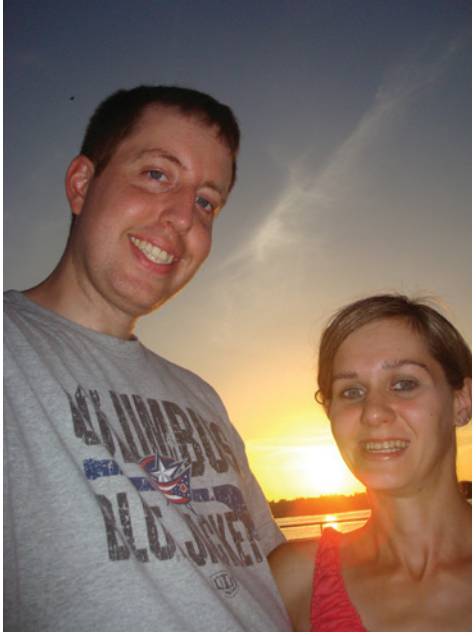
Ryan & Alicia

About Us



Hello, we are Alicia and Ryan. We first met in 2011, became best friends, and fell in love shortly thereafter. Ryan proposed exactly two years after our first date, and we werer married in 2014. We began our family in 2016 with the birth of our son, Colin, and again with our daughter, Lauren, in 2018. All four of us are excited to expand our family through adoption. We are blessed to have this wonderful opportunity to grow our family.

Ryan currently works in finance for an advertising agency, and also has his CPA. Since the pandemic, he has been working from home. We love that he is able to help out around the house when needed for a few minutes at a time. Alicia decided to become a stay-at-home mom after the birth of our son. Recently, she has decided to start working a couple of days a week as a lunch-aide at Lauren's preschool. Prior to our kids, Alicia worked as a dairy farmer at her family's farm.

As a couple, we like to go out to eat, play golf, go shopping, spend time outdoors, and exercise together. As a family, we like to go on walks, play in parks, attend local fairs and festivals, and go to the farm to see the animals and tractors. We love to travel, going to the beach and Disney World. Some of our favorite family traditions include baking cookies and cinnamon rolls at Christmas, coloring Easter Eggs, and going out for ice cream after dinner.

Fun Facts

Alicia		Ryan
Stay-at-Home Mom/Lunch-Aide @ Lauren's Pre-School	Occupation	Associate Director, Finance @ Advertising Agency
Bachelors in Animal Sciences	Education	Bachelors in Accounting
Pink	Favorite Color	Blue
Disney World	Favorite Vacation	Hilton Head
Friends	Favorite TV Show	Big Bang Theory
Spaghetti	Favorite Food	Pizza
Taking walks to the park and around the neighborhood	Family Activity	Reading books with the family before the kids' bedtime
Showing cows at the county fair	Memory	Going on family vacations to the beach
Gardening, cooking, exercising	Hobbies	Exercising, watching sports, playing video games

our Home

We live in a four bedroom home located in a quiet residential neighborhood, with a swing set in the backyard. Our neighborhood has several families with young children, a park with a playground and fields for running around, and a walking path throughout. When the weather is warm enough, our kids love to ride their bikes, do sidewalk chalk, and run around the backyard. We organize play dates with our neighbors and cousins, and we have neighbor nights where the neighbors get together to socialize, while our kids play. Our home is filled with children laughing, playing, and the occasional smell of chocolate chip cookies baking in the oven.

about Ryan

Written by Alicia

Ryan is my best friend and the love of my life. He is one of the most caring, selfless, and supportive people I know. He is a wonderful father to our kids. I love watching him play hide and seek, dolls, and dinosaurs with our children. He may be a quiet and calm person, but he knows how to have fun. He's introduced me to the beach and some of the vacation experiences he had as a child. Ryan loves to be active by exercising, taking us on adventures and walks, and being around the family. Ryan is an amazing person, and I can't imagine life with anyone else.

about Alicia

Written by Ryan

Alicia is my best friend. When we first met, she was very quiet and reserved. Once we got to know each other, she opened up and became fun loving, sweet, and a goofball. I fell in love with her after that and knew we would spend our lives together. Alicia is kind, caring, and shows great love and compassion in raising our two kids. She enjoys playing games, doing art projects, teaching, and taking the kids to her family's farm. I know she will bring all of these passions and values to raising another child.

about Colin

Colin is a sweet boy, who is friendly and talkative to everyone he meets. He was born in the spring of 2016, and he has been lighting up our lives ever since. Colin is extremely passionate about dinosaurs, he will talk to you all day about them, if you let him. He is also interested in Legos, video games, especially Mario and Minecraft, farm animals, and in the past few months, sports, particularly around the teams in our state. He is currently taking basketball and swim lessons, plus he plays soccer in the spring and fall.

Colin is looking forward to helping out with the new baby. He wants to feed, play with, and take care of the baby. He says he is going to leave the diaper changing up to mommy and daddy, though.

about Lauren

Lauren is a caring, sweet, and shy girl who loves to make people laugh. She was born right before Independence Day in 2018, and like the holiday, she is our very own firecracker. Lauren loves to create mischief with her cousin, who is nearly the same age as her, and we call the duo Double Trouble when they are together. She also loves to play with unicorns, stuffed animals, Barbies, princesses, and Bluey. She is currently taking dance and swim lessons.

Lauren is practicing becoming a big sister by taking care of her doll babies. She is looking forward to playing with her new baby sibling and picking out outfits for them to wear.

Alicia, Colin, her brother & sister-in-law at a basketball game

Alicia's mom with Colin and his cousin at the county fair

Building a puzzle on vacation with Grandpa

Cousins

Hayride with friends

Trick-or-treat night

Ryan's family

Our Family & friends

We both grew up in families of five as the oldest siblings. With the exception of Ryan's brother and his wife, all of our families live within a half hour of each other. Alicia is very close with her family, as they all grew up working on the family's dairy farm. Today, they still get together quite often at the farm, including lunches together every couple of weeks. Ryan's family likes to get together monthly to do a fun activity. Some of these activities include going to the zoo, children's museums, Lego land, parks, and water activities. We also get together every other year for a big family vacation at the beach. After each get together, the cousins love to do a big group hug before we leave to go back home. We gather with our families over each holiday and enjoy good meals and fellowship with each other. Every Halloween, both of our families gather at our house to go Trick-or-Treating with us. Usually by the end, everyone is frozen to the bone, but everyone has had a great time.

Ryan's family visiting Santa

Neighborhood kids

Neighborhood get together

Alicia's dad and Lauren checking out the tractor

Dear Birthmother,

First of all, thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We are honored to be considered as potential parents to your child. Your child will grow up with two loving parents, amazing siblings, and lots of great family members to grow and have fun with. Colin and Lauren, along with their cousins, are looking forward to including your child in their group hugs. Having seen firsthand the adoption process, as one of our nephews was adopted at birth, we know they will be welcomed with open arms into our family, and they will know about their adoption story early on. We are open to adopting any child, no matter the race, culture, or gender.

We are excited to expand our family through adoption, and making more loving memories with your child. Thank you for your consideration and possibility to love and raise your child. We wish you peace and strength in the journey ahead.

Sincerely,

Alicia & Ryan

Why Adoption

We both come from families of five, and both of us wanted to have three children. After our daughter was born, we decided it would be best for us to expand our family through adoption, as we don't want to go through another high risk pregnancy. We know that a child does not need to be blood to be a part of a family, as we have seen this through Ryan's family with one of our nephews having been adopted.

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