natalie & samatha

about us

Hello! We are Samantha and Natalie.

We met in 2018, on one of those dating sites everyone says does not work. Samantha had just graduated and unknowingly relocated to Natalie's city. Within just a few short weeks of relocating, we began messaging back and forth. Natalie wanted to ask Samantha out, but she was too chicken, so Samantha beat her to the punch. Our first date was on July 4th and we have been best friends ever since. Although we have only been together about three years, we have experienced a lot together, including a short-lived move to NYC for Samantha's career! We moved back home in 2020 to be closer to our families and settle down.

Every morning we playfully try to get the other to make coffee and share a treat that Natalie made, mostly cookies. Natalie is a software engineer and works remotely, while Samantha focuses on building the family business, a software company. Since we both work from home, we have the chance to spend a lot of time together and often sneak away for mid-day walks. After work we can be found in the kitchen, Natalie is an excellent cook and always whipping up something delicious. On weekends, we try to get out if the weather is nice and explore the large network of nearby parks. In the evenings, we can be found indoors watching movies. Samantha has been into film for a while and introduced Natalie to indie films, while Natalie has expanded Samantha's enjoyment of superhero movies.

fun facts about us:

Natalie:

Favorite activities: Going to the science museum, creating web programs and cooking.

Favorite color: Midnight Purple

Favorite Food: Tacos of any variety! I am always trying to improve my taco game.

Favorite Vacation Spot: Disney World

Favorite video game: Legend of Zelda

Fun Fact: I was so quick to pick-up programming, that the teacher gave me the lesson plans.

Samantha:

Favorite Activities: Hiking, cooking, watching movies, making coffee by hand and gardening.

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Food: Natalie's Mac N cheese or falafel and white sauce.

Favorite Vacation Spot: I would love to go back to Mexico.

Fun fact: I can sniff out the smallest amount of citrus in a dish.

Other fun fact: I went to grad school for free (public history).

about samantha *by Natalie*

Samantha is an amazing wife and partner. She compliments my personality and abilities super well; in areas that I lack skill in, she is there to help. Ever since I have known Sammie, she has meticulously planned our future. She has been designated as the financial guru of our family, she always tries to educate me on how she is investing our income and creating our future, including earmarking funds for our future child's education. I find her ability to relentlessly achieve the things she wants to be one of her most attractive qualities. It is amazing to get to watch her sit down and not move until she comes up with a solution for any problems we have.

about natalie *by Samantha*

Natalie is the bubbliest, most loving, caring person I have ever known. I often affectionately call her adork-able (adorably dorky) and remind her it is one of her best qualities. Natalie is not only my wife, but my best friend. I still remember the moment that I fell in love with her, we had been dating for a couple months and I had an interview that required me to record a video. She held a light and coached me for hours without complaint. She is incredibly intelligent and has the most infectious optimism. I believe Natalie will make a wonderful mom, she has a boundless love that is ready to be poured into any child and will spoil them with homemade treats.

our home

In November 2020, we decided to settle down and purchased a large 4 bed, 2.5 bath split level home. When choosing our home, we knew we wanted this to be our forever home and had an eye towards amenities, space and educational quality. We have an office, three bedrooms, a dining room, a patio and are working on plans to convert an oversized laundry room into a rec area. We live in a quiet, safe, diverse suburban area of a major city, with some of the top-rated teachers in the state. Our streets are lined with ample trees and sidewalks, one of the best parts of our neighborhood is the daily visits from a family of 5-7 deer and other wildlife. They show up at least once a day, sometimes more if we are lucky! We live within walking distance of all the city schools, multiple restaurants and grocery stores. We are just a short drive from several amenities including a community center, movies theaters, museums and more.

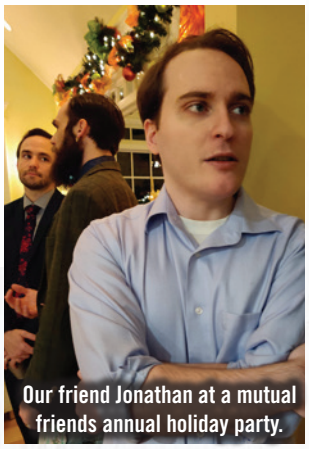
our family

Samantha is an only child and was adopted at birth. Samantha's parents are extremely excited for us to grow our family and have been a source of advice and encouragement. Not a day goes by that Sam does not call her parents, often just to chat. A favorite story is that Samantha once asked her mom what she would do if there were four of her and her mom replied, "oh lord, spend a lot more time on the phone!". We try to get with her parents at least once a month. Samantha's parents will be spending a lot more time with us after we expand our family, her mom is mostly retired, and her dad will retire soon.

Natalie comes from a large family, she is the second oldest of seven, including two sisters, four brothers and multiple cousins. three (but, soon to be four!) of her siblings are married with their own children and it seems like every year the extended family grows. We are lucky enough to live close to her family as well. Natalie is closest to her mom and brother, William, she talks to them daily. Natalie's family is excited that we have decided to expand our family. Her mom has plenty of love for all her grandchildren, she is excited to help babysit!

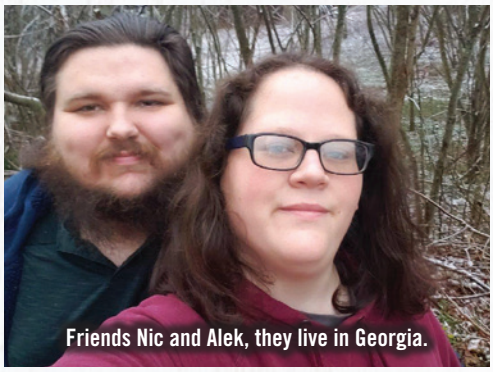
We took Natalie's mom to a local glassblowing studio.

Most of Natalie's immediate family at a local Italian restaurant.


Our friend Jonathan at a mutual friends annual holiday party.

Visiting the local beach, on a very cold and windy evening!

Us with Natalie's youngest brother Garrett and her mom.


Friends Nic and Alek, they live in Georgia.

Us with Sam's parents at a local BBQ place.

Our friends Alex and Vivian joined us to celebrate Samantha's birthday!

Dear Birthparent(s):

Ever since we our first date, we knew we wanted to build a life together. We consider each other to be our best friends first and spouses second. We have always known that adoption would be how we would grow our family, as we are unable to produce children and Samantha is adopted. We are fortunate that our livelihood allows us to work from home, this will allow us to have ample bonding time with our future child, showering them with love, affection and unconditional affirmation. We value education and curiosity and hope to instill those values in our future child. We are open to a child of any race or gender and will ensure our child remains connected to their culture and heritage.

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why adoption?

We have decided on adoption, because for us it felt like the only option. We discussed our feelings on children early in our relationship, Samantha shared that she had been adopted and felt strongly about someday growing her family the same way, Natalie agreed, and it was settled.

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