

The night we met



Tailgating at Iowa State game

HOW WE MET:

We met at a wedding while we were both out on the dance floor and hit it off while doing the chicken dance together! After dating for seven months, Andrew proposed, and we were married six months later.

WHY ADPOTION?

We have always known that we wanted to be parents. After years of failed attempts, we realized that adoption is where we were meant to be all along.



Packer football game

WE ENJOY:

- Cheering on our favorite sports teams
- Traveling together
- **Trying new** restaurants and different foods
- **Boating and fishing**
- **Camping**
- Hiking
- Playing board and card games (ongoing Yahtzee competition)
- **Weekly Mario Kart** races with our niece





Goofing around in Colorado



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"Andrew is the most kindhearted man. He has an amazing sense of humor and can always get me to laugh no matter the situation. He has been the light for me through the dark times. Andrew is dependable and will do anything to make sure everyone around him is happy and having a good time. I love that he is always up for an adventure! He is my very best friend and the love of my life."

ABOUT ANDREW by Emily

- HUGE FAN OF ALL MINNESOTA SPORTS,
 ESPECIALLY THE TWINS,
 VIKINGS AND GOPHERS
 ROW THE BOAT, SKI-U-MAH, GO GOPHERS
- LOVES MUSIC OF ALL KINDS — PRINCE AND LUKE COMBS ARE A COUPLE OF FAVORITES
- FISHING, GOLFING, DISC
 GOLF
 - ENJOYS
 GRILLING/SMOKING
 MEATS







ABOUT EIVILY by Andrew



"EMILY IS THE STRONGEST AND MOST CARING PERSON I KNOW. THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS WE HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF BAD **NEWS, BUT IT WAS NEVER ABLE** TO BREAK HER SPIRIT OR HER DESIRE TO HAVE A FAMILY. ANYONE THAT IS LUCKY ENOUGH TO MEET HER ADORES HER COMPANY. I SOMETIMES THINK MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY LOVE HER EVEN MORE THAN ME. SHE IS **ALWAYS UP FOR AN ADVENTURE** AND NEW EXPERIENCES. SHE IS MY ROCK, AND I WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT HER. "











- I provide physical therapy to rehab residents in the nursing home and assisted living settings and I love my job and seeing my patients gain a better quality of life!
 - I love getting caught up for hours in a good book.
 - I enjoy attending Iowa State University football and basketball games, Go State!
 - I love taking our dog, Bretta, out to the farm for a run.
- I love taking trips to new places, finding new places to hike with beautiful scenery to take in and photograph.
- I enjoy decorating our home and doing home improvement projects.

OUR HOME & FAMILY

OUR HOME

We live in a ranch style home in a quiet neighborhood with lots of young families. Our home has a large, fenced in backyard. We are within a block of a beautiful walking path, rec area, and playground.





ANDREW'S FAMILY **TRADITIONS**

- Biannual camping trips
- Family golf tournament
- Fishing vacation in the **Ozarks**
- Big holiday get togethers
- Competitive games of Hand and Foot (family's favorite card game)
- Attending sporting events

EMILY'S FAMILY TRADITIONS

- Competitive games of Nertz (family's favorite card game)
- Celebrating family birthday parties
- Annual ISU football games
- Large saran wrap ball at Xmas
- Attending musicals at the dinner theater





OUR DOG

Meet our 9-year-old Boxer named Bretta. She is a fun loving and goofy dog who loves snuggles. She is loved by all of our family and friends, especially our nieces.



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