

Emily and Matt

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This is us! We can't wait to share a little bit more about us with you! We have been married for 6 years and known each other for about 13 years.

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Fun fact- we got married on a Tuesday in Emily's mom and dad's backyard. Matt's brother married us in the rain under a canopy.



- Our Family -

Riley

Riley is Matt's biological daughter. She is almost 16 years old. She is truly beautiful inside and out. Riley has very unique tastes in reading and music, which are two of her biggest passions. She has straight As and is interested in biomedical science after she graduates.



Riley also is interested in drama and sings in the school chorus. Both of these pictures are after her performances!



Riley before Homecoming this year!



A Letter from Riley

Hello! My name is Riley Daniels and I want to tell you a little bit about myself and my parents.

Emily, my stepmother and caretaker, and Matt, my father and protector, are amazing parents. I have never doubted their love and support for me in the few years of life that I have had. They have provided constant support and created opportunities for me to grow as a person, which is always beneficial to a child of any age, but especially a high school student. As a goal oriented person, I always have a goal in mind to fit my situation and where I am in life; my goals, which are mainly school lead, are always supported by my parents and they are ready to do anything to help me get there because of the fulfillment they know I will get from it. This care and how much they are willing to do for me makes the stress of college and becoming an adult much easier because I know I can lean on them.

As a kindergarten teacher, my stepmother is amazing with children and has always had such a deep love for them. She is a natural caretaker. Because of this, I believe that if she had a child of her own, she would be the best mother in the world. She will always consider me her child, and I believe I am, but I would like to see her have a child to raise and care for as hers completely. Our dogs and I will always be cared for and loved by her, without a doubt, even when I gain a new sibling, which I am thankful for.

My father is one of my best friends: someone I can trust, lean on, and love. He has always been my main support system and has helped with any stress I may have, which was also given to Emily when they got together. This safety and support has always been offered to anyone he loves and cares about. I know that when my sibling arrives, no matter who they are or what they look like, he will love and care for them and provide this safety that he loves to give. He raised me well and took good care of me, so I know any other child that he will have will get the same treatment. He will always love me, as his older child, and he will always love my new sibling just as much.

They are best friends and it shows by how deeply they love one another. They are still, after many years, in love and rarely argue. Because of their fantastic relationship, I know that the addition of a new child will transition smoothly and they will continue to love each other so, so much. The new addition to our family will make them very, very happy and I can't wait to meet my new sibling so we can love them and watch them grow.

Our Girls



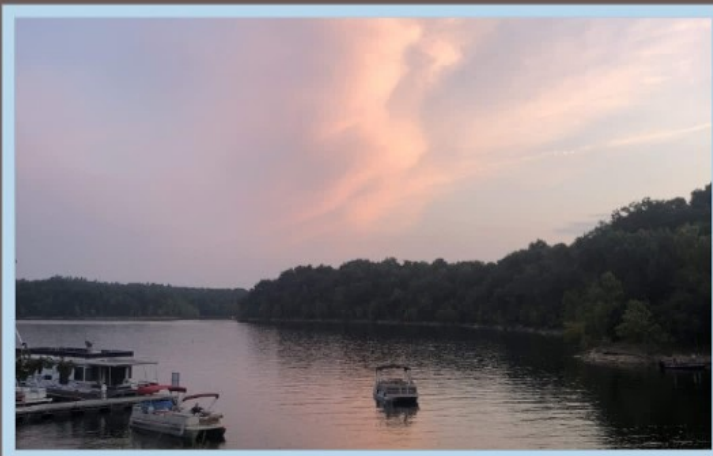
Sally (on the left) is a chihuahua beagle mix.



Cella (on the left) is a lab basset mix. Sadie (on the right) is a beagle basset mix.



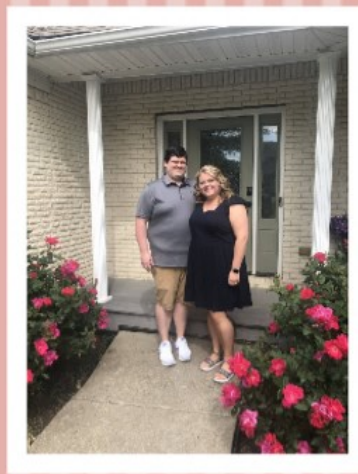
These are our girls.
Sally Jane is 10 years old,
Cella Beth is 9, and Sadie Lu is
our newest addition. She is
only 9 months old. We love to
play tug o' war, go for walks
around the block and often get
the zoomies!



Kentucky

Kentucky is the state we call home and we could not imagine anywhere better. We get to experience all of the different seasons. We have beautiful fall leaves, snowfalls perfect for sledding, warm springs full of baby horses running across the farms and hot summers to spend at the pool or the lake.

We live in the city of Nicholasville. It is right outside the bigger city of Lexington. Lexington has everything we could ever need, but Nicholasville has the small town feel that makes us feel at home. We are also within an hours drive to the zoo, the aquarium, children's museums and so much m



LOVE our knock-out roses!



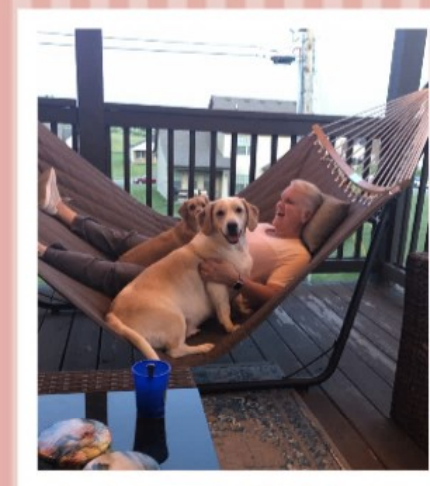
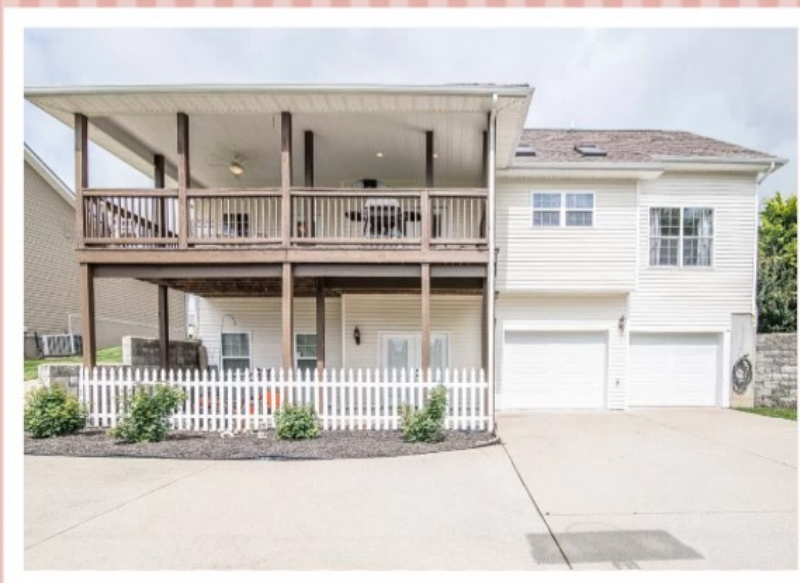
Playroom and Nursery

Our Home

We live in a lively neighborhood full of families and kids. We are minutes from the county fairgrounds, ball fields and a park. We have had great experiences with our local schools. Our home is perfect for us with just enough extra space for a new family member! We have a nursery and a playroom that is waiting to be filled with a special little boy or girl. Our favorite part of our home has to be the back porch. It has great views of a farm that backs up to our house!



We see rainbows all the time!



Enjoying the hammock on the back porch.



Matt works for a home security company as a Field Service Manager. His company supports many great causes throughout the year including packing meals for local food banks and buying Christmas presents, coats and clothes for families who can not afford it. His favorite thing about his job is that he has a flexible schedule.



Emily is a Kindergarten teacher. She has been teaching for 11 years and loves her students, school and teammates very much. Her favorite thing about her job is that every day is different and that her kids always say the funniest things. She was even chosen as Teacher of the Year in 2020!



Our Jobs



Our Hobbies

Emily loves to do yoga and all kinds of crafts, especially with her Mom and friends!

Matt loves to go to games with friends and family and play golf every year on the 4th of July.



We are *Family*

Family is one of the most important things to us. Whether it is our little family or all the extended family that we both have, we always make time for and enjoy spending time with them!





Happy &
Blessed

Our family finds ways to celebrate every occasion. Whether it's birthdays, weddings, holidays or really no occasion at all, we love to get together, eat lots of good food and laugh until our stomachs hurt.

Our Travels



Finding and exploring new places is one of our favorite things to do together! Our recent ventures include Savannah Georgia, Asheville North Carolina, Charleston South Carolina, St. Louis Missouri, Memphis Tennessee and New Orleans Louisiana.

Our Favorite Places

Marco Island sunsets can not be beat!



Marco Island Florida was our summer vacation for 2021. Emily spent a lot of summers there growing up too!

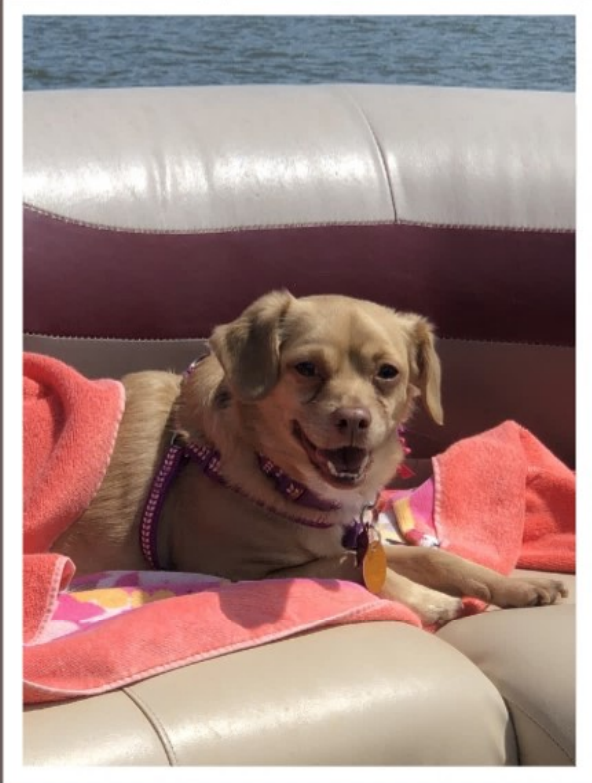
Emily's Dad taught Riley to kayak in South Carolina.



We love to be anywhere where there is water. The beach or the lake- we don't care! Riley loves to swim. This is often an family affair too! We love to be with Emily's family and the girls of course! We take a beach or lake trip at least once a year.

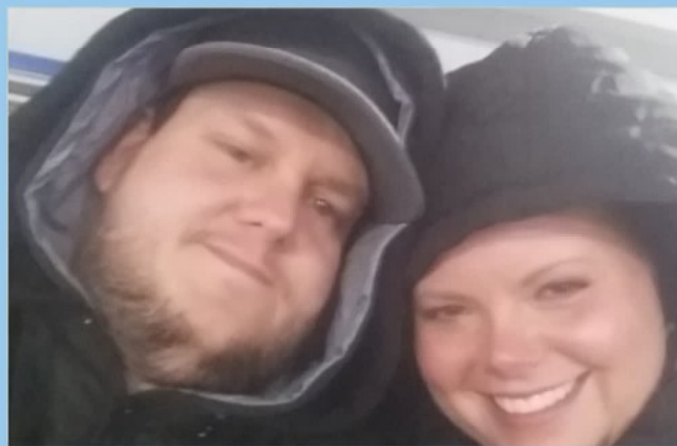
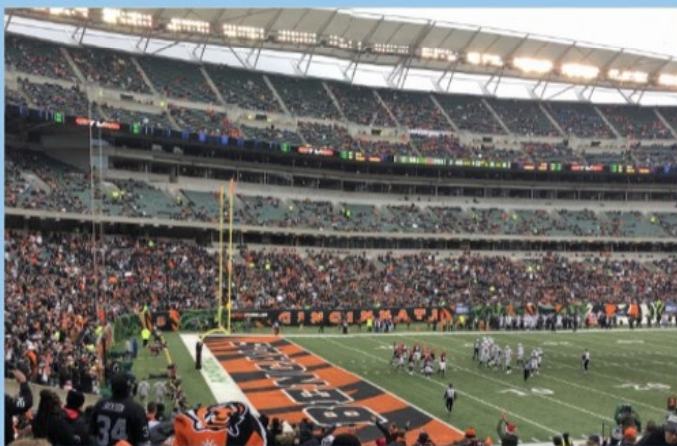
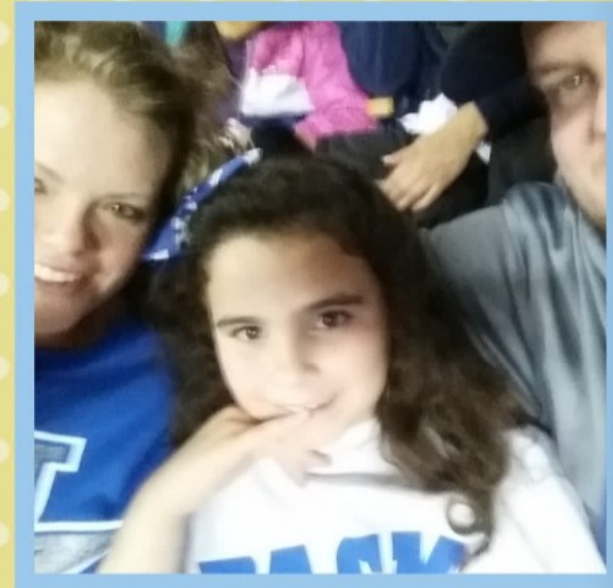
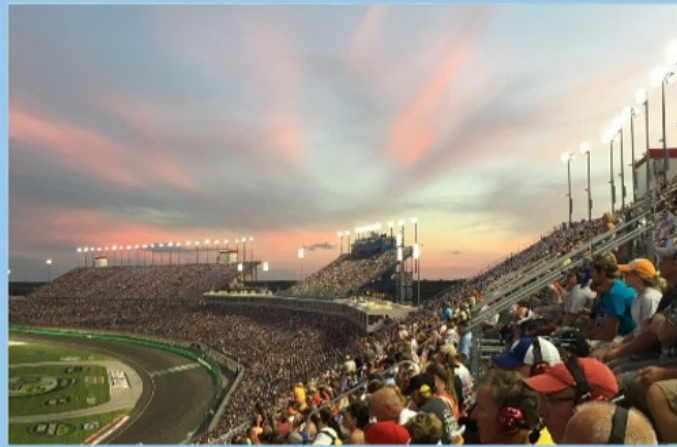


This is Lake Cumberland, just over an hour from our house! Great for swimming, boating and hiking!



Sally enjoying some time on the boat.

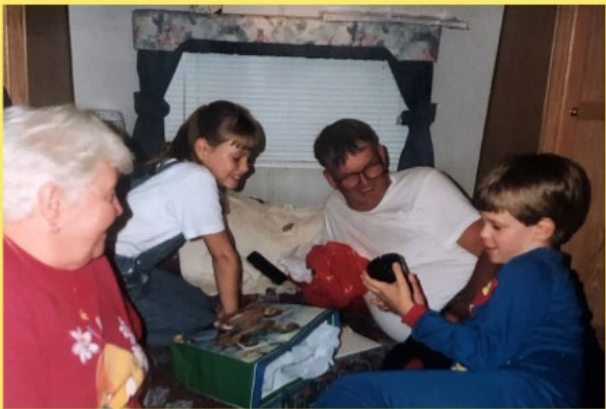




Our Favorite Pastime

Attending sporting events is a huge bonding thing for our family. We love to tailgate with friends and family. We are avid followers of all University of Kentucky sports, the Las Vegas Raiders in the NFL, the Cincinnati Reds in MLB and have even attended some NASCAR races. If we can't make it to the game, watching at home and having people over is always a fun alternative!

Our Favorite Childhood Memories



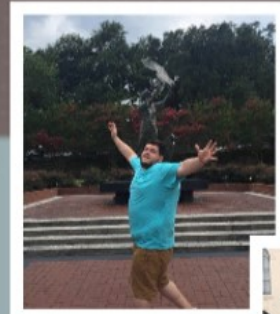
Emily's favorite part of her childhood were autumns spent with her family and Mamaw and Papaw at the lake. Every fall, they would park their camper at a lake in Ohio and celebrate Emily and her Papaw's birthdays and the Fall Festival of the Leaves. Her favorite part was sitting around the campfires at night with all the family and friends sharing stories and s'mores.



Matt's favorite memories all take place at his Mom and Dad's house during Thanksgiving. His large extended family would all come to eat the food that his mom and sisters prepared. They would play pool, watch football, play football in the side yard and play his family's favorite card game Shanghai. Matt is the youngest of his 4 siblings and is the baby in the middle of this pict



Our Kind of Crazy





More than anything, we love having a good time together and being silly!



Family Information Page

Matt

Occupation: Field Service Manager for Vivint Smart Home Security
Education: Associates Degree from Spencerian College in Electronic Engineering
Religion: Christian
Date of Birth: January 19, 1983
Hair Color: Dark Brown
Eye Color: Gray/ Blue
Height: 6' 2"



Emily

Occupation: Kindergarten Teacher at The Academy for Leadership at Millcreek Elementary
Education: Bachelors Degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Elementary Education and Masters Degree from Georgetown College in Special Education- Learning/ Behavioral Disorders
Religion: Christian
Date of Birth: October 19, 1988
Hair Color: Dark Blonde
Eye Color: Hazel
Height: 5'5"

Date of Marriage: May 17, 2016

Children: Riley- born August 23, 2006- Matt's biological child, loves music and art, does great in school

Interests: Both- traveling, spending time with friends and family; Matt- sports, movies, golf; Emily- yoga, braking, gardening, reading, arts and crafts

Home: 2 story with finished basement, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom, open floor plan, big back porch, open playroom and nursery ready; family friendly neighborhood, great local schools, close to Lexington

Pets: 3 dogs- Sally (10yo), Cella (9yo) and Sadie (9mos.)

Why Adoption?: We previously got pregnant through IVF. Our biological daughter's heart stopped beating right before her due date. IVF was not successful for us after that. We would love to raise a child together and give Riley a sibling in our home.

Openness: We are open and flexible to meet the needs and desires of the birth family. We are open to email updates, sharing on social media sites and annual visits. We understand that things may also change over time, so we are willing to change and grow too.

Childcare Plans: Matt has a flexible schedule that allows him to be home a couple of days a week. Emily's mother and father will also be part of the day to day schedule of care. Emily will have weekends, breaks and summers off. Once a bit older, a friend owned daycare will also be utilized to support social skills and early education.



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us! We wish you the best of luck and all the happiness in the world!

