

Family Portrait Guide

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heartfelt, connective imagery

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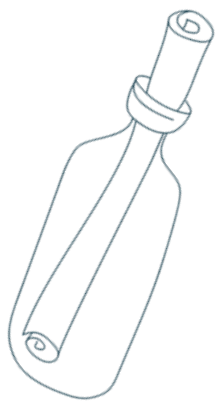
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Book your session today!



Honoring your story, community, and the love that connects it all

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Welcome

&

Introduction



Preserve the connection.

Each stage of family life is filled to the brim. With joy, with challenges... with laundry! As a mother of two, I can already recognize how fast it all goes, how much I love watching my children grow while also wanting to hold onto every stage just a little while longer.

A family portrait session offers the opportunity to freeze a moment in time, to acknowledge the importance of the current phase while acknowledging it won't last long. Whether holding a newborn in your arms or hugging your adult child as they prepare to start their own family, all of it is worth documenting.

I specialize in heartfelt, intentional imagery that honors your connections. Connections to each other, to a certain place, to a moment in time.

Many of the families I work with hire me to document them on vacation in northern Michigan. Together, we choose a location that is meaningful—for some, this is the family cottage, for others, a favorite beach—and we plan a morning or evening where everyone gets to play, explore, and connect.

-Mae Stier

Kind words from a returning client

“Her work is so good and also so real, and it's those photos of us just being ourselves that I treasure the most.”

“Mae is a wonderful photographer and I recommend her wholeheartedly. We have hired her for portraits multiple times on our summer trips to Michigan, and every time she blows me away. Her work is so good and also so real, and it's those photos of us just being ourselves that I treasure the most. We have three young children, and she was understanding, patient, and approachable working with us and specifically with them. It's clear she knows how to work with children and help them take the time they need to feel at ease, which has not always been our experience with other photographers. If you are on the fence or just want amazing pictures you will treasure, please book a session with Mae!”



-Sarah H.



Immediate

Family

Sessions

Portrait sessions are the perfect opportunity to document a piece of your story, and the options are endless for how to do this in a way that feels true to your family.

The goal with family sessions isn't perfection. *Real life is far more interesting than that.* The goal is to remember how it feels to be in this stage, to hold your children when they are exactly this size. As parents, we all know that it goes by quickly, and even the hardest stages have elements that are missed as we watch our babies grow and change. So book the photo session. Run and play and laugh with your family. Make photographs that you can hang on your walls or print into a book to flip through when the kids are older.

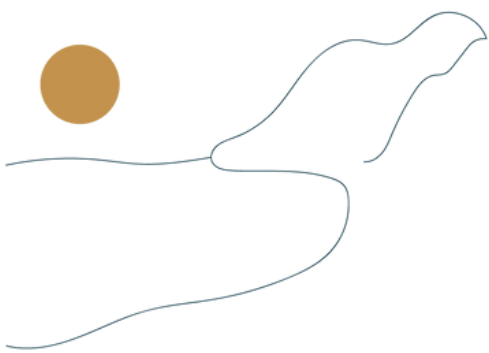
Most importantly, family sessions are an opportunity for connection with each other. A time to shut out the rest of the world for a while and focus solely on each other. What a gift.



Customized for your family



There are endless options to consider when planning your portrait session. Locations, activities, and wardrobe styling will all impact the feel of your final photographs, and together we will walk through what to consider while planning for your session. We will plan a phone call to talk through your goals, considering what your family may enjoy and how you would like to experience the photographs in the future. From there, I will make recommendations for the amount of coverage and types of products to include in your collection.



I offer two immediate family portrait collections that can be customized to your needs. Consider how you may want to preserve your memories for your children as they get older, or gifting options for grandparents. Together, we will ensure you walk away with everything you want-and more-from your family session.

The Keepsake Collection

The Keepsake Collection is an opportunity to capture your family for an extended period of time together. This coverage allows the time to photograph your family on their favorite hike to a secret beach or to document the sweetness of a morning at home. Coverage includes documentary photographs of your family as well as portraits of everyone together.

capture your family for an extended period of time: on a hike or during a morning at home.

This collection offers ample time for family members to get comfortable (so it's great for young children!), and creates space for natural interactions and joy. When your photographs are delivered, a beautiful hardcover book will be custom-designed to hold the memories for a lifetime.

The Keepsake Collection includes:

- up to 2.5 hours of coverage
- online gallery with unlimited downloads
- 20-spread (40-page) 9x12" hardcover book

\$2000





The Heritage Collection

The Heritage Collection offers the opportunity to photograph your family together in a location that is meaningful to your family. Together, we will craft a portrait session that leaves room for stunning portraits and joyful moments.

The Heritage Collection includes:

- up to 1.5 hours of coverage
- online gallery with unlimited downloads

\$1000



extended

family



sessions

Create an heirloom collection of photographs of the entire family.

Picture this: you rent a vacation home in Leelanau County with your entire extended family. You lounge in the yard together every evening, drinking wine, eating dinner, and chasing the kids around. Bare feet squish the mulberries that have fallen from the tree in the yard as the sun hangs low and warm in the sky. You want to hold onto this moment-the grandkids as they are with their chubby fingers and unbridled laughter, your kids now grown and each other's friends-with all of you together in a place that holds so many dear memories.



A great way to hold onto the memories is to bring me along for an evening, to invite me over to your family cottage or vacation rental or favorite beach, to photograph the magic of your time together. We will take some staged portraits, but mostly, I'll take photographs that freeze you all in the moment, on this particular family vacation in northern Michigan, that you will remember for a lifetime.



Customized

for your

extended family

There are endless ways to plan for an extended family session, and likely what feels natural to your crew is different from what another family may choose. The point is to craft a period in time that represents where your family is in this season of life. Consider what might make everyone feel comfortable, from the toddlers to the brothers-in-law!

I offer two collections that can be customized to your needs. We will plan a phone call to talk through your goals, considering what your family may enjoy and how you would like to experience the photographs in the future. From there, I will make recommendations for the amount of coverage and types of products to include in your collection.





The Heirloom Collection

The Heirloom Collection is an opportunity to capture all the generations in your family for an extended period of time together. This is coverage to hire for your annual fish fry at the cottage, for the Grandparents' anniversary celebration, or for a beach picnic that ends in s'mores around the campfire.

Coverage includes documentary photographs of your family enjoying time together, as well as formal portraits of every grouping-individual groupings, the grandparents and grandkids, siblings; the list goes on.

This collection offers ample time for family members to get comfortable, and creates space for natural interactions and joy. When your photographs are delivered, a beautiful hardcover book will be custom-designed to give to the grandparents or to be printed for each family unit. Additional books available for print at a reduced rate.

The Heirloom Collection includes:

- up to 2.5 hours of coverage
- online gallery with unlimited downloads
- 20-spread (40-page) 9x12" hardcover book

\$2500



interested in adding a delicious spread of food to enjoy during your session? I partner with Empire-based private chefs Mel&Fell to offer customizable menu options delivered to you for the session. Ask for more information.



Honor this season by telling the story of what you all love to do together. It can be a simple night at the cottage, frying fish the grandkids caught with Grandpa. Trust me, you don't want to forget this.

The Legacy Collection

The Legacy Collection offers the opportunity to photograph your extended family together on location. We will work together to choose a location that is meaningful to your family, and will craft a portrait session that leaves room for stunning portraits and joyful moments. Bring the sand toys and let's spend a morning making memories together!

The Heritage Collection includes:

- up to 1.5 hours of coverage
- online gallery with unlimited downloads

\$1500



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