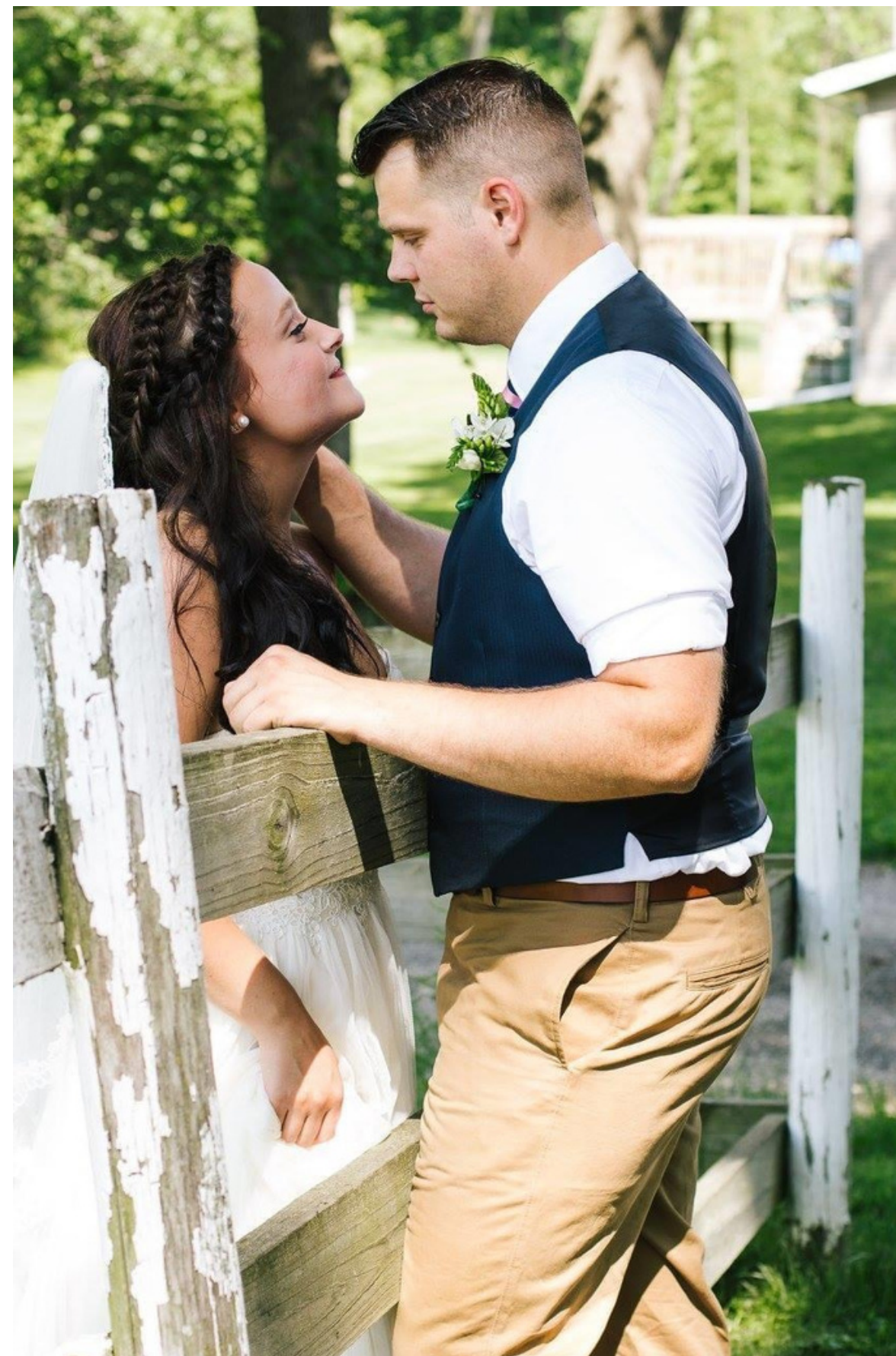


# Tony & Kayla





# About Us:

**We met at church the summer of 2013 and began dating a year later. We were married (outside) in the summer of 2016 on what was probably the hottest day of the year! We have been married for 5 wonderful years!**

**We share the same morals and beliefs. While Tony is the more outgoing one, we are both goofy and love to have fun! Family is incredibly important to us. We both grew up in large, loving families and we hope to provide that kind of environment for whatever children we are blessed with!**

**Others would describe us as kind, helpful, and fun. While we love to have fun, we are able to be serious when necessary and put others needs above our own.**





# What Tony wants you to know about Kayla:

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Kayla is an extremely big-hearted and caring individual. She is tender and loving towards everyone. Kayla loves to make other people feel loved and is willing to give of her time and talents sacrificially to ensure others feel that love. She is shy when she first meets people, but quickly warms up to them and makes them feel important. Kayla is an amazing wife and a great mother to our daughter and I am lucky to be her husband.

Kayla has had great success as an assistant teacher at a Montessori School and at a private classical school. She is great with kids, loves to teach, and enjoys watching the discovery that comes with growing up. She has a bachelors degree and a masters degree in Human Services Counseling with a specialization in child and family services. It is her desire to pursue a career in her field when our children start school.

Kayla loves to read books. She will read anything ranging from psychological thrillers and murder mysteries to counseling and theological understanding. Kayla also enjoys gardening, growing flowers, and decorating. She has an eye for decor and knows what will make a room look good and how to make a centerpiece stand out. These are Kayla's main creative outlets, but she also enjoys cooking and baking yummy pies!

Our first date was at a coffee shop in Ankeny, IA. Whenever we travel or are looking for a relaxing date, we always seem to migrate towards coffee shops. We love the decor and environments of coffee shops and we both love coffee so this has always been a natural date for us. During our honeymoon, there was a coffee shop that we went to every morning that just seemed to set the tone for our marriage.

Kayla is already a fantastic parent to our daughter. Her love and compassion for our daughter is something that she shares with our nieces, nephews, and friends' kids and will share with any of our future children.

My favorite thing about Kayla is her generous and loving heart towards other people. She loves and cares so much for other people that she inspires me to be a better husband, father, and person. I have never met anyone with as much heart as her and it makes all of the difficulties and struggles in life fade into the background. She truly is one of a kind and I am the most blessed man to be her husband.

# what Kayla wants you to know about Tony:

Tony is always making us laugh. He is the king of dad jokes. Although he is usually funny and lighthearted, he is the rock of our family. He is hardworking, caring, and supportive. He always puts his family first and loves us unconditionally. He is always there when we need him!

As I stated before, Tony is hardworking- probably the most hardworking person I know. He has been with the same company for over 13 years and is steadily working his way up in the company. He has been given more and more responsibility over the years and he handles it very well.

Tony loves being outdoors! Some of his favorite activities include fishing, grilling/smoking meat, disc golf, and exploring new places. He also enjoys nights in watching movies and playing games.

Every date with Tony is fun! If I had to choose a favorite, I would say it was one early on in our relationship. He took me to dinner and we spent time laughing and talking. After dinner, he took me to a park and we ran around like little kids. We probably looked crazy but we had so much fun! It's a night I'll never forget!

Tony is already an incredible parent to our little girl! He is fun, patient, loving, and a great teacher. He takes time to invest in our daughter and explain things to her. I know as our family grows, those qualities will continue to magnify.

My favorite thing about Tony is how loving he is. He will never let a day go by without letting his family know how much he cares about them. He loves whole-heartedly and unconditionally. Any child will be lucky to have him as a father and I am so lucky to be his wife!



# **Why Adoption?**

**Adoption is something we have both always been passionate about - we even talked about it on one of our first dates! We have always known it was something we wanted to do, but we weren't sure what our timeline would look like.**

**In 2018, Kayla became pregnant. She was extremely sick throughout the entire pregnancy. The doctors determined she had Hyperemesis Gravidarum (severe nausea and vomiting). She was in and out of the hospital for months, however, in March of 2019 she gave birth to a healthy baby girl.**

**She became pregnant again in 2020 and was, once again, very sick. Unfortunately, that pregnancy ended in a late term miscarriage in October 2020.**

**These difficult pregnancies, the loss of a child, and the warnings of doctors caused us to start considering adoption more seriously. We have so much love to give and want to provide a loving, stable home for whatever children we have.**

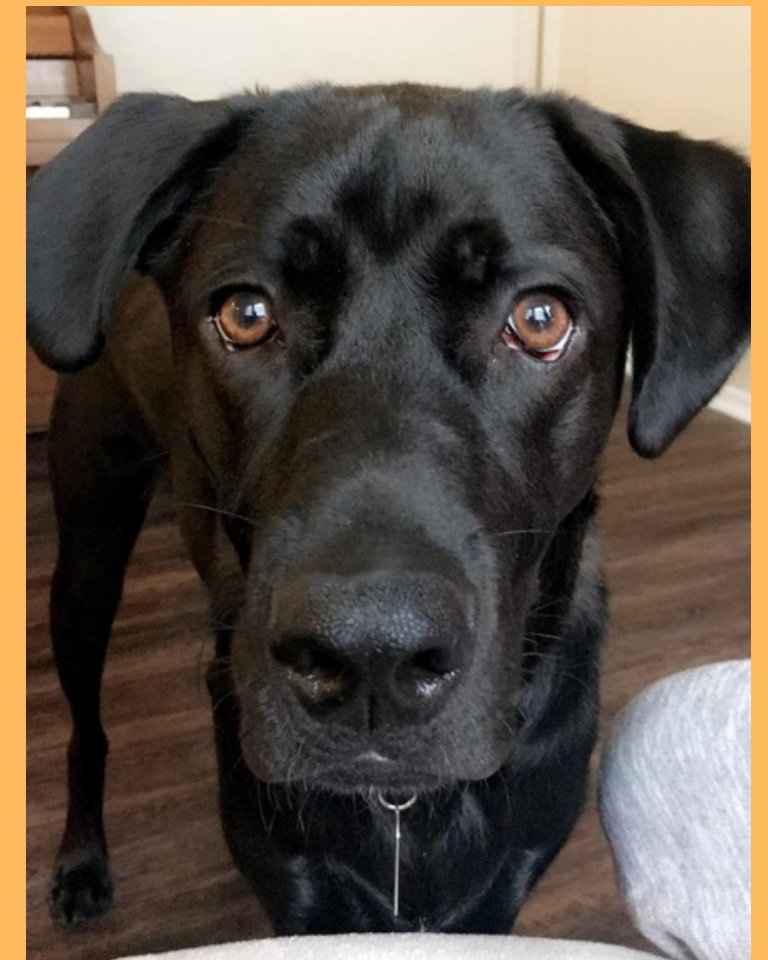
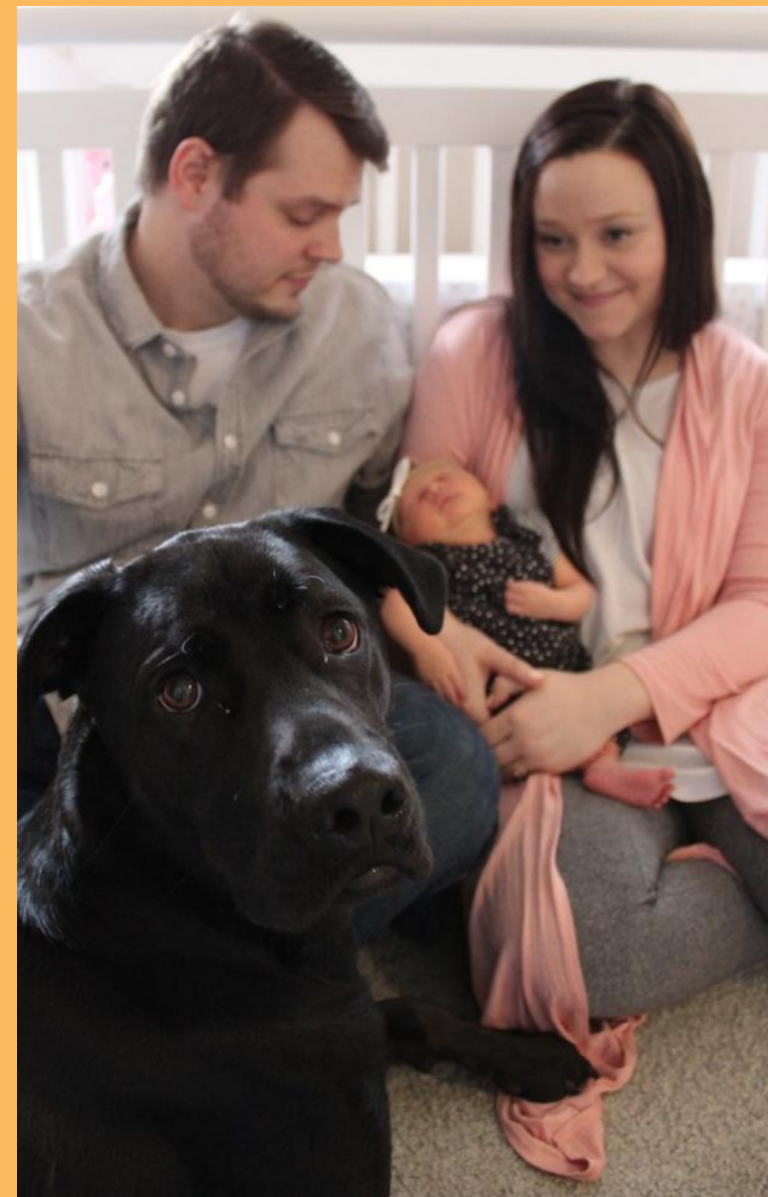
**Children are such a blessing and we are so thankful for the experiences we've had with them! We have one daughter, Jovie, who is 2 years old. She is sassy and sweet - our little sour patch kid! She makes life so fun and we know she will be an amazing sister!**





Meet Jabba:

We have one dog named Jabba the Mutt (we just call him Jabba). He is a black lab with german shepherd and great dane mixed in. He is a gentle giant. He loves to snuggle and play with our daughter. He is so gentle and sweet with children! He is also very protective and would never let any harm come to the humans he loves.





# Our Hobbies:

**We love spending time together!**

**We enjoy traveling, being outdoors, gardening, baking, reading, and playing/listening to music. We love visiting our families! They live in many different parts of the country and Tony's parents live in Africa!**





# **where we call home:**



**We bought our house almost 4 years ago. We have been slowly making it our own and we absolutely love it! It is a safe, loving environment that it always open to family and friends. We love to imagine growing our family in this house! It is perfect for us!**

**We live in a large town (216,000) but our neighborhood is small and family friendly. We live on a cul de sac with very kind neighbors and lots of space to play!**

**We have several public and private schools in our area.**

**Our town has so much to offer! Parks, amazing restaurants, sports, trails, museums, a zoo, and much more! There is always something fun to do!**

**Kayla's siblings live close to us and her parents are about two hours away. We have several good friends that live close to us. We love spending time with our friends and having them over to our house.**



