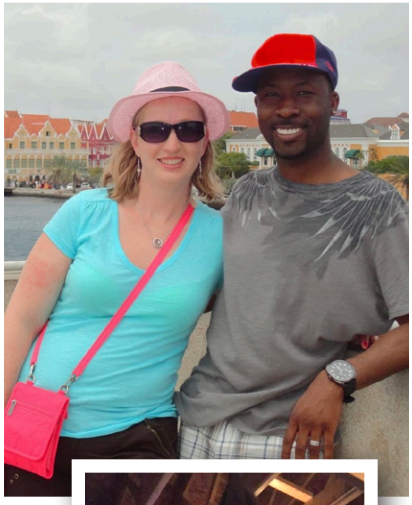
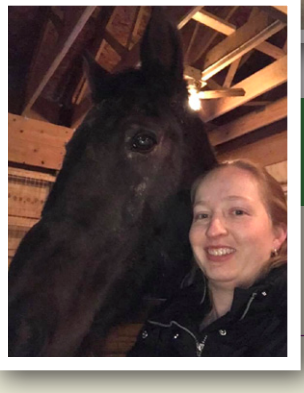
Byron & Rachel

About Us

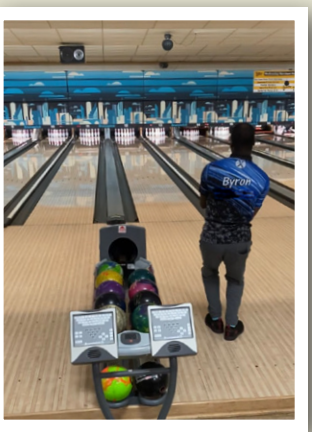
We met at work about 15 years ago. We immediately connected and started laughing and joking with each other. It took some time for our friendship to develop, and then our relationship began to develop slowly after that. At first, Rachel wasn't so sure about Byron and almost didn't agree to that first evening out together. Happily, that first date happened, and our love story began. A great part of our relationship is that we were friends first and were able to grow together and build our dating relationship and later our marriage. After almost 9 years of marriage, it's hard to believe it started at our job all those years ago. Our love has grown through the years, and we whole heartedly believe in continuing to "date" each other to make sure we work at our relationship every day.



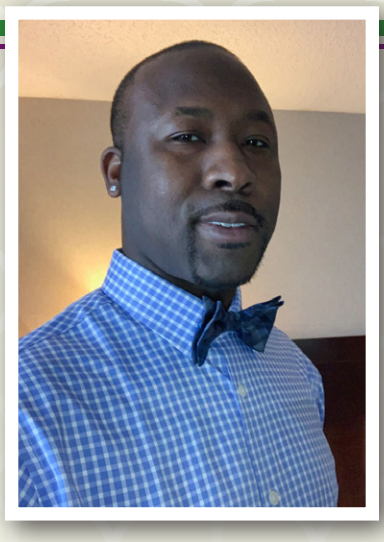
We have been on many adventures together in traveling, both as a couple and with friends. These adventures have been amazing and shown us how important it is to live our lives to the fullest. This is something we cannot wait to share with a child, making great memories together as a family. We currently have 2 fur kids who keep us busy and are super playful and energetic. They will love having a child to chase them around and give kisses to. Some of our favorite days off are spent with family catching up, eating a good home cooked meal and just chatting. We love to keep busy with activities around the house, hanging out with friends, going out to dinner, and enjoying summer evenings in our backyard. We cannot wait to share our lives with a child(ren) and continuing our great journey as a family.



Favorites & Fun Facts



	Byron	Rachel
Occupation:	Property Insurance Account Management	Pharmacist
Foods:	Steak, red velvet cake, chorizo	Pizza, ravioli, ice cream, sushi
Sport	Football or baseball	Football (to watch), ice skating (to participate in)
Color	Green	Purple
Movie	The Matrix	Any of the Harry Potter movies
TV Show	Lost	The Big Bang Theory
Vacation	Ghana, Africa	Dominican Republic
Fun Fact	Bowled a perfect 300 game in February 2021 for the first time	Carried the Olympic Torch during the torch run on the way to its final destination in Salt Lake City for the 2002 Olympics
Hobbies	Bowling, softball, fixing things around the house	reading, horseback riding, crafts of all kinds, playing with my dogs



About Byron *Written by Rachel*

I could tell from the beginning that Byron was funny, reliable and caring. As we learned more about each other, I started to see his many sides including how important family is to him, how hard of a worker he is, and how he loves making others happy. We have grown a lot together, and I now see how much he wants to be a dad (watching him with our friend's children) and how amazing he will be at this. He has supported me through so much in our lives so far, and I know he will be there for our child(ren) to support them and root them on in every part of their lives. I am thankful and blessed to have had the chance to meet him all those years ago and build our lives together.

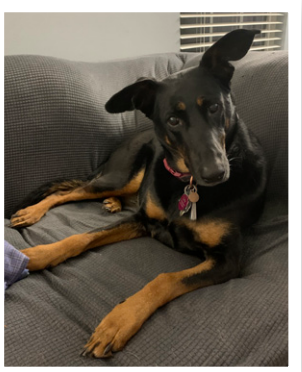
About Rachel *Written by Byron*

Rachel is the most amazing person I have ever met. She is kind, thoughtful, and always puts family first. For as long as I have known Rachel, she has always wanted to be a mother. She is awesome around kids and they are all drawn to her. She is committed not only to our marriage but to her job as a pharmacist. Rachel has always had a need to take care of others and her profession as a pharmacist has allowed her to do so. I am extremely blessed to have her as my wife and best friend, and I am excited to grow our family together.

Our Home

Our home is located in a small rural community neighborhood, on the edge of a cul-de-sac. We have a large fenced in back yard where our "fur kids" love to run and play. Our neighborhood is very welcoming and has been full of families and kids for the 11 years we have lived here. We are within walking distance of the elementary school where our child(ren) would attend school. We are also within 1 mile of police and fire stations which makes us feel very safe and have safety services very accessible if needed. Our community is growing and continues to add new stores, restaurants and parks within a short 10 minute drive.

We were lucky enough to build our home in 2010. We have 3 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. We also have a finished basement which provides extra space for play and leisure. Our large backyard has lots of room to play and a patio where we enjoy spending warm evenings. We have hosted many family and friend gatherings here and look forward to many more. Our home has been a great place for us to grow together and we look forward to building our family here.



Top: Otis lounging
Right: Lily being silly

Our Family & Friends

We met in 2006 at work and began dating in 2007. We got engaged two years later, and planned our wedding, a small backyard ceremony, for 2012. We moved into our home in 2010 and began to build our life together. Our “family building” included our “fur kids”. We adopted our first dog in 2010 and have added to our family with a few more dogs over the years. Our core family is supported by Byron’s parents, and sister (who is adopted) who all live about an hour away and Rachel’s parents who are about 10 minutes down the road. Byron’s family is much larger, including a very large extended family (he has 16 aunts and uncles and more cousins than we can count). Rachel’s family is much smaller (3 aunts and uncles and just 2 cousins). Lucky for us, we also have a large group of friends who have been like family and will be a great support system with our family. We enjoy including these friends in family functions and other important parts of our lives.

Rachell with her parents Jen and Dick at her pharmacy school graduation

In Florida with friends Max and Denise

Rachel with pharmacy school friends at a baby shower

Us with Denise, Byron’s best college friend

Byron’s family at a holiday gathering

Us at Denise’s wedding, also with friends Sean and Shannon

Byron with Denise at her wedding

Rachel’s parents, grandma & cousin at pharmacy school event

Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you for looking at our profile and giving us the chance to share our lives with you! Your consideration of our family is very much appreciated. We know you are making a very important life decision for both yourself and your child, and we appreciate you allowing us to be a part of this choice. We are a loving family who is ready to provide your child all the love we can give and promise to do so forever. Your child will be a treasured part of our family, and the blessing we have been waiting for. We look forward to spoiling this little one with love, happiness, joy, and values that were instilled in us by our families. Thank you for your consideration and for being a part of our family and journey. We are grateful for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Byron & Rachel

Why Adoption

After struggling with infertility, we chose to consider alternatives to building our family. As Byron's sister is adopted, we were familiar with the process and soon realized that we had been given a gift to share our love with an adopted child. We have always wanted a family and to share our love and joy with children, and adoption is giving us that chance! We have been a part of many of our friend's children's lives and cannot wait to share that love with our own child(ren).