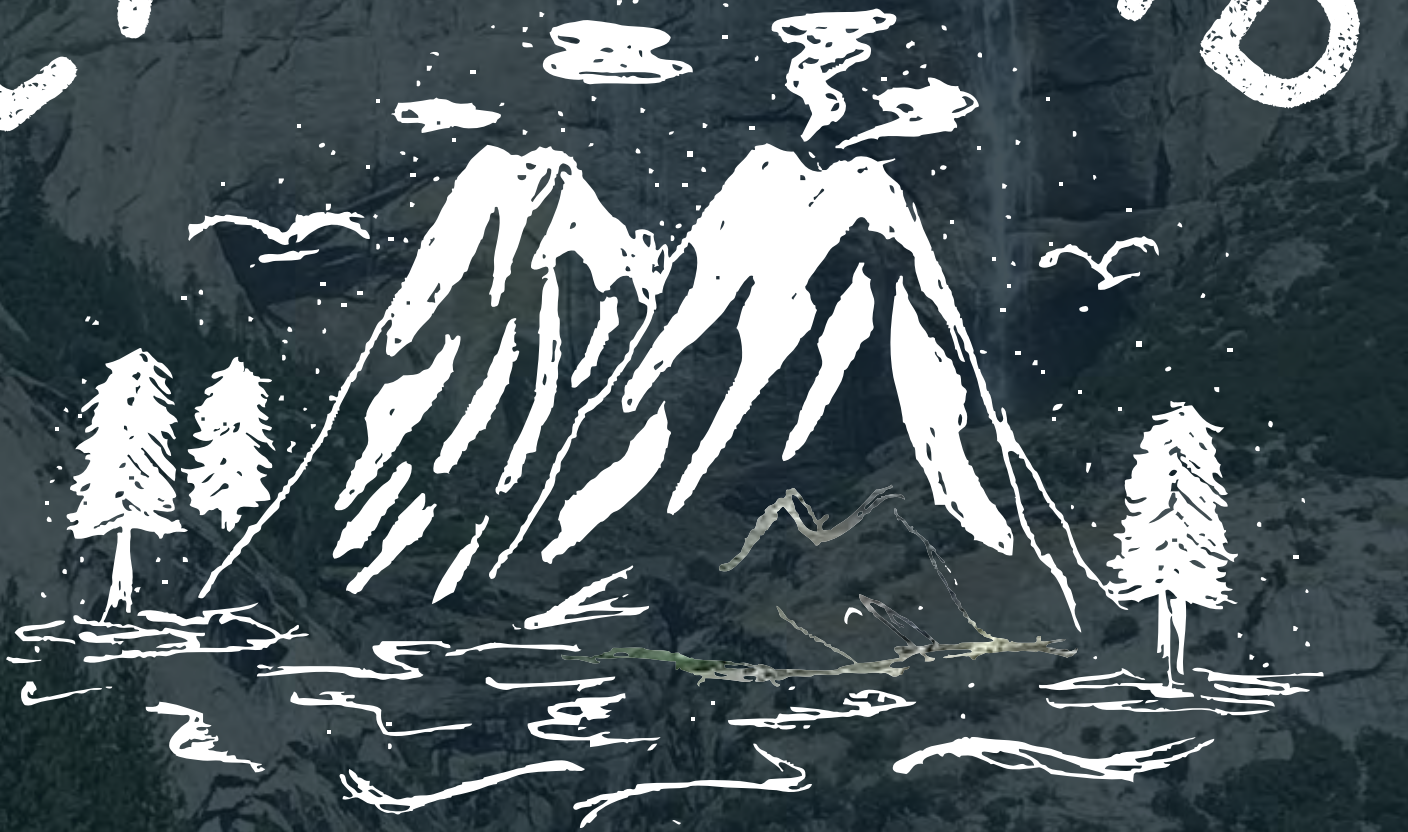


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*Grant & Sammi*

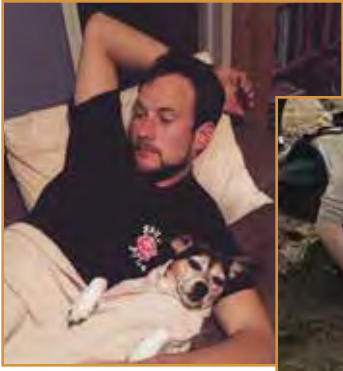


# Hello!

We are Sammi and Grant. We are super excited to become first time parents through adoption. Our approach to life is 1) the simple things in life are the best things, 2) with family you can get through anything, and 3) being outside in nature is the key to happiness. Oh, and there is always time for a good adventure. Our hearts, home, and lives are open and waiting for a child.

# All About Grant

WRITTEN BY SAMANTHA



Grant grew up in Iowa on a farm. Though he loved his hometown, he always wanted to experience more of the world. So, he joined the Marine Corps after graduating from high school. This decision to serve his country allowed him to live in different places, travel across the world, meet different people and learn about their customs. He has enriched my life with his unique insights and experiences. For example, he has a collection of landscape watercolor paintings of Iraq that he painted while overseas. These paintings represent how important nature is to him and his ability to find beauty in all situations, good or bad. His experiences in the military make him value the small, but important things in life. He keeps me grounded and grateful on a daily basis. After serving he moved to Oklahoma to pursue a degree in fisheries biology so that he could spend his time working to help the environment. His love of nature and respect for the earth is something I love most about him. Grant is the best husband and friend. He is a good provider and a steadfast partner. For the past eight years he has been my rock through adversity and prosperity. He is thoughtful in both big and small ways. Something small he has done since the beginning of our relationship is bring home candy when I am having a bad day. On a larger scale, he supported me financially and emotionally when I decided to go back to school to become a teacher. I know he would do similar sweet acts for a child. One of his long-time Marine Corp friends once described him to me as “the funniest guy he knows” and this statement is the absolute truth. He does great impressions and loves to act silly with our dogs. Another special thing about Grant is his love of reading. This is also a way he learned to explore the world as a kid. He has a collection of books from childhood and I love finding old, tattered copies of his favorites with 12 year-old Grant’s signature in them. I look forward to the day when he is sharing those books with our child. His strong, unique, open-minded, and caring spirit perfectly demonstrates his values and desire for self-betterment and these traits are why I admire him so much. He is the best partner and my life-long supporter and I truly believe that he will be an amazing father.

## Grant

AGE: 36

BORN AND RAISED: Iowa on a farm

FAVORITE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES: Fishing, kayaking, hiking, camping, rock and arrowhead hunting, deer hunting

FAVORITE INDOOR ACTIVITIES: Reading as much as possible, Art, watching Netflix with Sammi

FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza

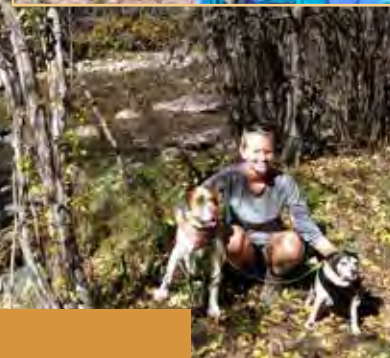
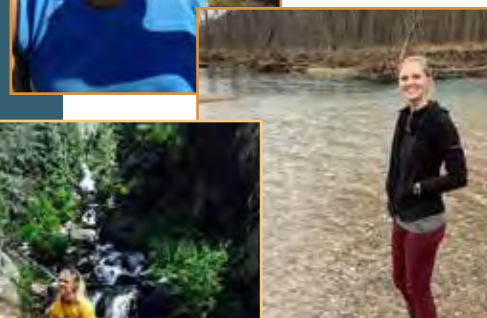
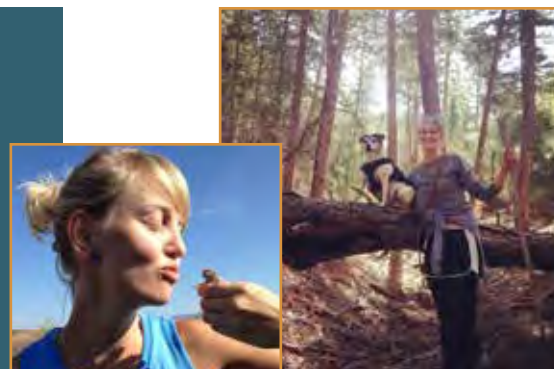
INTERESTING FACT: Grant served 4 years in the US Marine Corps



# All About Sammi

WRITTEN BY GRANT

Sammi was born in Oklahoma and grew up by the lake. She has always loved learning, and school seemed like the perfect way for her to grow and have adventures. She went to college for biology and this allowed her many opportunities. While getting her Master's Degree in Biology, she lived outside of Houston, Texas and in the deserts of West Texas where she studied fish. Sammi also spent a short amount of time studying marine biology in coastal Mississippi. Her passion for the outdoors and adventure is one of the main reasons I love her. She has a very sweet heart, especially when it comes to caring for animals and nature. Most of all her friends and family would even say her heart is too big. I know Sammi would pass this gentleness onto a child, and I would love to watch her teach them how to love the natural world the way she does. She cares deeply about the people in her life and has a lot of love to give. As a high school teacher, I see her celebrating and worrying about her students. She is constantly thinking about how she can help them to find self-acceptance and grow into their own. In addition to her gift of teaching, her humbleness is also to be admired, she constantly shares with me how much she loves teaching her students, but recognizes that she learns just as much from them. She is my best friend. We make a great team because our personalities balance each other out. She is the planner and I am the one who lives in the moment. We both know that whatever is happening in the world around us, we have each other to rely on in good times and bad. Sammi is one of the hardest working people I know. When she has a task in front of her, big or small, she doesn't stop until she has it accomplished. Her dedication is shown through the fact that she exercises with her sister nearly every day. Health is important to her and she makes sure we stay healthy by having good, fresh food cooked at home. In fact, I didn't eat very many vegetables until I met Sammi and now I like vegetables! Family is also a cornerstone in her life, and is one of the reasons we moved to Missouri. We live within an hour of her parents' lake house. She gets summers off with school and loves to spend time at the lake house or traveling. She would love to include a child into her summer adventures. I am very lucky to be able to spend my days with such a talented and caring lady. I know a child would be just as lucky to have her as a Mom!



## Sammi

AGE: 32

BORN AND RAISED: Small town Oklahoma

FAVORITE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES: Walking the dogs, kayaking, swimming, hiking, camping, tending her chickens

FAVORITE INDOOR ACTIVITIES: Watching baking shows, art, cleaning to relax

FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi

INTERESTING FACT: She lived in a camper in West Texas desert for 4 months while doing research

# OUR Story

Grant and Sammi met in college. We both went to school for biology and happened to end up in the Midwest at the same time. Our professors were old friends and took both of our classes on a research trip to study streams in southern Oklahoma. We were truly brought together by our mutual love of nature and the environment. When we first started dating, our professors told us not to blame them if it didn't work out. They were both at our wedding three years later. While dating, we maintained a long distance relationship for almost two years. Once Sammi graduated, she moved to New Mexico where Grant had gotten a job as a fish biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We lived in a very remote and beautiful mountain town in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains in New Mexico. Because we lived so remotely and so far from both of our families, we learned to rely very much on each other. This experience really solidified our bond. We had a lot of wonderful times in New Mexico skiing, hiking, and learning about New Mexico's culture and heritage. We also experienced some hard times in New Mexico. We again had to live long distance for a short time because of work and

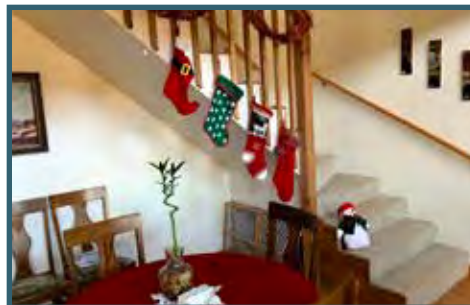
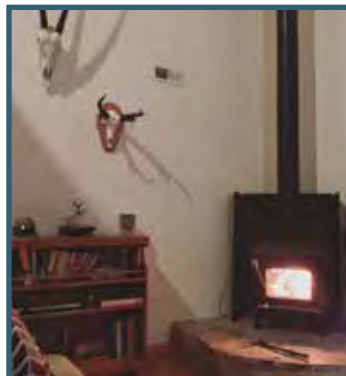
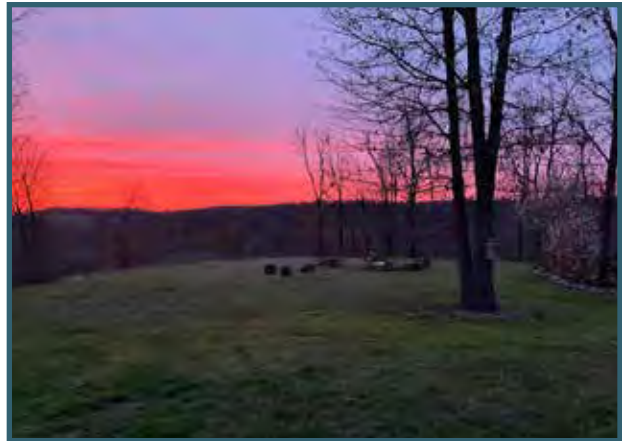
Sammi decided to change career paths while living there. These challenges made our relationship even stronger than before. After six exciting and beautiful years in New Mexico, Grant's job allowed us the opportunity to move back to the Midwest to be closer to family. Our unique story and situations have shown us that we are best together and we can get through anything.



# OUR Home

We live in a small town in southwestern Missouri. We have 20 acres with lots of room for animals and exploring the woods. We have a small creek by our house that is perfect for catching bugs and crawfish or wading on a hot day. We love to kayak the river whenever we get the chance. We have two amazing dogs, a cat, and a flock of chickens. We like to live a partially sustainable lifestyle by eating fresh eggs, home grown vegetables and hunted meat. Grant's family and some of our friends are farmers, so we also enjoy supporting local business by purchasing local produce and meat when possible. We live in the country, but we both contribute to our community

by working in town. Sammi is a science teacher at the local high school and community college and Grant is a biologist at the fish hatchery in town. We think our country home is a perfect escape from the world and our small town is friendly and welcoming. We also like that if we want to go to Sammi's parent's lake house to swim or boat, it is only a short drive from our house. We also have a couple of big cities close by if we want to spend some time visiting museums, going to concerts, or other fun activities.



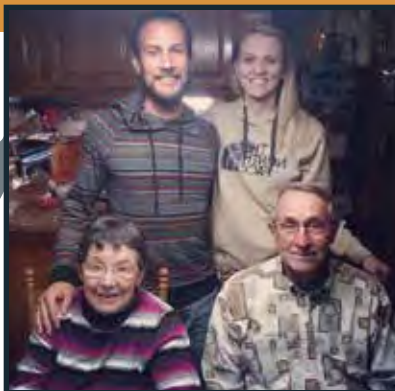
# Family

We both have amazing families who have loved and supported us throughout our lives. We both constantly comment on the fact that we love our in-laws.

Grant's parents are a rare couple that has been together since high school. They have been married for 40 years and you can tell they are still deeply in love. Their marriage is a relationship founded in deep respect and love for one another. His mom is a nurse, his dad is a contractor and farmer, and his sister is a caregiver at a nursing home. His parents have 90 + acres in Iowa that we love to visit as often as we can. In fact, Grant's grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins almost all live within a few miles of one another and have very close relationships. Recently, his grandfather's farm was awarded the title of Century or Centennial Farm, which means that a farm has been continuously owned by a single family for 100 years or more. Grant's parents are very supportive of adoption and look forward to welcoming their first grandchild into the family. His younger sister is a natural caregiver and she is an excellent baker who enjoys making us sweet treats when we visit. We envision a child spending summers on the farm riding 4-wheelers, playing with the baby kittens in the barn, helping to grow a Iowa State Fair award winning pumpkin, and eating monster cookies in the kitchen.

Sammi's parents have been married for 36 years. Both of their childhoods were non-traditional for the time,

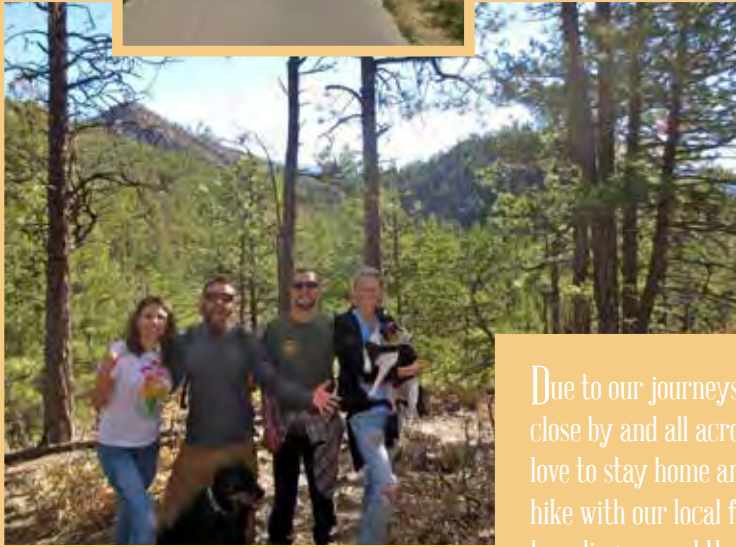
as they were both raised by strong single mothers. Because of their childhoods, they built a marriage that is the perfect example of a strong, equal partnership. Sammi's parents would do anything for family and they have made many sacrifices for their children and each other over the years. Sammi's mom is a retired teacher and her dad is a manager at a pipeline company. Sammi also has a very close relationship with her sister and brother-in-law, who currently live in Denver, Colorado. Her sister is an optometrist and her brother-in-law is an engineer. Sammi's sister is her best friend. Even though she lives in Denver, Sammi and her sister maintain their close relationship. They exercise on FaceTime daily and Sammi visits her sister in Denver every summer, if not more often. Everyone in Sammi's family is enthusiastic about adoption and her parents are ready to welcome their first grandchild into the family. Because Sammi's parents live so close, they would play a major role in their grandchild's upbringing. Sammi's dad is a fisherman and her mom loves swimming. A child would have the opportunity to go to their lake house to fish, drive the boat, swim, play croquet in the backyard, and so much more. Sammi and her mom would love to include a child on their summer trips to Denver. Plus, Sammi's sister and brother-in-law would love to take a child skiing, hiking, and camping in the Rocky Mountains.







# Friends



Due to our journeys, we have friends close by and all across the country. We love to stay home and float the creek or hike with our local friends. Plus, we enjoy traveling around the United States to see our long-time friends.

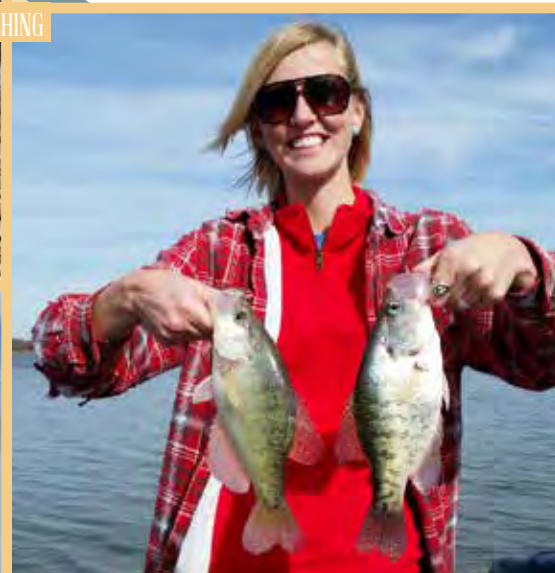


# Hobbies

GREENHOUSES



FISHING



NATIONAL PARKS



HIKING



STATE FAIRS



RAINFORESTS



MOUNTAINS



# OUR ADOPTION Journey



Grant and I feel that our life path has never been straightforward. Many twists and turns have come up along the way and we are grateful for all of the experiences that have brought us to where we are now. For example, after spending years getting a Bachelors and Masters degree in Biology, I decided to change my career path and become an educator. Grant supported me in this transition and it has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. As for Grant, he left the Marine Corps and wasn't sure where he would go from there or what to do with the rest of his life. He became a non-traditional student at the age of 24 and took courses with students right out of high school. Both of our unconventional routes have made us confident about our decisions and what we really want in life.

After finally landing on our correct career tracks, finding one another, creating a loving marriage and home; the next step was to expand our family and share our lives with a child. We struggled with infertility for five years and since then we have taken time to find closure. That struggle led us to extensively research and eagerly embark on the blessing of welcoming an adopted child into our lives. We now know, without a doubt, that adoption is our path.

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# Birthparents

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. We cannot pretend to know your feelings or thoughts. But, we can assure you that we will provide your child with endless love, stability, resources, and more. We recognize you as the birth parents and the adoption process will be part of your child's identity. We wish to honor that story. We feel our role as parents will be as a support system to help your child find their place in the world. We not only look forward to helping them grow and experience life, but we cannot wait to learn from them as well.

By reading our profile, we hope you have learned who we are as individuals and as a family. We hope you have seen that in our daily lives we first and foremost value family above all else. Life can be messy and hard, but together we can weather any storm. We believe taking care of others, animals, and the planet is taking care of ourselves. Sammi as a teacher and Grant as a life-long learner, value experiences and education. We hope to provide a child with many varied opportunities so they can find and pursue their true passions in life. We pride ourselves on approaching life with very open minds and hearts and we make sure to soak up every experience to the fullest extent. We believe the small things in life matter a lot.





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