

The Kathi's Kids

Story...



Kathy was a little girl born homeless and stateless, (she had no citizenship in any country), though she was actually born in Kornwestheim, Germany on February 16, 1956. Her birth name was Carolyn Michele Baumgart, which was changed to Kathy after she was adopted. Her biological mother was white and also a young widow and had become pregnant with Kathy by a married military man, who was black. Because Kathy was a bi-racial child living in Germany shortly after WWII, she was not welcomed in very many places. Her mother was from Czechoslovakia and was homeless and had no place to raise her children; periodically working from house to house as a cleaning lady for military families in Germany. Kathy's mother under pressure, had to give her up for adoption due to poverty. After a year long trial period, with a couple interested in adopting a child, the German courts approved Carolyn Michele Baumgart (Kathy) to be adopted into the Hill family, a military family from the United States of America. Within a few months, Kathy was on her way to America with her adopted family to start a new life. It was signed and sealed by the German courts in the "original" written documentation that "She deserves the best"! Growing up with her new adopted family from the age of two, Kathy did not know of her traumatic past until she was told of being adopted at the age of 18 by her close friend who found out through Kathy's adopted cousin. Shortly after finding out about her unbelievable past, Kathy immediately experienced a strong sense of loss, rejection, broken-heartedness, abandonment and hopelessness. Within a few months after her life-shattering discovery, she was married to her high school sweetheart, Donald Shorter at the tender age of 18, but still with many questions unanswered. Several years later, Kathy realized how she was truly helped as a young child by unseen hands. She is now a successful and fulfilled woman and in her heart, and to God, she vowed to help hurting children, also adopted and foster children and children from single parent homes for the rest of her life. It was with this strong desire for *every* child to be cared for, to feel special, and to belong, that Kathy Lynette Shorter founded Kathi's Kids.



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