

## ERIC AND ABBY







Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We can only imagine the strength, love, and courage it takes to consider an adoption plan and we want you to know that we deeply respect and honor that. We have been married since 2015 and are parents to 3 biological children. Our home is full of laughter, bedtime stories, games, and lots of love. We feel like God is leading us to open our hearts and our home to another. We truly believe that family is not just formed by biology, but by love, commitment, and by God's beautiful design. If you choose us, please know that your child will grow up surrounded by joy, faith, and endless support. Not just from us, but from our extended family and community as well. They will always know their story began with your deep love and selfless choice. No matter what you decide, we are praying for you and your precious baby. We are praying for peace, wisdom, and strength in the days ahead.

*With Love, Eric and Abby*

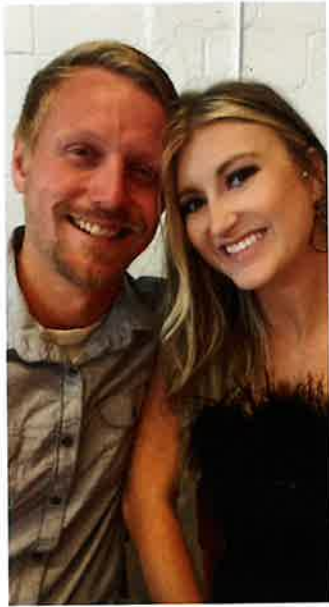


## Our Story

Our story began in 2013 at a busy Texas Roadhouse, where we both worked. Between serving tables and sneaking rolls in the kitchen, we got to know each other and the rest is history! We got married in 2015 and since then, our journey has been full of joy, growth, and God's blessings. Together, we've built a home that's centered on laughter and grace, with 3 amazing children who fill our days with energy (or lack of) and purpose. Our faith is the foundation of our marriage. Through every season, whether it's been easy or hard, we've learned to lean on each other and on the Lord. We believe that God is writing a new chapter for our family and we are so excited and honored to potentially open our hearts to a child through adoption. In our free time, we enjoy being outside: we go on bikerides, walks, and love to hang out on our back patio. We also love to travel and explore new places together. Family is extremely important to us, so we also see grandparents a lot as well as our siblings!



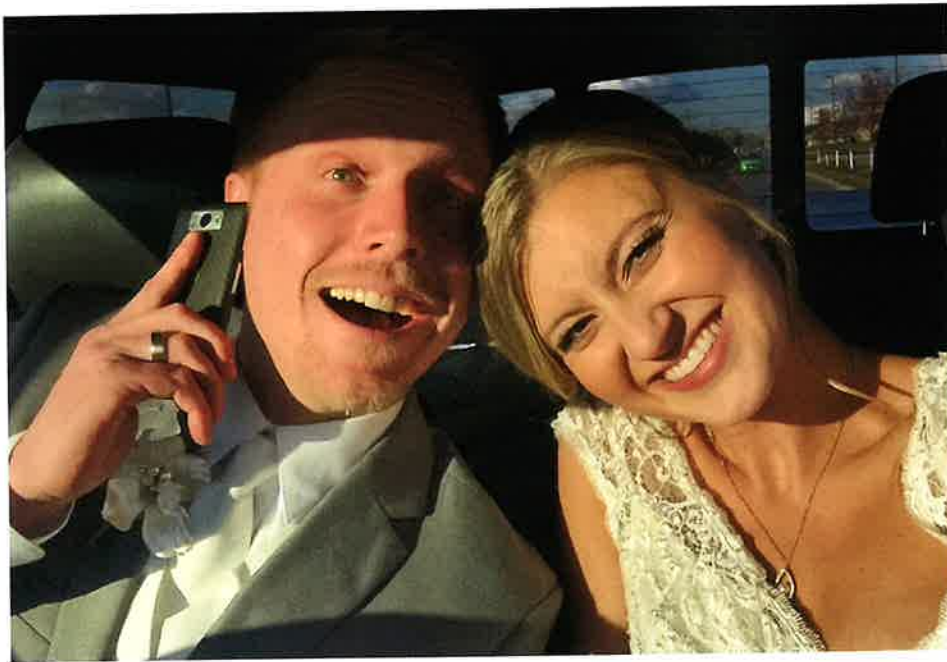
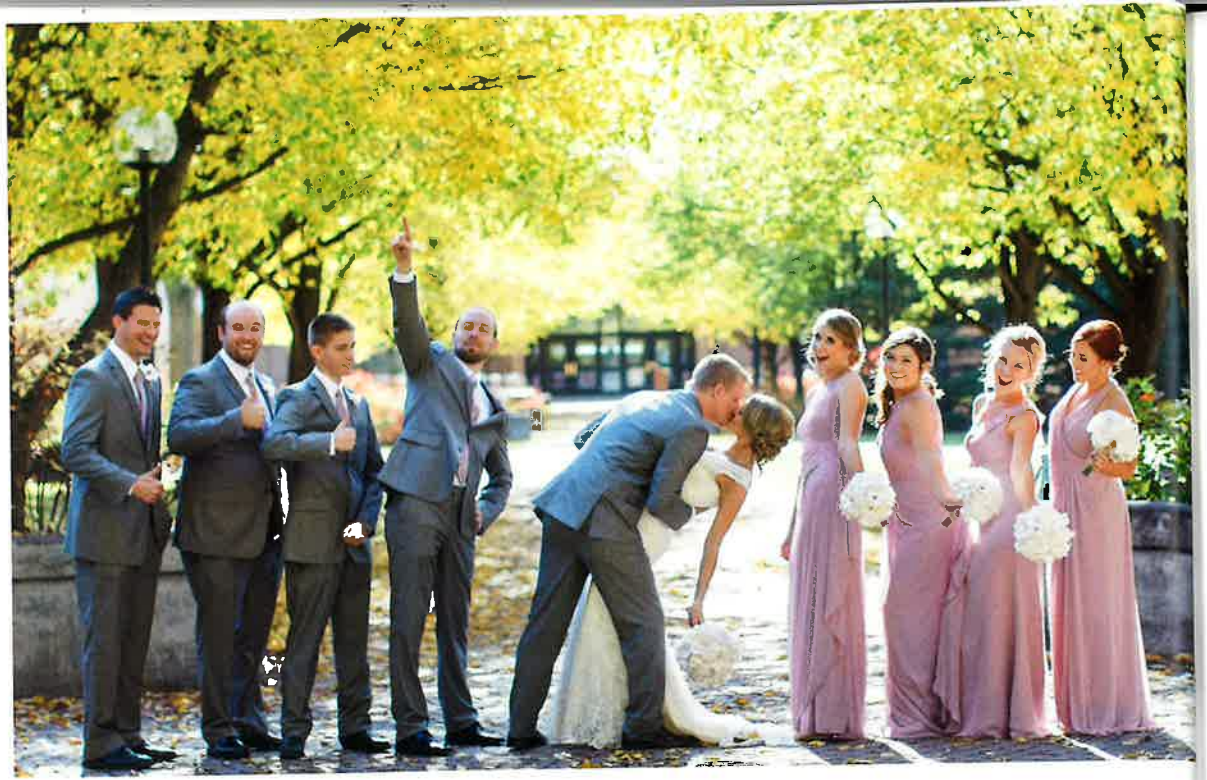




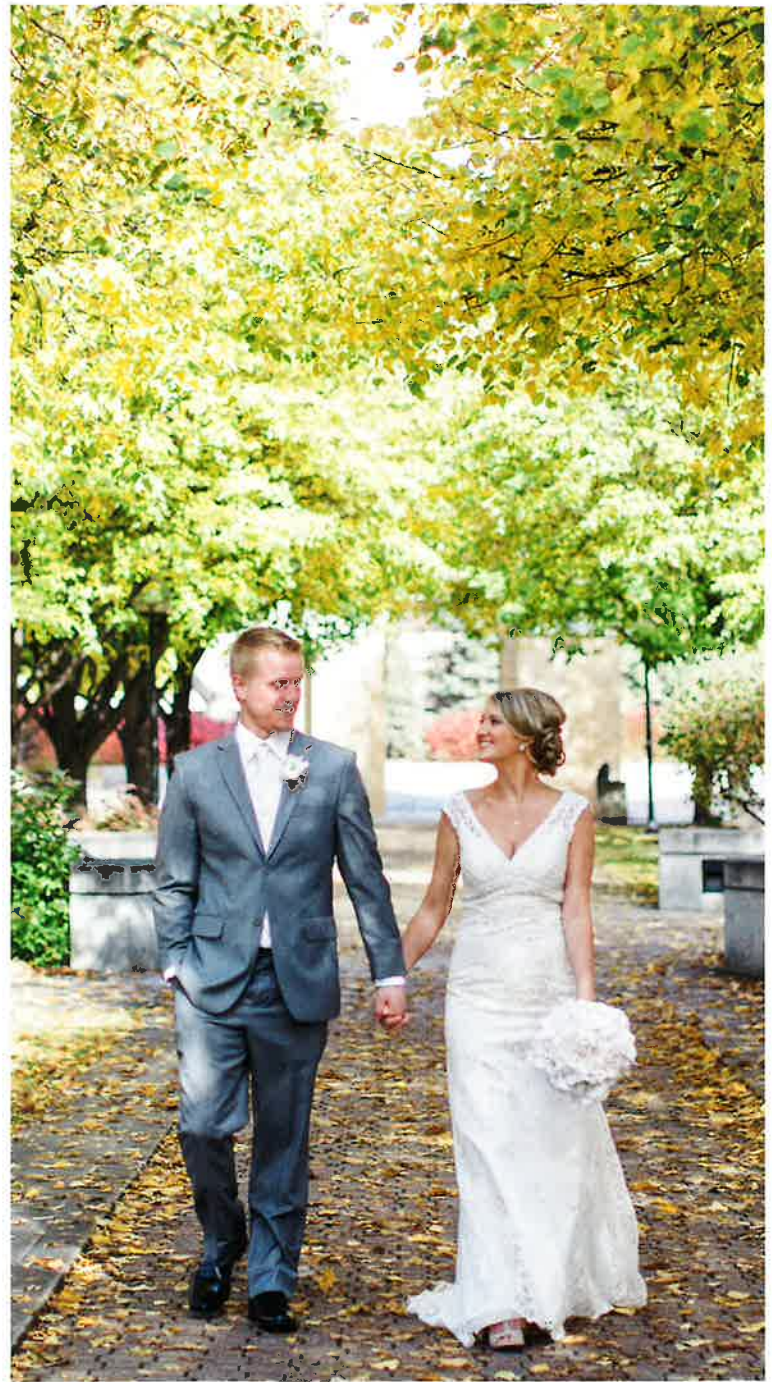


# OUR WEDDING DAY

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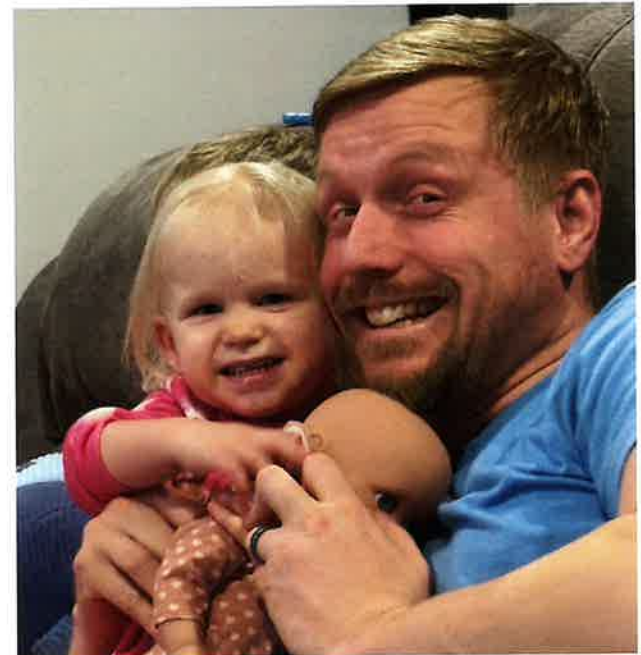






## Meet Eric

Eric works as a civil engineer. Coming from a large family, he is a family man at heart. Eric has an outgoing personality and enjoys doing new things and meeting new people. He enjoys all things sports, has a thirst for knowledge, and tries to stay active as much as possible. His hobbies include pickleball, golf, basketball, spending time with family, and helping Abby with home projects ;)













## Meet Abby

Abby is currently a stay-at-home-mom. She attended college and obtained her Dental Assisting degree. She maintains her license and CPR certificate for when she goes back to the working world when the kids are older. When not in mom mode, her hobbies include home decor decorating and helping others with their homes, riding bike, going on walks, organizing, cooking, baking, and shopping! She also enjoys hosting gatherings at her home for birthdays, holidays, bridal or baby showers, or simply to have extended family out for a relaxing evening. She loves to put together fun charcuterie boards for events. She is also ingredient cautious and takes pride in healthier cooking and products. Abby is the picture taking queen when it comes to documenting memories. She enjoys traveling with Eric or other family members and has a soft spot for animals, especially llamas!





## Meet Emmett



Emmett is our oldest, and from day one, has brought so much energy and joy into our home. He's adventurous, outgoing, and always on the move, whether it's playing sports, riding his bike, rollerblading, or playing with his friends. His favorite sport is basketball. He plays in a league that Eric coaches. He thinks it's pretty cool that dad gets to coach his team! He's the kind of kid who's always ready to try something new. It might be a new sport, a new game, or a new skill. He jumps in with excitement and confidence. Emmett has the biggest heart too; he loves his sisters and loves to make them laugh. He is also very protective of his sisters and it's easy to see how deeply he cares about his family and friends. We're so proud of the young boy that Emmett is becoming. He is an old soul and is full of determination, joy, and love. We know he will be an amazing big brother again.











### Meet Amina

Amina is our second child and our little artist at heart. She's full of imagination, creativity, and just the right amount of sass to keep us all smiling. Whether she's drawing, painting, or creating a masterpiece out of cardboard and glitter or magnatiles, Amina is always finding new ways to express herself. She loves to sing and dance. Music and movement bring her happiness and it's a joy to watch her shine. She also loves playing outside, riding her scooter or bike, or just running barefoot in the grass. She also adores her friends. Amina has a big heart and an even bigger personality. She's got a funny sense of humor; full of one-liners. She's always the first to offer to help. She also adores and cares deeply for her siblings (most of the time). God created Amina with a special ability to brighten everything and everyone around her.











## Meet Alivia

Alivia is our youngest (for now!) and she's full of spunk, sweetness, and personality. We call her our sour patch kid: sour on the outside but sweet on the inside. At just 2 years old, she's finding her place and she's not afraid to let us know exactly how she feels! She keeps us laughing daily with her expressions, boldness, and funny little phrases. She absolutely adores her older siblings and wants to do everything they're doing. Whether it's chasing them around the house, snuggling up with a good book, or dancing in the living room, she's the happiest when she's right in the middle of the action. Alivia has a soft spot for her baby dolls. She rocks them, feeds them, tucks them in, and even wears them like mama! She also has a deep love for snacks. Food is definitely one of her love languages. She will be your best friend if you give her a treat. We love her strong spirit!









## Traditions

Traditions are important in our family. We celebrate holidays such as Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, 4th of July, St. Patty's Day, and Valentine's Day. Some other traditions that we have that aren't holidays would include family movie nights (we try to do this weekly), drinking hot chocolate and driving around to look at Christmas Lights, annual lefse making and sugar cookie decorating, visiting Santa, and having our kids decorate the Christmas tree. The kids also enjoy helping in the kitchen, whether it's cutting veggies or helping bake a tasty treat!









Drew (Abby's brother-in-law), Natalie (Abby's sister), baby Cooper, Chad (Abby's dad), Alivia Sheree (Abby's mom), Emmett, James (Abby's brother), Amina, Abby, and Eric.



## Meet Abby's Family

Abby's father and mother, Chad and Sheree have been married for 30 years. They have 3 children, Abby, James, and Natalie. They are a close-knit family who have always shared life's big moments with their extended family. Their extended family being relatively small, allows them to love and dote on the littles with a healthy presence. Our 3 children recently welcomed their first cousin from Abby's family and are eager to enjoy the first of many more additions. With our families in close proximity to one another, we are able to spend time, enjoy outings, and celebrate very often with one another.

Amina  
feeding  
her  
cousin  
Cooper



Meeting cousin Cooper for the first time!



Abby's mom, Sheree



Abby's brother, James



Abby's dad, Chad and Emmett at NDSU Bison basketball game



Abby's great aunt, Marcie



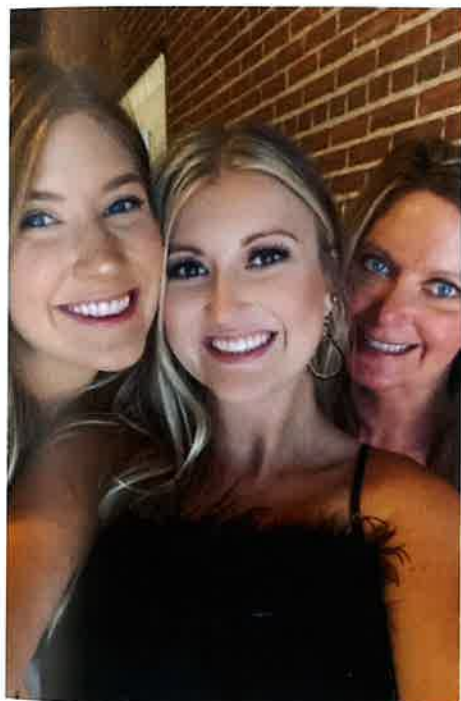
Abby's aunt Tammy (Sheree's sister)



Abby's grandma Sue



Natalie (Abby's sister), Abby, Sheree (Abby's mom)



Emmett playing baseball on Uncle Drew's team



Us with our Godson, Cooper!



Abby's other grandma, Barb and her sister, Nancy

Eric, Amina, Abby, Emmett, Drew, Natalie, Sheree, Chad, and James





Darin and Amina



Golfing with Darin in Hawaii



Fishing with grandpa!



Us with Margaret and Darin in Hawaii! We have fun traveling together



All 5 siblings and their families (left to right): Josh (blue), Cassie (pink), Cassandra (purple), Brian (green), Eric (turquoise) with Margaret and Darin in the middle.



Celebrating summer birthdays with some of the cousins at  
grandma and grandpa's house



### Meet Eric's Family

Eric's mother, Margaret married his stepfather, Darin 30 years ago when Eric was 5 years old.

Margaret and Darin each had 2 children when they first met, accepting each as their own very early on; Margaret even adopted Darin's children. Kassandra, Cassie, Eric, and Brian were all within 4 years of one another, which made for a busy, yet fun childhood. Their 5th child, Josh, was born 8 years apart from Brian, completing the family. Their family has since blossomed into an even larger one, 16 grandchildren in all!

Our family is blessed to be able to frequently spend time with gma and gpa. Whether its bike rides, pool or lake days, RV Trips, or vacations, there is never a dull moment when we are together!





(left to right): Cassidy, Nikki, Bridger, Conner, Sean, Abby, and  
Eric



Getting  
downpoured  
on, on a trip  
to Chicago to  
visit Sean for  
his wedding



JULY 5, 1959 ~ MAY 5, 2009



Chicago adventures



(left to right): Abby, Eric, Emmett, Jade, Nikki, Bridger, Cassidy, Conner, Sean at Christmas time 2017



### Meet Eric's Family

Eric's dad, Woody, remarried Nicolle when Eric was 3 years old. Sadly, Eric's dad passed away in 2009. Woody's presence and influence are always missed, but Eric knows that he was blessed to have had 19 quality years with his dad. We still keep in frequent contact with Nikki and her fiancé, Richard. They live out in Montana, where Eric spent his summers and holidays as a kid. He enjoyed countless country adventures and helped his dad on the ranch, learning many valuable life skills along the way. Eric has 5 siblings from his father's side: Sean (Eric & Abby's Best Man), Jade (who passed away in 2018), Conner, Bridger, and Cassidy. Time with this side of the family is centered around family, laughing, sports, and Faith. We are extremely blessed to have multiple families to support us as we continue to grow in life!



Nikki and Richard with the kids visiting us in July 2025



Faith is our top priority in our family.



Abby's parents, Chad and Sheree



Eric's parents, Margaret and Darin



Abby's grandma, Sue and aunt, Tammy



Emmett, Amina, and Alivia getting baptized together



The kids with Nikki





Eric's grandparents, Dwight and Elsie



Abby's grandma Barb and great aunt Nancy



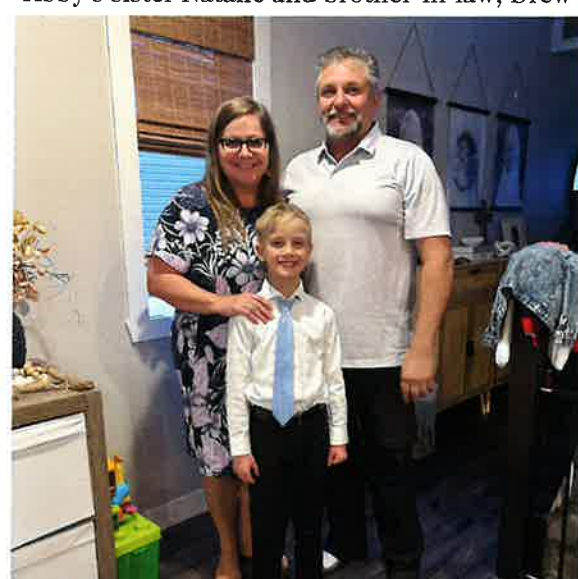
Abby's sister Natalie and brother-in-law, Drew



The kids love to attend Vacation Bible School every summer



Emmett's Confirmation & First Communion







**Sibling Love**  
(most of the  
time anyways)





































## With All Our Hearts,

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We don't take this moment lightly. Our home is more than just four walls and rooms. It's a place filled with laughter and love. We have tried to create a space where our kids feel safe, seen, and loved. We can't wait to potentially share that same love with another child. We believe that a home isn't defined by how big it is, but by the love that fills it; and our home is filled to the brim (and with toys all over the floors). We also believe adoption is a beautiful reflection of God's love. It's truly special how He brings families together in unexpected, miraculous ways. If you choose us, we want you to know that your child will be welcomed with open arms and will grow up in a home rooted in faith, love, and support. They will always know their story began with a brave and selfless decision made out of the deepest kind of love. No matter what you decide, please know we pray that you would feel peace, strength, and the Lord's love as you continue to walk this journey.

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