



# ELLA & SHANE

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*Dear* EXPECTANT PARENT,



Do you remember as a kid when superheroes were every kid's greatest aspiration? When someone asked, what you wanted to be when you grew up, your reply was a superhero.

We don't think about what a superhero really is. The simple answer is someone who saves. A superhero is expected to have the courage to face things others cannot. When we pray we often expect God to just make it happen but patience can be hard. We have prayed for a superhero like you. You have created a new life. Physically, the beauty and miracle of creating a human being—that power—you orchestrated. You are a mother. And what makes you a mother, and our hero, is using all your power and strength, all your courage and faith, to consider us. Your choice created a new life, carved a new path for that baby and for us. We hope that we make you proud. We hope we don't let you down. We hope that our sleepless nights and late-night trips to the ER are enough. We hope that even on the toughest of days you feel at peace with considering us to love your baby.



The day Shane came home from deployment

Throughout our marriage, we have had to navigate and adjust to many challenges like blending a family, Ella getting sick and being unable to have kids, and moving across country.

We have learned when and where to compromise, how to make the most of every situation, and how to create fun memories even when staying at home. We are big on traveling and experiencing life and we hope to create for our child and future children a life worth living and celebrating.



Why wouldn't the lake be everyone's happy place



We love to try new restaurants

## Our Love Story

We met in the summer of 2019 in the most modern way possible - on a dating app. We met for tacos and margaritas at a taco place in Nashville. After dinner and a walk to the local ice cream shop for dessert, we debated on if we wanted to see each other again. The answer was ultimately, yes. After one week of constantly talking on the phone and texting we spent the weekend together. During the weekend disaster almost struck. We went out on Shane's boat but while trying to help load the boat onto the trailer Ella almost sunk Shane's truck in the lake. The rest of our love story is history. We were drawn together by our love for God, our shared values, our family views, and our love for one another. We knew instantly we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together, even after Shane's truck almost sank.



about  
ELLA



BY SHANE

Ella is one of the most amazing and strong women I have ever known.



I am always down to each some seafood



Furthering one's education is important to Ella



I might have been cold, but Vail was beautiful

She has shown me what true love really is. She has lovingly opened her heart and arms to not only me, but also to my daughter.

**Ella's ability to love and cherish my daughter as if she is her own, is something I adore the most about her.**

She is extremely caring and gracious to anyone she meets. She is a great listener and will lend her ear when someone is having a hard time. She is very nurturing when one of us is sick and always goes out of her way to make someone feel better. She knows how and when to be serious but also understands the importance of letting loose and loving life. She works hard everyday with maintaining a full-time job, raising a family, and finishing up her masters degree. I think her ability to gracefully balance everything is pretty amazing. She also comes from one of the most amazing families I have met. Her family has always been so welcoming and loving. It's easy to see where Ella got her amazing personality from. She is also very supportive and encouraging. In addition to loving and spoiling my daughter, she is also the biggest animal lover too. Watching Ella be a mother is the most amazing thing to witness.



Ella is such a great mom to Kensley

# fun facts

**Musical**

**Instrument:**

Piano

**Seasonal**

**Activity:**

Carving Pumpkins

**Sports Team:**

Tennessee Titans

**Author You**

**Like to Read:**

Colleen Hoover, J.K Rowling

**Place to**

**Take a Child:**

Disney World or Universal Studios

**Sport You**

**Like to Play:**

Swimming

**Accessory:**

A hair tie

**Children's**

**Book:** Corduroy

**Dream Job:**

Criminal Psychologist

**Can't Live**

**Without:**

GPS



Bird house painting craft time



# about SHANE

BY ELLA

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE DEPTH OF GRATITUDE AND LOVE I FEEL FOR MY HUSBAND. He has shown me what it means to have a partner who is not only loving but also incredibly remarkable in every way.



I was born to be on the water



Giving my family a great life has always been my mission



Taking risks while visiting family in Utah

His unwavering support and understanding have been a constant source of strength in our relationship. Shane has stood by my side through thick and thin, offering a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on, and words of encouragement when I needed them the most. His presence brings me a sense of security and comfort, and I am grateful for the safe haven he has created within our marriage. Shane's sense of humor and ability to bring laughter into our lives is a true gift. His laughter is contagious, and it brightens even the dullest of days. He inspires me with his unwavering kindness and compassion.

Shane's genuine care for others, including our loved ones, friends, and even strangers is a testament to the great soul he possesses. Every day I feel so lucky to have such an amazing man to share my life with.



Shane with our daughter Kensley



Our annual hunting trip to catch an Elk

## fun facts

**Sports Team:**  
Miami Dolphins

**Ice Cream Flavor:**  
Rocky Road

**Sport You Like to Play:**  
Football

**Musical Artist:** Pearl Jam

**Vacation Spot:** Beach

**Hobby:** Hunting, fishing, golfing, riding a motorcycle

**Historical Figure You Want to Meet:**  
Jesus

**Can't Live Without:**  
My truck

**Accessory:**  
Cross necklace



# our HOME



## Home Sweet Home

Our home is located on over an acre of land in a quiet part of the city. We provide a safe, nurturing and loving environment for anyone who walks through the door.



When it snows, we play!

When we are home, we enjoy cooking together in the kitchen, or playing family games in the living room. We love to entertain friends and family, especially when it comes to football games. We are a short drive away from the Pueblo Reservoir which has a great family oriented beach where we play in water and build sand castles. Breckenridge Co (a renown ski resort and town) is only two hours away, and we try to go snowboarding and skiing there as much as we can. During the summer, our favorite annual activity is to go to the highly anticipated local state fair. The fair is amazing. There are so many different rides

and games, as well as a variety of prizes to win! In September they have this huge event call Chile Festival. It's a cleverly delicious and family fun way for the community to help local small businesses. Vendors come from all over and bring their best chile's.

Wintertime at our house is magical. We get lots of beautiful snow, perfect for building a snowman and having snowball fights. The best part is warming up by our fire pit with s'mores and warm cider or cocoa! We do have plans to relocate to Tennessee in the near future. We both desire to be closer to family.



Our morning coffee routine



# meet KENSLEY

Kensley is our 9 year old daughter who loves to have fun.

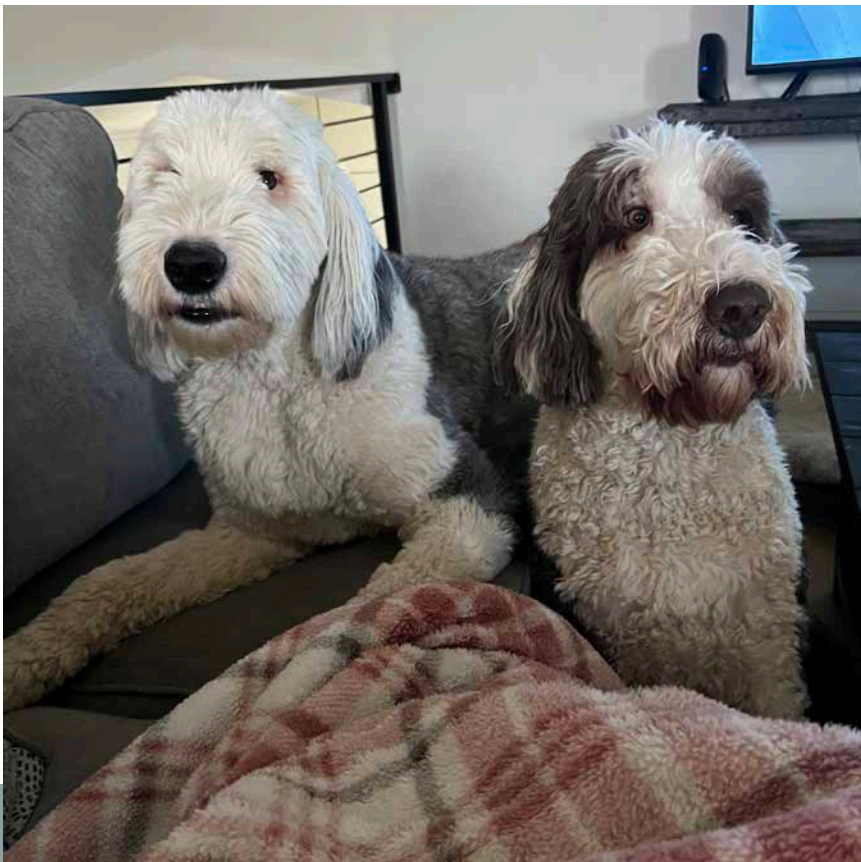
She has a very outgoing personality and can make friends wherever she goes. She loves to play soccer during the year and is excited to teach her new sibling everything she knows. Even though she does not live with us full-time, we savor every moment she does get to spend with us. Kensley would like the expectant parent to know "I am excited to not be an only child anymore when I am at my Dad and Step-moms house. I can't wait to watch him or her grow up and love my Dad and Ella as much as I do. Thank you for choosing our family to love your baby."



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day



Matching hats for Christmas



The beach is one of our happy places



Backyard play time

## MEET OUR DOGS

We have two sweet dogs, Simon and Max.

Simon is your right hand man and is good for endless playing. Max has the biggest smile and will follow you anywhere - even to the bathroom.



# Our loved ones

We have some of the most supportive and excited parents around.

Shane's family lives in Florida close to St. Augustine Beach. We are lovers of sand in our toes, so we look forward to visiting Shane's family as it gives us an excuse to visit the beach. They live about an hour or so from Orlando, which is exciting for Ella as she is a big Disney lover and wants any excuse to wear her Mickey ears and see all her favorite characters. Shane's family loves the water and is excited to teach a new grandbaby how to swim. Shane's father has a love of fishing, hunting, and football. His father can't wait to teach another grandchild how to fish off a dock in their first Miami football shirt. Shane's mother has a love for all things movies. She is most looking forward to snuggling up with her grandchildren and watching the latest Disney or Marvel movie.

Ella's mother lives in Tennessee and the rest of her family resides in Utah. Her mother loves farmer's markets, festivals, and fairs. She hopes to show her grandchildren the fun atmosphere these events bring. She is a huge Harry Potter fan and can't wait to share all things Harry Potter! Ella's grandmother is a big reader and will love sharing her love of books with another great-grandchild. Her grandfather loves to tell the story of how he shook Walt-Disney's hand. Both families are excited to tell old and funny stories, make memories, and create a lasting bond with a new addition.



Disney is a must in Ella's family



Shane with his dad and grandfather



Ella, Shane & her mother on the 4th of July



Ella's extended family



Shane and some of his extended family



## OUR FRIENDS

We have annual get togethers with friends and love any excuse to get all the kids together for one big play date. We host friendsgiving every year and love sharing our and life with those closest to us. Our friends are very excited for us and this journey. Few friends know about our struggle to have a child of our own. Those that do, know how much this will mean to us and they can not wait to meet and watch us parent another wonderful blessing.



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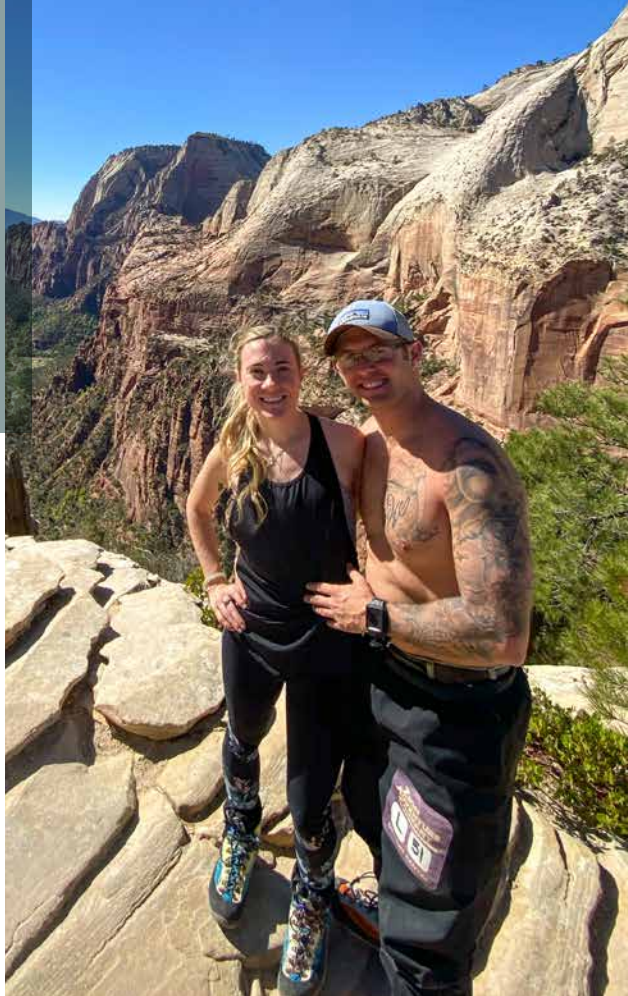
## WE SEEK IN OTHERS

We are very selective with who we choose to let into our life and our family's life.

We love people that can be supportive and positive individuals. We also love when people can love our kids as we do and treat them as if they are their own. We also really value dependability. When someone says they are going to do something we value people who actual do what they say.



On top of the world with  
my world



Every year we take a trip to the mountains  
to ski and snowboard

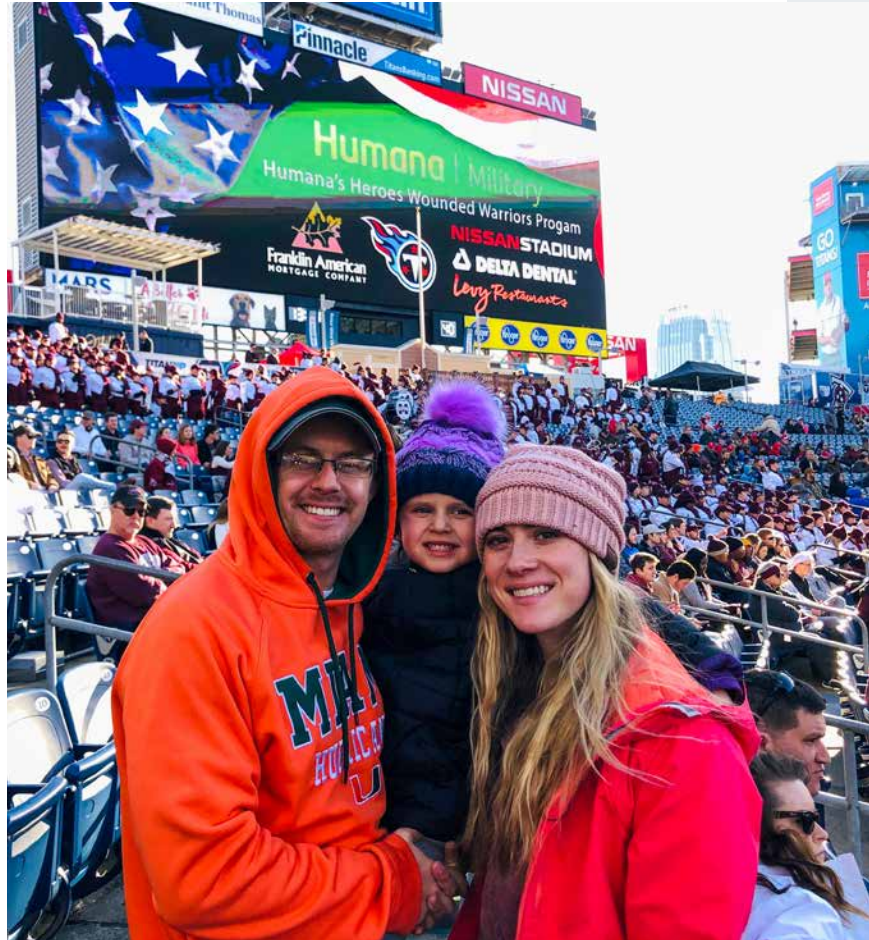


# values

## WE HOPE TO TEACH *our children*

We aim to teach our children to have their own morals and values.

We plan to encourage acts of kindness and teach each child the importance of expressing gratitude. As a family we will engage in activities that will promote compassion and generosity. We also are a very active family and believe that sports or extra curriculars can be a healthy outlet for a child and teach them structure and discipline.



Football is a big part of our family

# *Our Thoughts* ON PARENTING

As a parent we often have dreams and desires of what we would like for our child. We would love our children to be healthy, happy, and fulfilled. We will provide each one with a loving and supportive home environment where they can feel safe, secure, and loved. We will always provide our children with the best educational opportunities. We aim to raise confident and independent individuals who will be able to navigate the world with resilience and selfreliance. We will also support our children's aspirations in life and always wish for them to be successful. We will build strong family bonds and create lasting memories. We will cultivate traditions that promote togetherness and connection. Ultimately, we want to see our children leading happy and purposeful lives.





# our TRADITIONS



## We have started many traditions over the years.

- We love to have get togethers with friends and family. When living in TN, closer to family we started having Sunday dinners.
- Halloween time is Ella's favorite. She goes all out with decorations and we throw a big Halloween party with great costumes.
- The 4th of July is spent with both friends and family. We go all out. Lots of fireworks, food, decorations, slip and slides for the kids, water balloons and lots of kiddie pools for the adults.
- In December we host a pajama and cookie party where friends and family come in their best Christmas pajamas and decorate cookies or gingerbread houses.
- Thanksgiving is not only a time for family but also friends. Every year we host a Friendsgiving and invite all our closest friends.
- We like to take two trips a year as a family. One in the winter time to ski and snowboard and one in the summer time, usually to a beach.



# family INFORMATION

**Date of marriage:** 11/08/2020

**Children:** Kensley, 05/22/2014, biological.

- Very outgoing, smart, and loving.
- She loves to watch tv, play games, swim, run around outside, and bake cookies.

#### **Interests and hobbies:**

- Shane and Ella: Football, traveling, hiking, concerts, fitness, trying new restaurants, and watching movies
- Shane: Golfing, hunting, fishing, and riding his motorcycle
- Ella: Reading, brunch/coffee, shopping, doing my nails, and making shirts

**Home:** We live on an acre of land with beautiful views of the mountain from our backyard. 5min down the road is the reservoir with lots of trails to walk and a family friendly beach area. Next door to us is a lovely family with 3 kids. Our daughter loves to play with their kids. We are about 5 min from a grocery store and gas station.

#### **Pets:**

- Simon: Old English Sheepdog, 3 years old
- Max: Old English Sheepdog/Poodle, 3 years old

#### **Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?**

We have always had a deep desire to grow our family however, for various reasons, we faced challenges in conceiving a biological child. Instead of letting this obstacle deter us, we embraced the opportunity that adoption presented. The main reasons we chose adoption is because we have suffered some infertility while on the journey to grow our family. Ella was born with her intestines outside her body. This resulted in several procedures to put them back in her body. She got an ovarian cyst at the age 17 and had to have it removed. Once doctors went in to remove it they noticed it had grown up her rib cage and taken over her left fallopian tube. The doctors also noticed the extensive amount of scar tissue that was in her body after her surgery as a baby. The doctors had expressed some concerns with the amount of scar tissue in her body and said it might not be possible to have a baby. After we got married we

**Father's name:** Shane

**Occupation:** United States Army

**Education:** HS Diploma

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of birth:** 08/21/1988

**Hair color:** Bald

**Eye color:** Blue

**Height:** 5'8

**Mother's name:** Ella

**Occupation:** Social Worker

**Education:** Graduate Degree

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of birth:** 10/16/1993

**Hair color:** Blonde/Brown

**Eye color:** Hazel

**Height:** 5'1

immediately started IVF to grow our family. While she had her right fallopian tube, it was clogged with fluid that would not clear. Ella got really sick when going through IVF and was later diagnosed with Cervical Cancer. After several procedures and a few trips to the hospital, she is healthier than ever. Above all, we have chosen adoption because we believe in the profound connection that can be formed through love, regardless of biology. We are excited to embark on this incredible journey, filled with joy, challenges, and immeasurable love.

**Openness to birth parent(s):** We have never gone through something like this before. We are just as new to this as the birth parent is. We are open to discussing with the birth parent what they would like the contact to look like and to what extent they would want. We are very open to sending letters, emails, texts with updates on the progress of the child and his or her development.

**Childcare plans:** Ella plans on being home with the child during the first year of life. After the child reaches the age of one, we plan to put the child in a childcare service to start socializing with other kids.



As your child's adoptive parents, we want to take this opportunity to express our unwavering commitment to caring for this child with love, compassion, and dedication. From the moment they enter our lives, they will be embraced as a cherished member of our family. First and foremost, we want you to know

that they are deeply wanted and that their presence will bring immeasurable joy into our lives. We will create a home that is safe, nurturing, and filled with warmth and laughter. Their well-being will always be our top priority. We will provide them with the love and support they need to thrive. We will be there to celebrate their successes, guide them through challenges, and lend a listening ear whenever they need to share their thoughts or concerns. Our home will be a place where they can freely express themselves, knowing that their feelings and opinions matter. Education will be highly valued in our family. We will encourage their curiosity, support their educational endeavors, and foster a love for learning. We are not perfect, but our commitment to them is unwavering. We will learn and grow together, and we will always strive to be the best parents we can be. Our love for them will be unconditional and enduring.



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