



Dion,  
Carmencita  
& Ella

# About Our Family



We have a loving, Christian home. We love spending time together as a family. Our family enjoys traveling, riding bikes, Karate, eating out, going to movies, being with friends and family, going to the YMCA and attending church.

Dion & Carmencita met at the University of Iowa in a Symbolic Logic course. They studied together and then began dating during our Junior year of college. We have known each other for over 22 years and have been married for 17 years.

Both Dion and Carmencita's fathers were ministers. They grew up in a strong family-centered home. Carmencita and Dion are partners and joint decision makers for their family.

We all love to ride bikes, take walks, eat Chinese food and go see movies. Dion is an avid runner while Carmencita and Ella enjoy reading the Bible and visiting Grandma.

We are ready to add to our family! We have a passionate desire to bring a little boy or girl into our family and love them unconditionally. Dion is adopted himself and understands and appreciates the love and opportunity that adoption can provide a child.



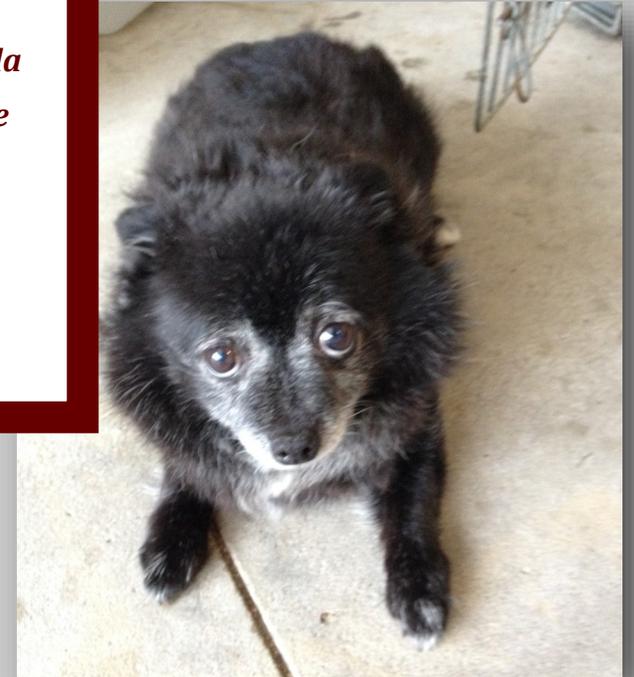
# Holidays & Traditions

Our family celebrates all holidays. We are very festive and want our daughter, Ella, to understand the purpose of the holiday and also have fun celebrating!

Since Ella's birthday is close to Christmas, we like to celebrate her half-birthday every year.



*Majc is a 12 year old  
Pomeranian. He is spunky! Ella  
has grown up with him and he  
just adores her!*





# About Dion...

*by Carmencita*

Dion is a loving and focused husband. He is very intelligent, hardworking, and has a great sense of humor! He is very devoted to family and always enjoys family outings.

He is a Director at an insurance company. He is driven and takes continuing learning classes to keep current. I think he is very successful, but he is always driven to do better and better.

Dion enjoys reading, running, going to movies, family activities and hanging out with friends.

My favorite date with Dion is going to our favorite Chinese restaurant and ending the night at the movies theatre.

He is a great dad and husband. We discuss and decide together regarding parenting. He loves to play games with Ella! He is loving, patient and kind. Dion is a great listener and plans family trips. He's an awesome dad!

My favorite thing about Dion is that he is so smart, patient and kind. He always thinks and acts on providing a better life, but is determined to enjoy the journey as a father and husband.

# About Carmencita...

*by Dion*

I would describe Carmencita as being determined, focused, hard-working, caring, empathetic, fun, loving, adventurous, intelligent, strong person. She is the best mother in the world for our daughter Ella.

Carmencita has two degrees; religion and accounting. She is a very successful Accountant. Carmencita didn't work for the first three years after Ella was born and has worked part-time over the last 6 years. She has had her most success as a mom.

Carmencita loves to read. She enjoys reading all kinds of books and textbooks. In particular she loves studying the Bible. She loves going to the YMCA and going to the movies.

Our favorite dates from college all the way to today have been watching a moving and going to dinner at a Chinese or seafood restaurant.

She is a loving parent who knows when to nurture and when to discipline, all while providing a supportive, loving environment for Ella.

Carmencita always puts family first and is always family oriented. She loves God and family. I couldn't dream of a better mother for our daughter.



# Our Home

We live in a suburb just outside the metro area of Iowa. We live close to many elementary, middle and high schools. There are several colleges in the area. The most notable are Drake University and Iowa State University.

Our metro is a family friendly city with cultural activities such as festivals, theatre and restaurants. We also have all of the amenities of a larger city such as shopping and attractions. The schools in our neighborhood are excellent and top rated.

We have lived in our current home for over 12 years. We have a very strong support network of friends and family that live close by.

We live in a ranch home with a full basement. We love our home and it makes us feel secure as a family. This is the only home our daughter has known and it is a special place for our family.

