

About Us:

We met through mutual friends. Sarah worked with the wife of this couple and Travis worked with the husband. They thought we might make a good match and had us exchange phone numbers which eventually led to a blind date. We have now been together over 5 years.

We have shared values and beliefs, while also being understanding of each other's differences. We make communication a priority and balance each other out. We're always willing to compromise and be there for the other.

Others would say we're fun, loving, and resilient. We put each other first and have open communication. They would say our relationship is faith-based and strong.

We like to talk walks with the dog, spend quality family time together, play games, travel, and enjoy outdoor activities together. We have family spread out, so we like to visit them and see what new things we can discover in their areas, as well. Sarah has two siblings that were adopted, so grew up with adoption being a normal part of her world and important part of her life. Ever since she was young, it felt like the right thing to do when the time came to think about expanding her family. It was always a dream to help a child who may be in need. Travis feels called to adopt as a Christian – to help and care for those in need. Adopting will allow us to demonstrate God's love for a child that we may be blessed to bring into our home.

Sarah worked at a daycare in college and has had cousins, nieces, and nephews around most of her life. Travis also had nieces and a nephew prior to welcoming his son, Trevor. Trevor lives with us half time and is currently 15 years old. He is excited for the possibility of welcoming a younger sibling to his life.





About my husband Travis:

Travis is a very calm presence. He is loving and protective and keeps me grounded. He keeps things light and fun and is always ready with a joke. We definitely laugh a lot due to his "Dad jokes."

Travis is an accomplished welder and pipefitter. He is currently a Shop Foreman for a local company, where he is very well-respected and trusted to get the job done and do so in the right way.

Travis likes reading and spending time outdoors. He loves hiking, walking, biking, golfing, playing ball with Trevor, and spending time with family.

My favorite date with Travis is every one of them. Whether it's just going out to dinner, going hiking (for him) or having a spa day (for me), he is game for anything, and I love that about him.

I've already seen Travis be a great parent with Trevor, who is 15. He is patient, loving, kind, and fun-loving. He will play with young kids on the floor, read books, play sports, anything they want just to help entertain them and spend quality time with them. He was never one to yell, always maintaining his composure and taking the time to explain things if something was wrong.

Travis is a wonderful, faith-filled man. He knows he's on this earth to live out God's purpose for his life and you can see it in everything he does. He is a light to so many people and just shines.





About my wife Sarah:

Sarah is very whimsical, fun, goofy, loving, caring, thoughtful, understanding, and also serious when needed.

Sarah did well in school, went to college to get her degree, and accomplishes everything she puts her mind to. She excels at her job and takes pride in her work.

Sarah enjoys spending time with family and friends, going on walks, TV/movies, kickboxing, taking trips, watching sunsets, and creating memories.

My favorite date would be any that we actually have time to go out and enjoy. It doesn't have to be anything super special; it just means we get to spend time together.

Sarah will be a great parent because she is calm under pressure, loving, has a big heart, and has already demonstrated these qualities with Trevor. She's patient with little ones and loves playing at their level.

My favorite thing about her is she is a faithful, fun-loving woman. Her faith is very important to her, and she leads by example. She's the most loving person I've ever met who challenges me in a positive way.

OUR HOME:

We live in eastern Iowa along the Mississippi River. There are lots of family-friendly neighborhoods, including ours, but it's still close enough to all the happenings around the larger city.



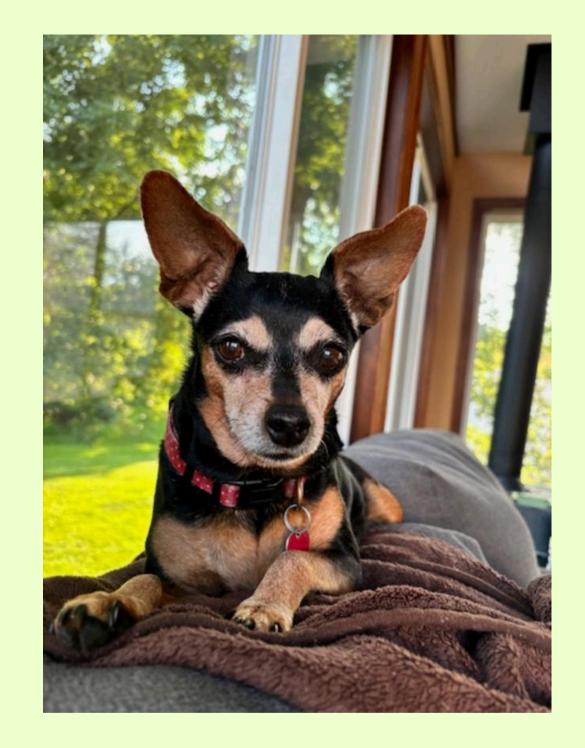
Our city is a growing city that has activities anyone can enjoy. There are museums, golf courses, lots of parks and sporting options, movie theatres, walking/biking paths, a new ice skating rink—fun for everyone!

Our parents live less than an hour away. Some of our siblings also live just as close or slightly farther away. We also have friends in the surrounding areas, many with young kids that we see from time to time, as well. We love the fact that we could drive a short distance to visit family any day we needed/wanted to. They make frequent visits down here to us, as well.

We've been in our current home for about a year now and are finally settled in! We love the area and the neighborhood – frequently seeing kids out in the cul-de-sac playing. We felt drawn to this home and the large backyard and look forward to growing our family here.







Our Pets:

We have two dogs – Riley, a 16-year-old Chihuahua and Zip, a 13-year-old Miniature Pinscher. Riley is a typical lap dog. He is blind and spends most of his time cuddled up in a blanket or on or near someone's lap. Even though she's getting up there in age, Zip still lives up to her name. She loves going on walks and sniffing everything. Both

dogs are great with children and love when nieces and nephews come to visit.



Our traditions are mainly spending time with family. Whether it's a holiday or a random Sunday afternoon, we try to get together with family every so often. We also regularly attend church every Sunday.

