

Tony and Sheila

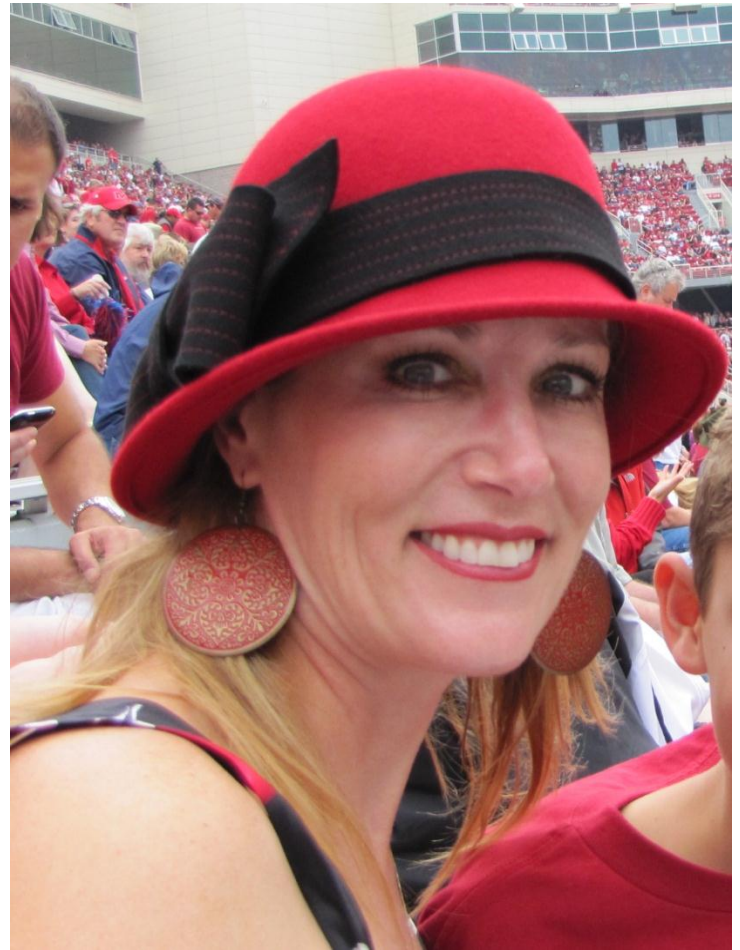


Thank you for taking the time to take a peek into our lives! We hope to give some insight into our family, friends, and how we hope to grow our family through adoption. We have built a family environment filled with love, excitement and opportunity and look forward to sharing our lives with a child. It is our strong belief that we can provide a life in which each child is capable of reaching their full potential and reach for their dreams.



A little about Sheila

Born outside of Washington, DC, my early childhood was filled with laughter, love and travel. I spent my days participating in gymnastics, girl scouts and playing in the dirt at the local airport. My father was an airline pilot and my mother, a flight attendant, so my love of aviation began at a young age. My younger sister and brother have become my closest friends. I suppose this is a natural development considering we traveled extensively in the back of the family form of transportation; an airplane. I learned to water ski, snow ski, fish and play soccer at a very young age.



My parents gave me every opportunity that could be given to a girl who had expressed interests outside that traditional box. Family and strong community ties were an integral part of my development and filled me with unconditional love and inspiration.

We moved to Colorado at the beginning of middle school. This is where I established a love of the outdoors. We spent many hours hiking, sledding and skiing.



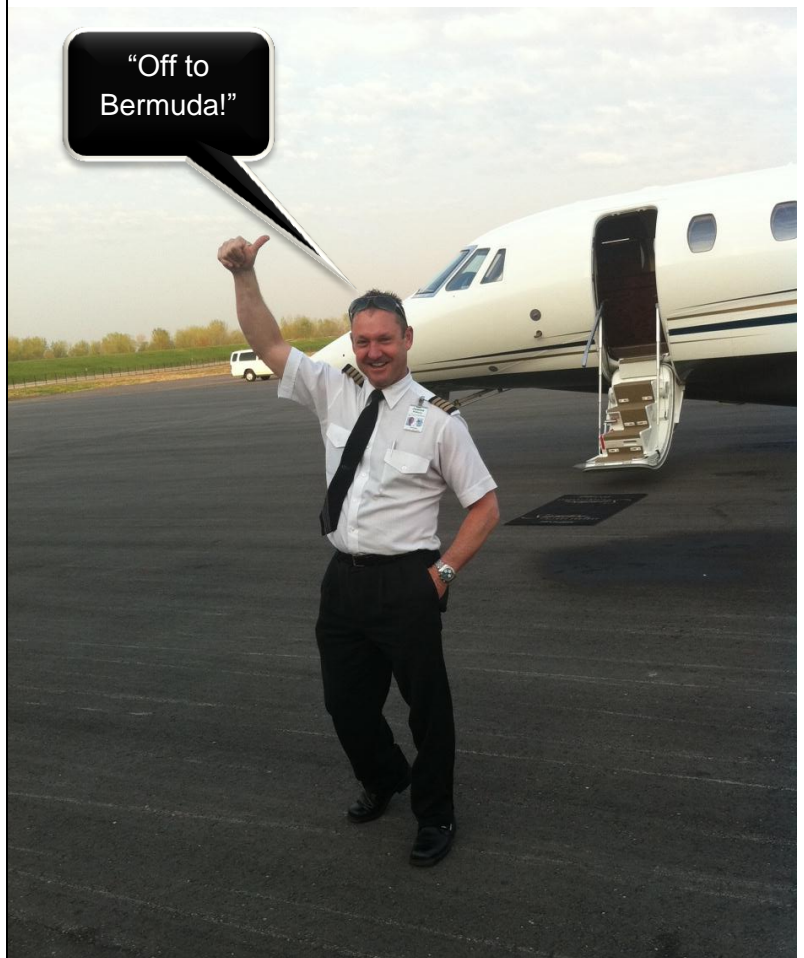
In high school I continued my athletic pursuits by becoming captain of the cheerleading squad and running track. It wasn't until I attended college that my true passion was exposed: flying. It was in college where I jumped in feet first into everything aviation. From joining the college Flight Team to my job that

supported me through college, my life became the pursuit the dream of becoming a pilot.

This became reality when I pushed up the levers to my first jet and has grown into the successful vision that I had laid out for myself. It was at my job as a jet captain that I met the new love of my life, my husband Tony. I suppose you can say that it was “love at first flight” because we have been inseparable since we met. We began our lives together as husband and wife 6 years ago, and haven’t looked back.

A little about Tony

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas we moved to southwest AR where my dad worked as the president of a local bank and my mom was a stay at home mom. Growing up in a small town, I was a very typical little boy. I played baseball, swam and fished, played in the mud, climbed trees and did everything that all little boys do. What little boy doesn’t look to the sky and dream of becoming a pilot? When I was in first grade, I got in trouble for jumping out of my seat and running to the window every time an Air force jet flew over my school. I just had to see it!



My boyhood home is in a quaint town located in the Caddo River valley and nestled in the Ouachita Mountains. The river offers great fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and the mountains are ideal for hiking and camping. My family bought a tract of land along nearby river and we built a small family cabin on

this land. We spent many wonderful weekends at our cabin, and this offered me the opportunity to grow up loving the outdoors.

While attending high school, I participated in football, baseball, basketball and track. All of these activities developed my spirit of team that I have carried into adulthood.

After high school, I enlisted in The Army. It was a fantastic learning experience and I matured very quickly. This offered me the chance to be exposed to and learn about different cultures as I traveled across the United States and to other countries. Exiting the Army, I used the Army College Fund; I enrolled in college, and finally had the opportunity to pursue my lifelong dream. I was going to be a pilot!



Our Special Day

I graduated and pursued my career as a pilot. Although I was chasing this career dream, I was fortunate enough to be able to travel while building my flying experience.

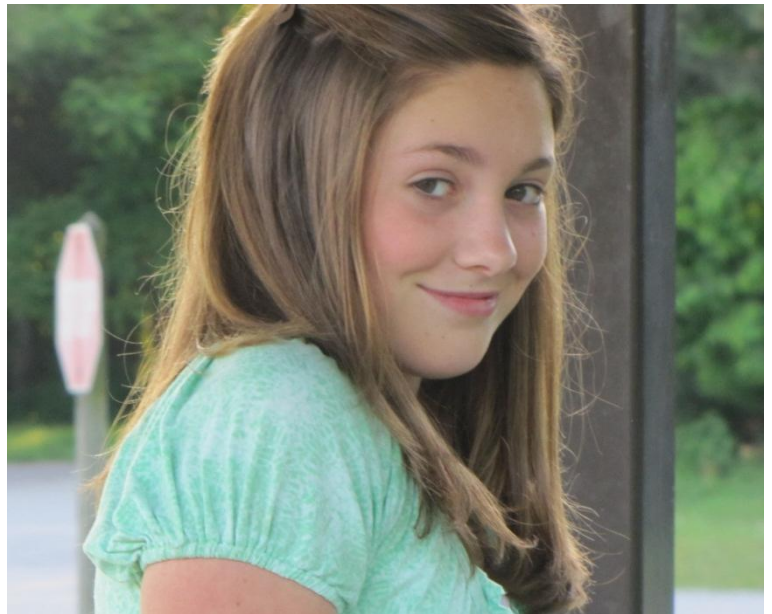
I have been at my present job for 12 wonderful years. This job allowed me to achieve all of my career ambitions, one of which was having the luxury to spend quality time with my family.

When Sheila and I were married, I brought twin children into this marriage, Rhett and Jessica. The kids are thrilled at the thought of becoming a big brother and sister!



Rhett is an active 12 year old boy whose first love right now is Taekwondo. He is proud to say that he is presently a green belt, with a goal of becoming a black belt. Rhett is a straight A student and also participates in wrestling. He is not only excited about being a big brother, but he also hopes a puppy comes with the package.

Jessica adores children and is particularly thrilled about a baby. Jessica is also a straight A student. Jessica loves to participate in her hip-hop dance classes, water sports, and she thoroughly enjoys playing basketball. Reading and music fill her time.



The horse races at Oaklawn Park

The sport that we participate in as a family is Taekwondo. We enjoy the positive atmosphere, the sense of discipline, and the enjoyment of participating in a family activity.



Breckenridge 2011

Our family is constantly on the move. We like to experience new adventures whenever possible. Whether it is snow skiing, hiking in the Rockies, white-water rafting, exploring our own natural state of Arkansas, or climbing in caves, we are up for anything. We particularly enjoy live music and it doesn't matter if it's being played at a little hole in the wall or in an arena that can fill thousands.

We enjoy all water sports! In the summer you will find us somewhere close to bodies of water. Ocean, lake, river or stream, we relish it all. The perfect summer day for us is teaching the neighborhood kids to water ski, wake board or tube. Our home is on a fantastic family lake. When the inspiration hits us, we simply go to the boat house in our backyard and set out for a day on the water. The family enjoys the water so much; we have a vacation home on a larger body of water in southwest Arkansas.



The lake at our vacation home



Christmas with the cousins

Sheila has family in South Carolina where there are a ton of cousins to pal around with. This is where we hang out at the beach, take the kids on airplane rides and hang out at the crab dock to fish. Many summer

vacations and Christmas celebrations have been spent here with family and friends.

We operate a pine tree farm and own a rustic cabin in south central Arkansas where there is plenty of room to go four wheeling, camping or simply enjoying the outdoors.

Our home is in a quiet neighborhood where kids can roam freely. It is a great place to bike, build tree houses, or take out the paddle boat for a spin around the lake. Our house is a two level, walkout basement home, with four bedrooms and three bathrooms with three decks overlooking the lake.



The lake behind our house

We have plenty of wiggle room for a growing family.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to read our profile and we hope that we can share our lives with you. We offer unconditional love, a sense of adventure, and a strong family unit.



Rafting down the Arkansas



Rhett and Sheila in Memphis

Tony, Sheila

Rhett, Jessica



Deep sea fishing in Cabo San Lucas