



Sarah + Dalton

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Hello there!

We are Dalton and Sarah. We appreciate you for taking the time to read about us and want to thank you for choosing life for your baby. We cannot begin to imagine what challenges you are facing in this chapter of your life. We want you to know that you are strong and courageous as you make plans for your little one. Our hope for you is that you feel supported and encouraged as you go through this journey through the mountains and valleys, making tough decisions for you and your baby's future. We pray for you to feel peace and comfort knowing your child will know that they are deeply loved by you as well as so many others that will enter their life.

This book will give you a glimpse into our lives as we take this leap of faith to grow our family. Adoption has been a calling we have prayed about pursuing for several years now. God has blessed us by placing special people in our lives in the form of family and friends that is making this adventure possible for us. As you turn the pages, we hope you see a family with hearts big enough to welcome and adore your child unconditionally. Our paths may never cross after you go through our book, but we want you to know how brave and loved you are.

With much love and blessings,

Sarah + Dalton



Our Story

We met in May 2015 at a camp with our high school JROTC program. We instantly became close friends. Our friendship grew through the years as our friend group came together through Bible study and the JROTC program. We had several close friends tell us we would get married one day, but we did not believe it at the time since we were very different people. We ended up going to junior prom together; after that, the rest is history. As it turns out, opposites do, in fact, attract and that has become one of our greatest strengths as a couple. After graduation, Dalton enlisted in the US Navy while Sarah went to nursing school. We dated long distance for several years while Dalton was stationed across the country; he made sure to come home to Georgia once or twice a year. Dalton proposed to Sarah in front of our hometown Christmas tree in December 2021. We got married in July 2023 at a beautiful venue and active sheep farm in the North Georgia mountains. We love going on adventures to the mountains, eating southern comfort foods, and spending as much time as possible with our family and friends. We currently only have furry littles, Layla the pup and Tilly the kitty. Sarah's family all lives very close while Dalton has family nearby, but also in Colorado, Florida, Texas and California. We took a big step in the summer of 2025 when we bought our house in the same community we both grew up in. We take advantage of every minute we are able to spend together as a family because Dalton works in commercial HVAC during the day Monday through Friday while Sarah works 12-hour shifts, 3 days a week in the hospital. Our work schedule does not slow us down as we prioritize family time above everything.





Meet Sarah

I grew up in a tight knit community east of Atlanta, Georgia with my parents and older brother, Zach. We grew up camping, fishing, gardening and spending time together in the great outdoors. We spent summers at the beach and Thanksgiving break at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN. My dad's parents lived a rock throw away from us on a small farm where I spent a lot of my childhood. My sweet granny taught me how to cook and bake which has followed me into adulthood as I love baking. I am very close with my parents as they live very close to us; I see them at least once a week. I have a deep passion for helping others and learning new things. When I was a teenager, I volunteered at my church to teach kiddos at Vacation Bible School. I always knew I wanted to go into Healthcare to help others; I found myself falling in love with caring for women and children. When I am at work, I love educating my patients, pampering new mamas, and giving our newborns all the cuddles. When I am not at work, I love to snuggle up on the couch with Layla and take naps while binge watching Disney cartoons and Hulu original shows. Every spring, I like to grow sunflowers and garden. I find peace in organization and completing home projects. I grew up knowing one day I will be a mom; I have strong motherly instincts instilled into me by amazing women in my life.





Fun Facts

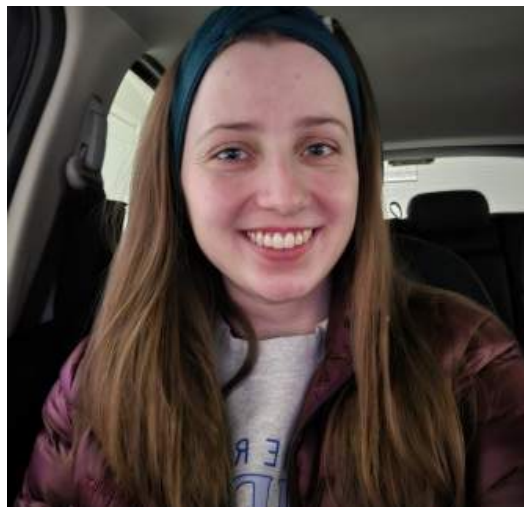
Chocolate chip cookies are my favorite sweet treat to bake (and eat).

The semi-colon is my favorite form of punctuation.

I am an introvert with extrovert skills.

Squirrels and bears are my favorite animals.

I love to research and learn new things.



What Dalton says about Sarah

Sarah is the most caring, loving, and compassionate person I know. Sarah is genuinely my dream wife and partner to go through life with. Growing up, I knew I wanted someone by my side that would support all of my ideas or help me think them through, even the crazy ones. When she and I met in high school, we became best friends as if it was just a natural thing. We just hit it off immediately, and I have fallen for that person more and more each and every day. When she is around children, I see a strong woman that is going to make an amazing mom someday. I'm lucky to have her as my wife as we grow our family.



Meet Dalton

My upbringing as a young child was kind of shaky. I was born in Georgia, but at the age of 6, I started to move around a lot, including places in South Carolina. I changed schools several times a year until I was in middle school. My mom passed away when I was 11 years old, and we moved back to Georgia. I have 2 older brothers, Chris and Justin, and 1 older sister, Faith. At that point in my young life, the loss made me learn to grow up quickly as my dad still worked a full time job to support his kids. One of the many things I learned from my dad was that you need to work hard to get what you need or want. My dad got remarried to Christa; she has 6 children who ultimately became my step-siblings. I was in the Boy Scouts of America and even earned my Eagle Scout rank. My hobbies grew from playing video games and working on cars to spending more time outdoors. I still find myself to this day wanting to do the same things I did as a kid like camping and fishing. Once I graduated from high school, I enlisted into the US Navy as an Electricians Mate. I was stationed in San Diego, CA and went on deployment to the South China Sea where I was able to spend time in foreign countries like Japan and the Philippines. My time in the service was also the same time when I got in tune with what I would say is my favorite hobby which is working out. Something about lifting weights and exercising makes me happy, and one day I hope to become a personal trainer. I also enjoy grilling on the blackstone and spending quality time with friends and family.





Fun Facts

I am really good at solving puzzles. I can finish a Rubix Cube in less than a minute.

The original Star Wars movies are my favorite movies to watch.

I love to workout by weightlifting. Weight lifting has helped me establish confidence and determination.

I love to listen to different types of music or listen to podcasts, it helps me get through my long days at work.



What Sarah says about Dalton

Dalton is one of the most hardworking, selfless, and patient humans I have ever met in my life. He works hard just so he can play even harder. Dalton is very creative and imaginative; his mind is always thinking of new ideas and problem solving. When Dalton sets his mind to something, he goes out and earns it. Since day 1 of falling in love, I always knew Dalton would be the best dad to our future kids. The way he interacts with our niece and nephew just makes my heart melt. I love how patient he is with others and how he loves deeply. Dalton sacrifices a lot for our little family and makes sure we are provided for. Dalton supports me in everything I do all while being honest and kind. He makes me belly laugh, smile from ear to ear and feel appreciated and loved, even on the hard days.

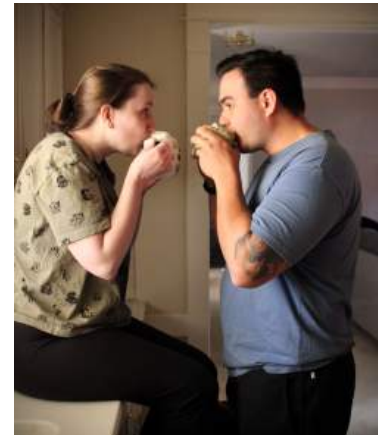


Meet Our Pets

Layla is our sweet 2-year-old mixed-breed dog who loves snuggles, squeaky toys, and pajamas. She came to Sarah as a puppy from a local shelter and spent her early months with family before joining our home. Layla is easygoing, crate trained, and enjoys relaxing on the couch, though she is initially unsure of the doorbell and warms up to visitors over time. She gets along well with our cat, Tilly, and enjoys time with children, including our young nephew. Layla knows basic commands and is a gentle, well-mannered part of our home.

Tilly is our 5-year-old tuxedo cat who shares a birthday with Sarah. She is very vocal and loves "talking" about her day, especially since coming into our care after being found outside and living temporarily with Sarah's parents. Now settled in, she enjoys toys, treat puzzles, and finding the coziest spots in the house. Tilly likes attention on her terms, enjoys rubbing against Layla, and dreams of having a future catio.





We recently bought our first house in the Atlanta suburbs in one of the most diverse counties in Georgia. We both grew up in our little community, with Sarah's paternal grandparents being some of the original inhabitants of the area when roads were still dirt and there were more trees than businesses. Our home is just down the street from the high school we first met at and is surrounded by many different parks with playgrounds and sports fields all within a few miles of our home. We have almost every imaginable restaurant within a 15 minute drive, grocery stores and Walmart within a 5 minute drive and plenty of good schools, both public and private. Our quiet neighborhood is a swim/pickleball option with a mixture of older couples and young families.

Our house is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with a half basement on almost half an acre. Our backyard is large and partially fenced. Our basement has a home gym, craft space, and plenty of storage for Sarah's abundant collection of holiday decorations. We have a beautiful sunroom as well as a dedicated office space that has our Funko collectables and Star Wars trinkets. We have many plans for home projects of the future as we hope to grow our family and fill our space with toys, books and tangible love. We also enjoy hosting holiday dinners with family and friends in the warm, cozy space that we call home.



Dalton's Georgia Family



Dalton's Texas family



Sarah's family and maternal grandparents



Dalton with his dad and stepmom



Sarah at baby shower for Kinsley



Thanksgiving with Kai & Kinsley



Sarah's Family

Family Values

We are active Christians and believe in God. We are constantly growing in our faith. We value our faith and enjoy having deep conversations about life and what God has planned for us. We have many traditions and have plans for even more once we grow our family. Holidays are very important to us, especially Sarah. She decorates for almost every holiday from Valentines Day to Christmas. Every year, we celebrate Independence Day with BBQ and fireworks. We do Christmas morning breakfast then open presents with Sarah's parents, but we host Christmas dinner with Dalton's family that lives close by. We celebrate every birthday with close family members, going out to eat and spending quality time together. A tradition we just started and hope to continue is making the Thanksgiving turkey (Dalton cooks an amazing turkey). Sarah always bakes for family gatherings too. Sarah is a big gift giver so even Tilly and Layla get Easter baskets, Valentines and Christmas stockings.



Sarah as a bridesmaid



Dinner with friends!



Close Family Friends with Dalton's sisters kids, Kai and Kinsley



Dinner with friends



Sarah and her bridesmaids



High School friend and her daughter



Dalton and his groomsmen



Dalton with his friend Ian at a Braves game

We have an amazing support system and are very close to our families. Dalton's large family is scattered throughout the United States, but his sister's family is only 20 minutes away. Dalton's sister, Faith, has 2 kids; Kinsley is a toddler and Kairo is soon to be a preschooler. We love being their aunt and uncle, loving and spoiling them every chance we get. Dalton's dad and stepmom are hoping to move East from Colorado within the next year to be close to family. Sarah's parents live just 6 minutes away which has been a great blessing. We see them often, and they are very excited to become grandparents. Sarah's brother Zach lives fairly close as well; we see him only a few times a year, but we hope to see him more often once his schedule opens up. Dalton has many good friends from his Navy career and Sarah has good friends from her time in college, along with our mutual high school friends we keep in contact with. We have even made friends at work too!



Playing in the backyard



Savannah Bananas



Christmas lights sightseeing



Sarah's sunflowers

Hobbies + Activities

We love spending time outside, taking in the sunshine and what God has created for all of us. From just doing simple yardwork around our house to playing frisbee golf and bocce ball, nature is where we are called to be. Puttputt is our go-to mini sport when we are near some of our favorite courses. When we aren't outside, we love watching fun TV shows from our childhood and playing video games like Mario Kart and Wii Sports. Sarah is wanting to get into crocheting, and Dalton is looking forward to growing his home gym with new equipment. Sarah semi-annually has to go to Nashville for specialist appointments so those trips are becoming little adventures for us. Every December, we take a little mountain vacation to our honeymoon spot and stay in a cabin. We enjoy going on little dates to get sweet treats; 7 Brew, Dairy Queen, Steak 'n Shake and Freddy's are our favorite local dessert spots.



Working out at the gym



Dalton with Star Wars character



Finding our favorite candy



Playing Mario Kart together



Sarah and Dalton in San Diego



Sarah and Kai in the corn maze



Dalton at the local wildlife sanctuary



Favorite roadtrip stop, Bucces!



Our Lego creations



Hiking at the beach



At the local Chick-Fil-A dwarf house



Visiting the tallest point in GA



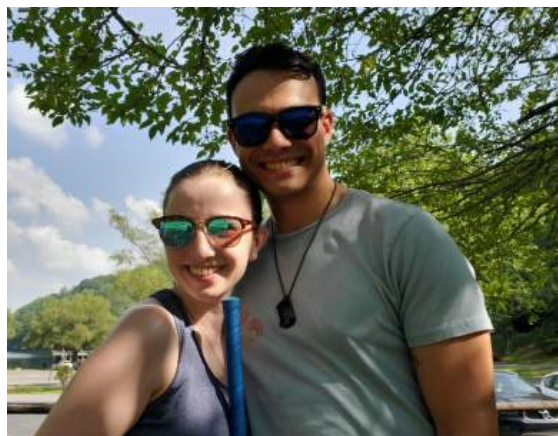
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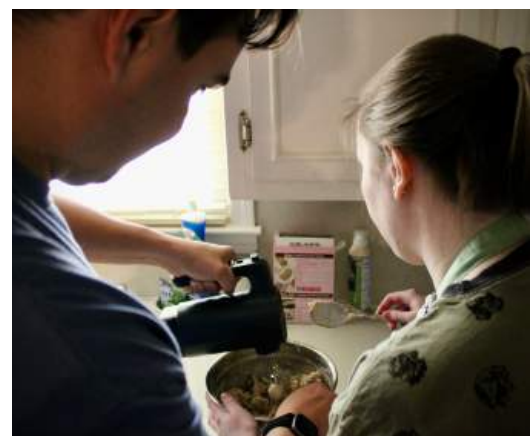
Riding fourwheelers in the woods



Hockey night



Playing puttputt on our honeymoon



Making cookies

Adoption + Parenting

We believe adoption is a beautiful way to connect families through love during unexpected challenges. Every human, child, and living being is worthy and deserves to feel safe and supported, and that is what we hope to instill in our children. We believe in supporting one another through celebrations and hardships alike. Parenting is a forever journey that we hope to travel together with our child's birth family. We know every family is unique regardless of how the family came to be because every person in the family is unique in their own way; we believe in sharing our child's adoption story in order for them to know how deeply loved and appreciated they are. We want to raise our kids by reading books, playing imaginatively outside, and sharing the Lord's indescribable, loving words for them. Our desire for our child is for them to never go a day without knowing how special their story is; from birth to adoption, they will be celebrated every step of the way.



Enjoying Auntie & Uncle time



Visiting our Honeymoon location

Family Information

Date of marriage: 2023 | **Children:** None at this time

Interest and hobbies: Our hobbies include spending time as a family trying new restaurants all over North Georgia, enjoying the great outdoors, and spending quality time with our friends. We love southern cuisine and will travel for great eateries. Our outdoor adventures include hiking, fishing, nature walks, and frisbee golf. Together, we enjoy building legos and completing home projects. We also enjoy game nights, movie nights, pot luck dinners, and celebrating special occasions with our family and friends.

Home: We live in a peaceful swim/pickleball neighborhood in a three-bedroom, two-bathroom ranch home on a half basement. Our house is a home full of love and space for our growing family. Our backyard is a blank slate for gardening and playing. Our neighbors are friendly; some of them are even neighborhood originals from the 70's. We are near family and friends for support and company. The schools, parks, and stores are very close by.

Pets: Our pets consist of our silly cat, Tilly, and loving dog, Layla. They love to be near us and spend time snuggling and playing. Tilly enjoys playing hide and seek while Layla loves to be part of the action anywhere we are. Tilly gets her zoomies several times a day and practices her parkour and Layla loves emptying her toy basket and decorating the floor with her toy masterpiece.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: We discussed adoption early on in our relationship as a way we would like to grow our family. We have loved ones and family friends that have been adopted or had experiences with adoption. We always imagined having our own children as well, but we recently learned that having our own children would be a challenge. Sarah has a genetic condition that comes with several health issues that would make pregnancy dangerous. We ultimately decided that having our own biological children is a risk we are not comfortable taking when we know there are birth families looking for an open and loving adoptive home for their child. We have always dreamed of being parents so we believe adoption is a beautiful journey for us to pursue.

Openness to birthparent(s): Since beginning our adoption journey, we have been continually learning and having meaningful conversations about what an open adoption could look like. We believe it is important for a child to know their story and have a real connection with their birth family, and we hope to share milestones through photos, letters, emails, and other forms of communication. We want to remain open to communication and connection in ways that feel comfortable for the birth family. We have also spent time reflecting and praying about this, and it is deeply important to us that the birth family feels valued and connected. We hope to share regular updates and are open to in-person visits for meaningful milestones. Our desire is to build a respectful, supportive relationship that feels natural for everyone involved. We believe openness can be a beautiful way to give a child a deeper understanding of their story and how deeply they are loved.

Childcare plans: Sarah will be the primary caregiver for our future children. She has the ability to make her own schedule and change her work commitments to best fit the family needs. Dalton will be present for morning wakeups, evening dinners, and bedtime during the week but will be home on the weekends for quality family time. Sarah's parents are both teachers so they will be available to help during the holidays and summers until they retire in just a few short years; they are very excited to become grandparents and be active in our child's life.



Mother's Name:
Sarah

Occupation:
Mother-baby Registered Nurse

Education:
Bachelor's of Science in Nursing

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth: 2000 **Height:** 5' 3"

Hair Color: Brown **Eye Color:** Blue



Father's Name:
Dalton

Occupation:
HVAC Technician / US Navy Veteran

Education:
Air Conditioning Technology, AAS

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth: 1999 **Height:** 5' 11"

Hair Color: Dark Brown **Eye Color:** Brown



Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to flip through the pages of our very special book. There are no words that we can say that can compare to what you are thinking and feeling. You are having to make difficult decisions that you might never have thought you'd have to make, but we appreciate you considering us to be part of your plans for your precious baby. We want to promise you that we will love you and your baby regardless of what happens next. We are praying for you to feel peace with your decisions and feel comfort knowing you will be supported through this journey ahead. You are unbelievably strong, and we want your child to grow knowing how selfless you are. We promise that your child will never go a day without hearing how loved they are by you.

From the bottom of our hearts,

Sarah + Dalton