singing in the church choir. Being a part of the Catholic church has always been a very big piece of her life as well. She stayed active in high school, participating in many extra-curricular activities and was an avid cheerleader and softball player. In college, she studied Fashion Merchandising and then pursued a degree in Family & Consumer Sciences Education. She received her Master's and continued for her Doctorate of Education, which she most recently completed. Education is very important to her. She has a passion for helping kids and learning new things. She works at a local college as a Transfer and Career Advisor. Her friends and family would describe her as **creative, funny, loyal, and loving**.



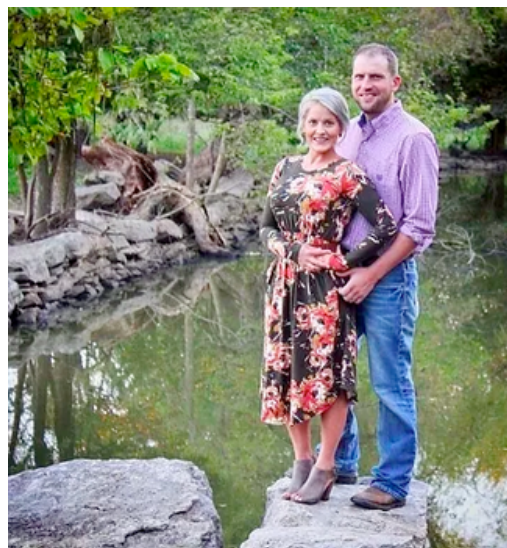
ABOUT US

Casey

is **37** years old, born in April. He grew up in a large family, where he has mostly sisters. He even has **two sets of twins in his family!** Casey grew up in a small town in Kansas close to Jennifer. The influences in Casey's life are his immediate family, especially his grandparents. He had a very adventurous, supportive, and loving upbringing. At a very early age, Casey was working outdoors with his father learning how to build and fix things around their farm. Their family enjoyed camping and attending camps in the summer. Casey grew up in the Baptist Church, but later converted to Catholic in 2021. Casey has always been very handy and curious. In fact, there is nothing Casey couldn't fix or attempt to learn how to do. He is adventurous and loves being outdoors. In high school, Casey was very active with his technical skills courses, spending much time building and refurbishing different projects. His passion and best abilities comes in building specialty outdoor living spaces. He owns and operates his own construction business today. He also loves being a dad. Eliza and him have quite the special bond and it is so sweet to witness them in action.³ Casey's friends and family would describe him as **stoic, wise, and gentle**.

OUR LOVE STORY

Jennifer & Casey first met in **2003**, when they were still in high school. Casey attended another local school, where they had many similar friends. Jennifer will never forget the first time she saw him, but the timing for dating was not in their favor. They attended the same college, **Pittsburg State University**, and hung out together throughout the years. Upon their graduation, they parted ways- Casey moved to Colorado, and Jennifer, to Montana. Over the years, they never forgot about one another, and finally, the timing was right for the both of them to explore dating. Casey always referred to Jennifer as, "**The one that got away.**" Though they dated long-distance, at first, they were inseparable and still are to this day. Casey and Jennifer both have a passion for the mountains. In fact, Casey proposed to Jennifer at the top of one of the highest peaks in Colorado while snowboarding. Casey is the exact kind of man Jennifer wishes for her daughter to meet and marry one day. They share very similar beliefs and values and their upbringings are very similar as well. They are both proud of the couple they have become today and continue to grow deeper in love with each other as the years pass. Their daughter and future children will forever witness the pure love they have for one another.

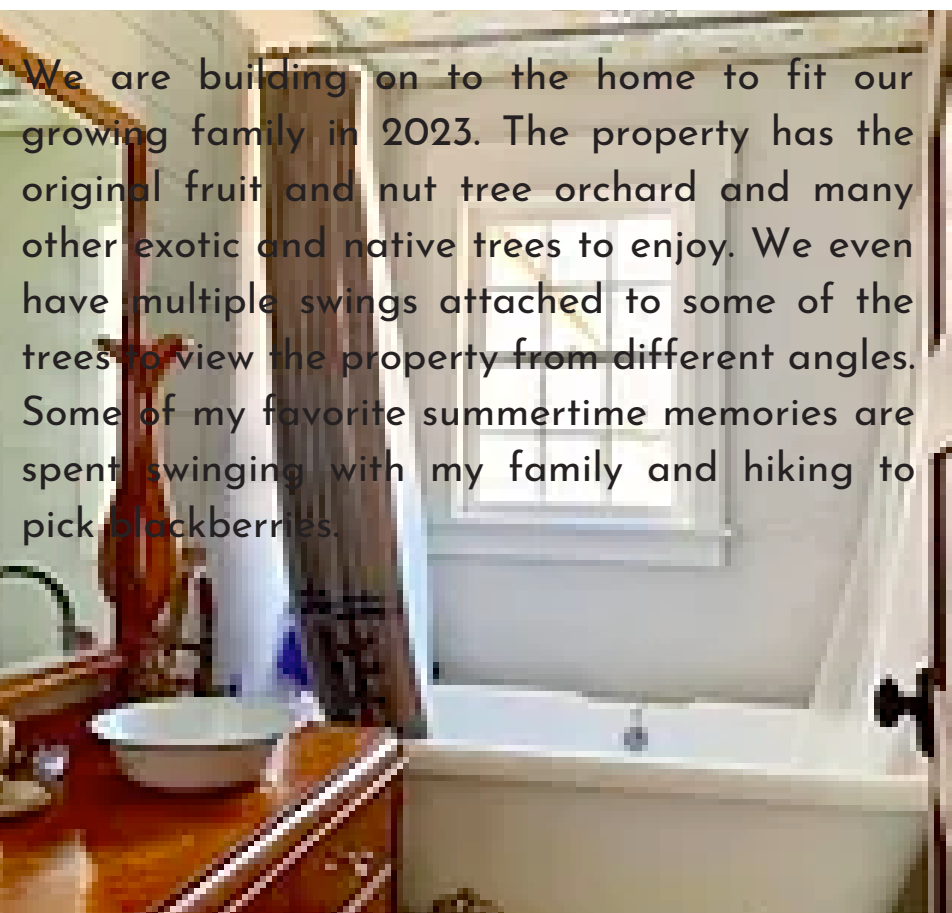


HOME SWEET HOME

In 2019, we acquired an old 1940s farm home with 180 acres in Southeast Kansas. The homestead was my childhood neighbors'. They never had children and left us with the property upon their passing. We spent about 6 months to completely remodel the home to suit our needs. Casey completed 90% of the work, adding unique finishes to its interior and exterior. The property is historic in that it was the *first farm in the state of Kansas* to have running water for the homestead. You can still see remnants of the property's original settlement from 1889, as it was named, and is still called to this day, **Roseland.**



On our little farm, we have **2 miniature horses, cows, 1 Chocolate Lab, 1 Silver Lab, 1 Brittany Spaniel,** and too many farm **cats** to count! In newspaper articles from over 134 years ago, the farm was referred to next best thing to **Green Acres.**



We are building on to the home to fit our growing family in 2023. The property has the original fruit and nut tree orchard and many other exotic and native trees to enjoy. We even have multiple swings attached to some of the trees to view the property from different angles. Some of my favorite summertime memories are spent swinging with my family and hiking to pick blackberries.

PARENTING STYLE



Casey & Jennifer have both been brought up in a family of educators who have used this research-based approach towards discipline and actions with their students and children called, Love & Logic.

In Parenting, Love & Logic is built around the science of caring and respectful relationships. An authentic, loving connection between parents and their children forms the foundation of good behavior and healthy decision-making. The Love in Love & Logic means that we love our kids so much that we are willing to set and enforce limits. This Love also means that we do so with sincere compassion and empathy.

The Logic in Love & Logic happens when we allow children to make decisions, affordable mistakes and experience the natural or logical consequences. When we balance this with sincere empathy, they develop the following logic: Our children learn that the quality of their lives depends on the quality of their choices.

Family Mission Statement

It is our mission statement as a family to build **strong** and **effective interpersonal relationships** with each other and to be able to rely on each other for support. We will dedicate time to each other, get to know each other as friends and individuals, and also spend time interacting as a family to **build a strong family unit**. In addition, a commitment to the values of honesty, integrity, and diligence are integral to building and maintaining our family's reputation with all whom we are involved with, in business and in life. We will raise our children to value honesty and integrity, to speak out when something is wrong. We will **nurture critical thinking and self-respect** and secure the knowledge that an appreciation of your own value is the beginning of appreciating the value of others. In our house, we will regularly guide our decisions and our interactions in accordance with the teachings of **God** and from a nurturing place of faith. We will **regularly practice our faith and congregate** with fellow believers to learn more about **God's** word and how it applies to our lives. In doing this, not only will our children be directly exposed to our faith, but they will also **witness their parents acting out lives of obedience to God**. We will demonstrate unconditional love and openness to our family in all they do. Through **openness, love, and respect**, we will **ensure** that our children feel **safe** to be themselves and express themselves. We believe in hard work and determination, and we instill these values in our children. We want them to understand the **importance of money management** and saving for their future. We are a **tight-knit** family that values **dependability** above all else. We will **always** have each other's backs and are there for one another through the **good times and the bad**. We communicate openly and honestly with each other and strive to **resolve conflicts in a constructive manner**.



FAMILY TRADITIONS

Decorating the Christmas tree
Christmas midnight mass
Baking Christmas cookies
Easter egg hunts
4th of July fireworks with grandparents
Summer rodeos
Fair time
Pool parties
Picking blackberries
Thanksgiving family gatherings
Cousin birthday parties
Hand-writing thank you cards
Glamping trips to the lake
Family vacations
Decorating the house for the holidays
Trick or treating with family costumes
Painting pumpkins
Pumpkin patch with grandparents and cousins
Sunday afternoon drives
Pizza Sunday with Grandpa Joe
Family movie night
Annual family photos
Eating at Freddy's with Grandpa Joe before Pitt
State games



Hobbies & Interests



JENNIFER

Singing at church, director of children's choir, archaeology, antiquing, writing, animals, traveling, learning new things, being a mother



CASEY

Building, farming/gardening, tinkering, animals, hunting, fishing, vintage cars, being a dad



ELIZA

Pretend play especially as doctor or mother, animals, swinging, swimming, school, zombies, pizza, rubber boots, exploring, spending time with grandparents

FAVORITES

Jennifer

Color Stormy sky against a wheat field

Movie My Fair Lady

TV Show The Office

Holiday Christmas

Actress Katherine Hepburn

Food Pizza

Time Era 1940s

Memory Engagement

Scent Laundry air-dried on the clothesline

Animal Chocolate Labs

Vacation Swiss Alps

Drink Chai Tea Lattes

Snack Funyuns

Fashion Brand Coach or Pottery Barn

Dessert Bread Pudding

Ice Cream Cookies and Cream

Plant/Flower Peonies

Restaurant Freddy's

Car 1965-1968 Mustang

Fairy Tale Cinderella

Cheese Extra Sharp Tillamook White Cheddar

Book Anything by Roald Dahl

Casey

Color Yellow and Gray

Movie Top Gun

TV Show Yellowstone

Holiday Fourth of July

Actor Kevin Costner

Food Steak

Time Era 1990s

Memory Gender Reveal

Scent Diesel

Animal Chocolate Labs

Vacation Grenada

Drink Mountain Dew

Snack Chips & Dip

Fashion Brand Ariat

Dessert Blackberry Cobbler

Ice Cream Heath or Butterfinger

Plant/Flower Morel Mushrooms

Restaurant Freddy's

Car 1990s Fox Body Mustang

Cheese Muenster

Book Ferdinand

PHOTOS

