

Emily & Blake





about us

Hello! We are Blake and Emily! Our story began in 2015 when we were introduced by mutual friends. Within three months of dating, we knew we had found something special, and we were engaged. We were married on New Year's Eve, surrounded by all our friends and family. Blake is a farmer and works with his dad on the family farm. They are mainly crop farmers, but they also help out his grandpa, who has some animals. We are incredibly lucky as Blake is able to set his own schedule. Emily is a CPA and works as the business manager of an educational agency that supports local school districts. Blake is the jokester, always providing entertainment with his humor, singing, or dancing! Emily is the go-getter of the family, always setting new goals for us. We love spending time with family and friends. You can often find us playing board games in the winter, at the golf course in the summer, or traveling the globe! We love dessert and never say no to a Dairy Queen Blizzard!

OUR HOME

We live in a rural city. There are multiple school districts in our city and in the surrounding small towns. Our home is a ranch-style house in a peaceful neighborhood. The heart of our home is our spacious living room, where we spend hours playing games. We have an awesome pool that is securely gated and locked for added safety. It will be perfect for teaching future little ones to swim! During the summer, our friends and families often gather at our place to swim. We're also fortunate to have a park just seconds away from our house, making outdoor adventures very accessible. While we currently enjoy the conveniences that come with living in town, we one day hope to move to Blake's family farm. The farm is just a short 15-minute drive away.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

From the very start of our relationship, adoption has been a part of our family vision. When we decided it was time to grow our family, we discovered infertility challenges that made conceiving naturally unlikely. Deciding not to pursue fertility options, we wholeheartedly embraced adoption as the route for us to build the loving family we've always dreamed of. This journey feels deeply personal to us as Blake's mom and some of her siblings were placed in foster care or adopted as children, significantly shaping our perspective on adoption. Family is about more than biology; family is about unconditional love. We are excited to share our love with our children, biological or adopted!



Emily

Occupation: Accountant

Education: Bachelor of Science in

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian

Hobby: Traveling, reading

Movie: Mamma Mia

Holiday: New Year's Eve

Dream Vacation: Catamaran

Musical Group: The Chainsmokers

TV Show: Friends, Emily in Paris

School Subject: Spanish

Tradition: Family sleepover on







Blake

Occupation: Farmer

Education: Associate degree

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian

Hobby: Golf, bowling

Movie: National Lampoon's

Christmas Vacation

Holiday: Christmas

Dream Vacation: Golf at St.

Andrew's in Scotland

Musical Group: Zach Bryan

TV Show: Game of Thrones

School Subject: History

Tradition: Sunday family dinner

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Our families are a big part of our lives. Both our immediate families live nearby, and we spend a lot of time with them. We are lucky we are able to gather for all birthdays and holidays! We each have one sister. Both of our sisters have their own families with little ones who eagerly await new playmates.

We are very close with Emily's parents. We often travel with them, and we have enjoyed taking them to see the world with us! Emily's sister and her little boy live just a couple streets over. They frequently come over for playdates and meals.

Blake's family is also incredibly close, with a group of aunts, uncles, grandparents, parents, and his sister all living within a four-mile radius of each other. His first cousins are essentially siblings, having grown up side by side and sharing all sorts of adventures. Because they're all so close, we're always getting together. Now that tradition is continuing with the next generation, and we can't wait to see our children join! Blake's parents have a home in Arizona, and we often take family trips down there in the winter.







dear expectant mother

Dear Expectant Mother,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about our family.

We feel incredibly honored to be considered to potentially raise your child. We wish we could put into words how much we will love this child—they will be our whole world!

We assume you have many questions, and we'll be here to answer anything you want to know. We also want to help ease some of your concerns by sharing our commitments:

- 1.) We will support you and whatever decisions you make—we're here for you!
- 2.) We will love your child as our own, with all our hearts and without hesitation!
- 3.) You will always have a place in our family!
- 4.) We will support your child's dreams and help them achieve all their life goals!
- 5.) We will do everything we can to raise them to be someone you'll be proud of!

We want you to know how much we respect and admire you. If you have any questions, we're always here.

WITH LOVE AND RESPECT,

EMILY AND BLAKE

