



Andrew and Rachelle

Hello!



Thank you for taking the time to learn a little about us. We spent many years trying to conceive, but we found God had a different plan for us to start our family. We learned more about ourselves through that process and grew stronger as a couple. We finally feel hope and are confident in the fact God wants us to grow our family through adoption.

Please know we have already started praying for our future child and his or her birth family. We can't wait to meet the little one God has planned for us!

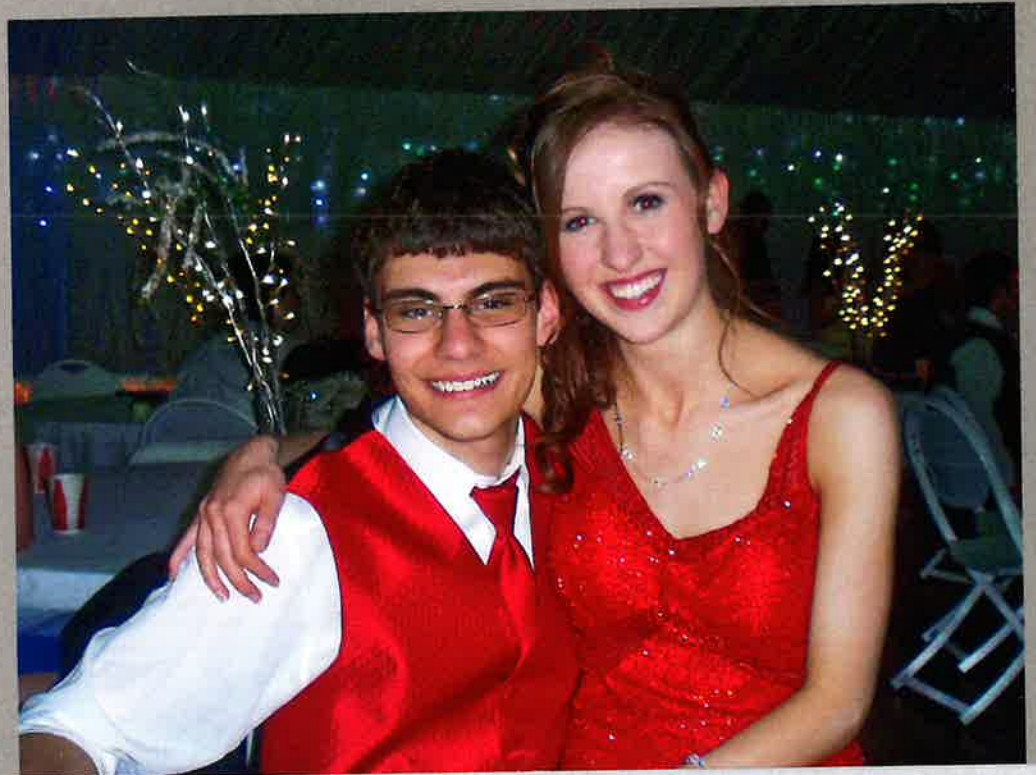
Our STORY

We met in 7th grade. Before we started dating, we enjoyed spending time together with our mutual friends in junior high and high school. Andrew finally got the nerve to ask Rachelle to our Junior prom, and the rest was history!

We dated the rest of high school and through college. Right before we finished college, Andrew asked Rachelle to marry him. Long story short- we've have been married for over seven amazing years!



Our first meal in our first apartment and a picture from our senior prom





Our MARRIAGE

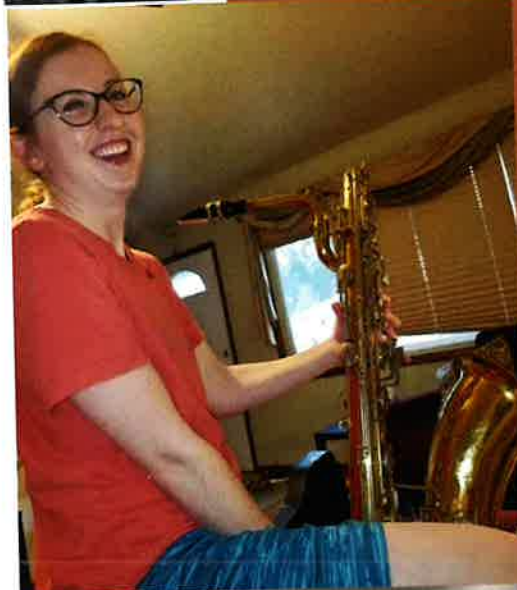
We were married in the Catholic Church that Andrew's family attended when he was growing up.

We live in the same town where we grew up, met, and fell in love. Today we work together as teachers in the same school! We love car-pooling to our small school each day and getting to talk about our day on the way home.



About RACHELLE

- ♥ I teach elementary music, high school/junior high band, and choir and piano lessons. I feel really blessed to teach music every day!
- ♥ My favorite things to do include making music, gardening, arts and crafts, cooking, traveling, and video games.
- ♥ I sing and play the clarinet, saxophone, piano, and ukulele (but can play a little on every instrument).
- ♥ I also coach drama/theater at our school.





Our backyard is my favorite place to be (even in 20 inches of snow!)

Visiting Sylvan Lake in South Dakota

Wearing my family's "birthday sombrero"

Summers are spent in the garden!

Volunteering for a native grass and flowers seed collecting project in the Badlands.



Rehearsing for the song I sang at my sister's wedding.



About ANDREW

- ♥ I teach business and technology classes for high school and junior high students. I underwent a career change, switching from accounting to teaching.
- ♥ I also help coach varsity girls basketball and am the yearbook advisor.
- ♥ My favorite things are to play video games, read, grill, and to play board games with family and friends.
- ♥ I really enjoy watching pro-basketball and am probably the biggest Minnesota Timberwolves fan!





Gaming with my brothers and
playing with our nephew.

Hanging out with Rachelle's
family and losing at Giant Jenga!

Twinning with our niece.

Gardening in our
backyard.

Showing off my
Timberwolves team spirit.





Andrew's FAMILY



My middle brother, Alex, and his wife, Emily have three boys, E, A and T

My youngest brother, Aaron

My parents. Allen and Teresa



My grandparents, Pete and Marie



I am the eldest of three boys. We are still close today and try to see each other once a week. We enjoy spending time together watching the Timberwolves play or playing board games together. We usually get together after Mass on Sundays for breakfast.





Above is my extended family together at Christmas. I am the oldest cousin. We try to get together at least twice a year for holidays. Most of my extended family lives close. Both Rachelle and I's immediate families get along so well - we even get together on our birthdays for one large party



My parents are very involved in our lives as well as their grandchildren's lives. Mom and Dad watch the boys a couple days a week and love every minute of it. They enjoy their time with their grandchildren!



My mom, Jolyn, in the middle of her two daughters.

Rachelle's FAMILY



My only sister, Andrea, her husband, Mason, and their daughter, M.



My grandparents, Dave and Sharon

My dad, Lyle. He passed away in 1995 from skin cancer.



I am the oldest of two girls in my family. My mom is an amazing woman. After my dad passed away, she raised us girls on her own. She made sure that we had a wonderful childhood. The three of us are still very close. We often get together on weeknights and visit or text each other every day





her
their

My family are my biggest supporters. I am so glad to have so many of my aunts, uncles, and cousins in the area. We have a family reunion on my dad's side every summer. My aunt and uncle, Ray and Sandy, are also a huge part of our life. They are like a second set of parents to us. The eight of us have a Christmas movie marathon each year and outdoor movie nights in the summer.





Outside our church on Christmas morning



Our FAITH

We are Roman Catholic, and getting each other to heaven is the utmost goal of our life together. We have grown closer together through our faith and live our faith in all aspects of our life.

We have been asked to be godparents for several of our family and friends' children. Rachelle is also confirmation sponsor to several relatives. Andrew is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and Rachelle regularly song leads at our parish. We can't wait to share our faith with our future child.



At the Holy Family Shrine in Gretna, NE



Our house is a ranch style home with a finished basement where we spend most of our evenings. We love having a game table downstairs for our crafts and board games



Our HOME

Our backyard with a view of the garden



We live on a quiet street with lots of great neighbors around us. Rachelle's sister lives on the same street as us and Andrew's parents live four blocks away. We love being so close to family!



HOBBIES and *Interests*

As a family we like to travel, cook, garden, and hang out with our friends and family. We love going out and trying out different restaurants and types of food.

We like to spend time at home as well and savor that time together. Depending on what time of year it is we are involved in our school events and like to support our students by attending their extracurricular events.

As teachers, we look forward to our summers off. We do most of our traveling during the summer months.

The past two years, we have really enjoyed participating in our local park and recreation curling league!

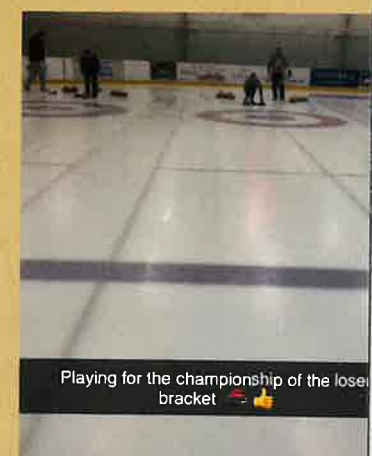
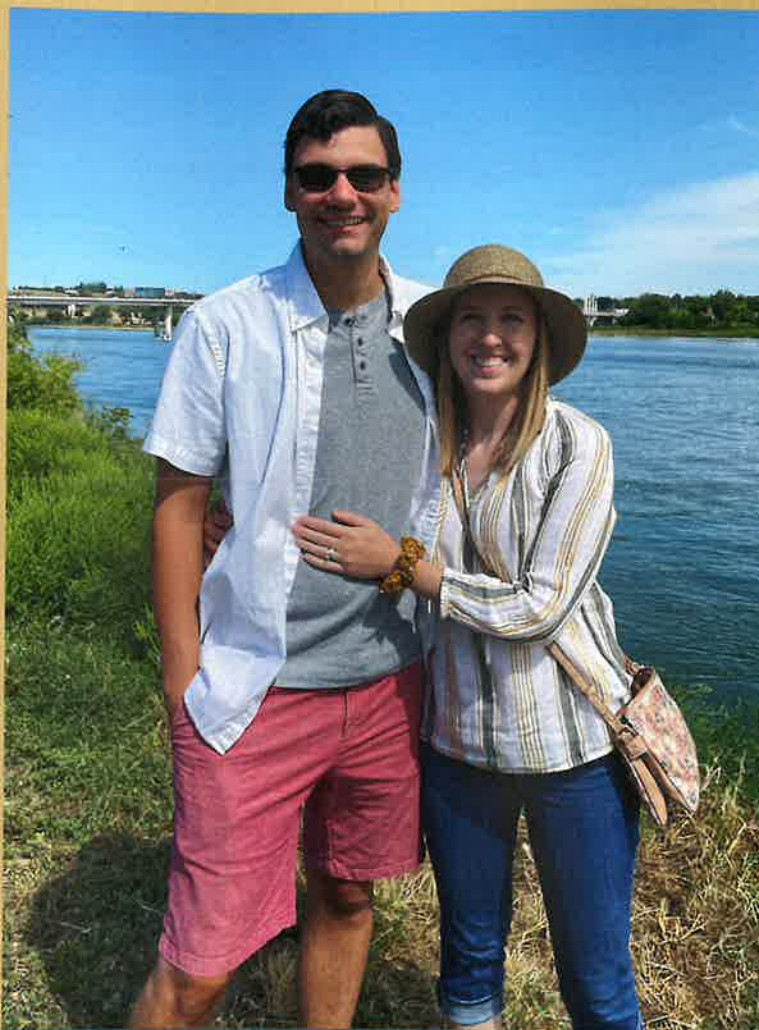




guess who is getting some wall art for downstairs



Andrew volunteering for Knights of Columbus



Playing for the championship of the loser bracket 🍷👍

**New York
City**



TRAVEL and *Vacations*

We have been blessed to have been able to travel as a couple and with our families. We try to attend a Timberwolves game as often as we can, and each summer we usually take a trip with our families. Rachelle's Mom is a huge Minnesota Twins fan, so we go to baseball games quite often as well. We have been able to visit New York City, Omaha, Minneapolis, and many other places!

**Minnesota Twins Game
with Rachelle's Family**



**Omaha,
Nebraska**

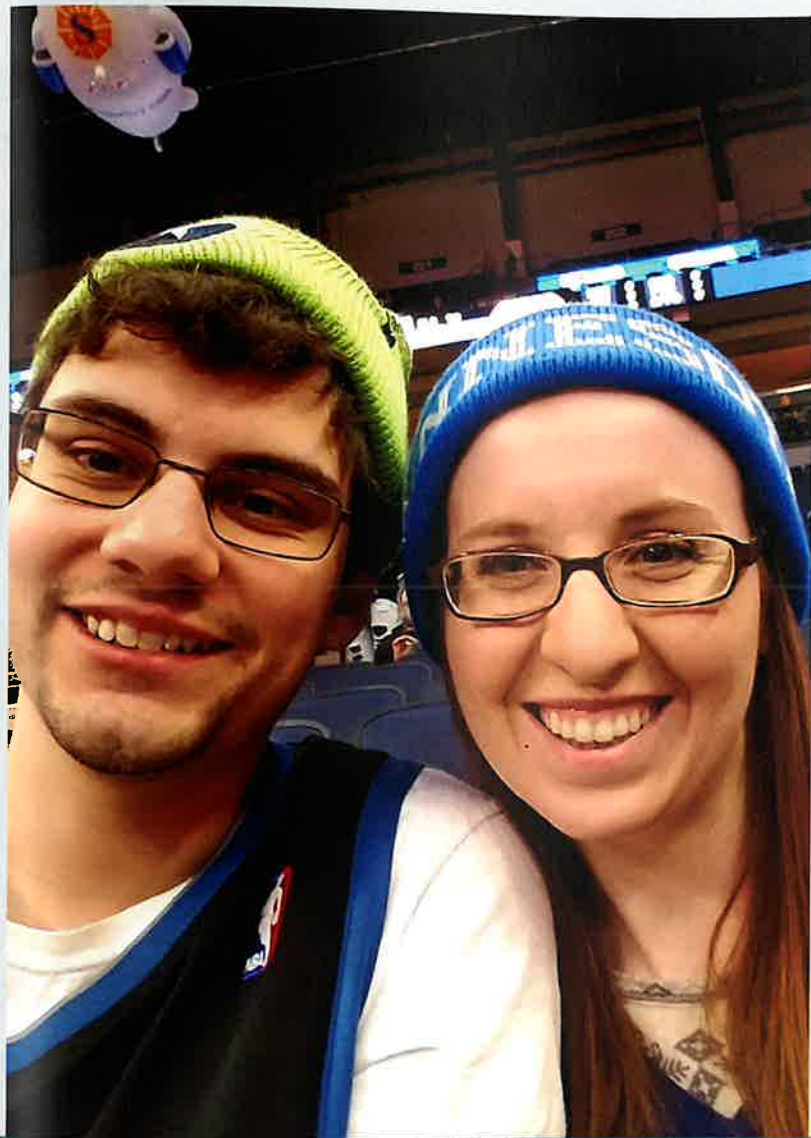




Sylvan Lake, South Dakota



Helicopter ride in Keystone, South Dakota with Andrew's parents



Minnesota Timberwolves Pro-Basketball Game



Our FRIENDS

We have been blessed to remain friends with people from high school and college. We have also made many new friends from our church and work. Our siblings are also some of our best friends.

We have an amazing community of people that are always at our side and supportive of our plans to adopt.



Our friends from high school

Rachelle's Catholic book club friends



Andrea, Mason, and us after our last curling season



Friends from college; so happy to be in each other's weddings and to see each other often



Andrew's best friends - his brothers!



Getting the baby's
room ready!



Before you go...

Thank you for taking the time to look through our book! We are hopeful that we will be blessed with the child God always meant for us to raise.

If you choose us, know that your child will be loved unconditionally, not only by us, but by our family, friends, and community. And, even if you choose to go another direction, know that we are praying for you to find peace and happiness in your decision.

Love and prayers,
Andrew and Rachelle

