

Donor Pen Sketch and Goodwill Message

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I was born and raised in [REDACTED] South Africa. I am the oldest of my two siblings, I have one sister and one brother. Despite my parents divorcing when we were very young, I had a happy childhood. I always made friends with the neighbourhood kids and I still have contact with some of them to this day.

My heritage

I am going to start with my dad's side of the family. My dad was born [REDACTED] after his oldest brother so I am significantly younger than the rest of my paternal cousins. My gran was born in South Africa [REDACTED] from a British family, she peacefully passed [REDACTED] on the farm where she lived with my grandad. [REDACTED]

- Just a little anecdote, there is an old show that aired in the UK and South Africa in the early 1990's called 'Keeping up Appearances', my gran reminds me so much of the main character, 'Hyacinth'. I mean this in the fondest of ways.

My Grandad was from a predominately German and Dutch heritage, [REDACTED], he took up farming with cattle as a side hobby and ended up becoming one of the more prominent farmers [REDACTED]. He also gained an interest genealogy [REDACTED] ended up writing a book [REDACTED]

He passed [REDACTED] after my gran [REDACTED]. Most of my cousins from my dad's side currently reside in the United States [REDACTED]

My mom's side of the family simply identifies as Afrikaner (descended from 17th century Dutch, German, and French settlers to South Africa). My cousins from my mom's side of the family are mostly still in South Africa, [REDACTED] and then there is me, always going on my own adventure, currently in [REDACTED] UK.

More about me

I am a major people person, and I love making my friends laugh. I was naturally a shy child but as the years gone by it felt like I was growing into my skin. I became more confident from 18 to 19 years of age. By the time I was in my 3rd and 4th year in university [REDACTED], I was involved in various student societies and ended up becoming an assistant lecturer, with classes of 200 + students at a time. The most important thing I learned from my university years is this it is not so much just the degree / qualification but the experience that makes it worth your while.

I ended up moving [REDACTED] for work. After 7 years, I wanted a change and transferred [REDACTED]. I took advantage of the lifestyle there as much as possible; hiking mountains, beach days and exploring endless amount of wine farms. After 18 months, I received a call from a company [REDACTED] that made me a job offer and I decided to take the plunge. I still enjoy living here [REDACTED], meeting new and interesting people, going to concerts and festivals etc. I recently took up skiing as a winter sport, friends and I are planning our first ski holiday in the next six months.

Why did I decide to participate in the donation programme

My closest friends are not able to conceive and after learning how the donation programme works, I was even more convinced that this is the right thing for me to do. The amount of care, preparation and support that go into the donation programme is remarkable to me.