

# DEAR ABBY

## Registry Reunites Mother and Son

**D**EAR ABBY: Thanks to reading about International Soundex Reunion Registry in your column, the son I gave up for adoption 26 years ago is back in my life.

I remember being drawn to the concept of ISRR, which, unlike other means of locating a child or birthparent, requires that both parties register and want to find each other in order for a match to be made.

I clipped that column and kept it until I knew my son had turned 18, then sent for and completed the form. (That was in 1988.) Finally, a month ago, I got the call — my son had registered the week before!

Giving up my baby boy was the most difficult thing I have ever done. Over the years, I assured myself that I did the right thing, but I've regretted it ever since. I never stopped wondering where my son was, who he looked like, and if he was healthy and happy. I cried buckets of tears and never quit praying.

Finding him, knowing he wanted to find me, and finally getting to be a mom (I never had any other children) has been my greatest joy.

Thank you, Abby and ISRR, for this miracle. I hope you print the address again so many others will also have an opportunity to unite.

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A MOM AT LAST, SAN RAMON

**DEAR MOM:** Thank you for sharing the story of our heartwarming reunion with your son. My best wishes to you both.

— Readers, for those of you who may not have clipped the address for ISRR and would now like to have it, it is: P.O. Box 2312, Carson City, Nev. 89702. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope for a reply.

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