Bryon & Beth

ABOUT US

We are high school sweethearts and have been married for 11 of the 17 years we've been together. Bryon was smitten with Beth from that first meeting in tenth grade, and we were quickly in love. Through the years we've nurtured our relationship as we've built our life together, and our love for each other is deep, joyful, and committed. We have complementary personalities – we're both genuine and caring, and though we're different in some ways we share the same core beliefs and values.

Beth thrives as a stay at home mom to our two children and loves making every day special. She felt blessed to be able to pause her career as a Sign Language Interpreter to focus on our family. Bryon has a career as a military officer, and his current assignment is as a full-time PhD student. This unique opportunity requires a great deal of time and dedication, but we're focused on maintaining balance as a family and we treasure spending every possible moment together.

We are lovers of God, and find his handiwork written all over our story. We enjoy being an active family and getting out and doing things, especially fun things with our kids, traveling when we can, and date nights just the two of us. On quiet nights at home we enjoy playing board games together or watching British TV.

OUR HOME is a single-level house with three bedrooms, two full bathrooms, and an open floorplan that's ideal for building family community. It has a bonus walk-out basement with a huge play area and ample space for running around, and our backyard butts up against a patch of woods that is perfect for exploring. We live at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac in a small neighborhood that is close to parks, activities, services, and a nearby city, but is also reminiscent of quiet country living.

About Beth *(written by Bryon)*

Beth is very kind, genuine, and caring. She loves making others smile and laugh with her bubbly personality and uplifts everyone around her with her positive, joyous outlook. She loves lavishly and is very giving of her time and energy whenever someone needs a friend. Beth is a people person and thrives on deep, meaningful connections with others, and she's a joy to be around.

Beth amazes me every day as a mom, friend, and wife. She loves any activity that involves quality time with a loved one, whether it be playing with toys or dancing and singing around the house with the kids, getting coffee with a friend, or playing a board game. She not only keeps our life running, but she keeps it fun and exciting, and I treasure the memories that we make every day as a family and eagerly look forward to the future we share.

About Bryon *(written by Beth)*

Bryon is gentle in spirit but strong in presence and stature. He has a quiet confidence that draws people to him. Although he is introverted by nature, he connects deeply and intentionally with those around him. He believes everyone has value, and he cares and listens to people to understand who they are and what they are saying.

Bryon lifts me up in all the areas of my life that I feel weak in, and together we become strong. He loves me by helping around the house, reading and spending time with our littles (even after a long day at work), and valuing family time with each one of us. How he loves God, and our family, truly makes him a father and husband worth more than gold.

About Our Children

Our son is a joyful and tenderhearted little guy. His favorite things are dance class and putting on performances at home, playing pretend with his sister, and getting his energy out running and playing outside. He loves learning (especially English and math) and has nearly mastered riding his two-wheeled bike.

Our daughter is full of energy, giggles, and imagination. She loves playing dress-up, pretending (playing "family"), and running and tumbling at gymnastics class. She's working hard on her ABCs and counting, and is absolutely in love with purple.

Both of our littles love their weekly "dates" with mom or dad, as they get to have fun at their favorite activities while we get to cheer them on and invest in them in a very intentional way. Also, they're in complete agreement that their favorite food is Mac & Cheese.

FUN FACTS & FAVORITES

	Beth	Bryon
Holiday:	Birthdays!	Christmas
Hobbies:	Exercising, quilting, board games	Board games, disc golf, writing, computer programming
Vacation:	Maine	New York City
Author:	Francine Rivers	Charles Dickens
State we've lived:	North Dakota	California
Board Game:	Ticket to Ride	Wingspan

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family & friends are very important to us. We have lived in several places and understand the value of having the support of family and friends when undertaking a new adventure.

We're blessed to have Beth's sister, brother in law, and our two lovely nieces living very close by, and we form one great, big, loving family whenever we're together. The rest of our family is a day's drive away, and we are intentional about traveling to see them several times a year. When we aren't traveling to see family, we video-chat regularly with them to keep those relationships strong. Our parents are thrilled that we're adding grandchildren through adoption (Bryon's Dad and Stepmom adopted three children themselves), and our families can't wait to see more little ones running around at family gatherings.

With most of our family living a day away, our friends make up our local family and are a key part of our lives. We enjoy playdates, weekly church meetings, and the monthly board game night that we host. We've also been blessed to make lasting friendships everywhere we've lived, and our diverse friend network extends across the country (and even to Canada and Jamaica!). Our friend groups are a great encouragement and support and we're very thankful for them.

FAMILY PORTRAITS WITH BETH'S MOM

CELEBRATION WITH BETH'S MOM, SISTER, NIECES, AUNT, UNCLE AND COUSINS.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC WITH BRYON'S DAD, STEPMOM, AND SIBLINGS

CHRISTMAS FOUR-GENERATION PHOTO

BETH'S FAMILY AT COUSIN'S WEDDING

GIRLS' DAY OUT WITH FRIEND

VISITING BEST FRIEND

AT A CHILDREN'S MUSEUM WITH FRIENDS

Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little about our family. We are ready to love more littles in the same unconditional, bottomless way that we love our son and daughter. Your little one will be grafted into our family and given all the opportunities to explore their own likes and dislikes, to discover who God's called them to be, to be supported with every resource we have to give them, and to embrace where they've come from as well as where they're going.

We appreciate you for considering us and pray that you find peace and encouragement in the plan that you make for yourself and your child, whether that includes us or not. If it does include us, we're excited to get to know you and work with you to see your plan realized.

With Love,
Bryon & Beth

WHY ADOPTION

Adoption has been a longing of our hearts since before we were married, and it has always been part of our vision for our family. We have two amazing biological children and are ready to complete our family through adoption because we know that birthparents are seeking adoptive families, and we have lots of love to give. We are surrounded by a community of adoptive families from many backgrounds and are eager to adopt one or two children of either gender and any race or ethnicity.