

A photograph of a man and a woman standing on a paved path in a park-like setting during autumn. The man, on the left, has a beard and is wearing a blue polo shirt and khaki pants. The woman, on the right, has long brown hair and is wearing a white lace-patterned cardigan over a black top, black leggings, and black flat shoes. They are holding hands and smiling at the camera. The background shows trees with some yellow and orange leaves, and the path is covered with fallen leaves. The lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

Tyler *and*
Rachel

Hi There!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We're sending you all the love and support you need

throughout your journey. You are going through a difficult time and we hope that you find clarity as you look through these profiles. What you are doing is truly a selfless act - you have shown strength, courage and a great love for your child by considering adoption. Please know that we would be honored to have the opportunity to love and provide for your child throughout their beautiful life.

-Tyler and Rachel





We're so ready to become parents!

We have a warm, cozy home to welcome a child in and watch them grow into a beautiful human. We realize that there are many ways to grow a family and have always had adoption in our minds as a way to do so. Rachel has a cousin who happens to be adopted: that relationship has always felt so normal and natural.

Our Story


We knew of each other all throughout high school (our friend groups intermingled) and we started dating in 2014, continuing through college. We got engaged in 2018 and married in 2019! We hit all the "adult" milestones together – graduated college, got our first adult jobs, moved into our first apartment and then bought our first home.

Rachel's Perspective...

I was instantly attracted to how easy it was to talk with Tyler and how much he made me laugh. Our connection was so easy and I loved how we both were happy with the simple things in life like taking walks and watching spooky movies.

Tyler's Perspective...

I immediately noticed that Rachel had big dreams and aspirations. At that time I was sort of lost, so she provided the structure that I desperately needed. She appeared very shy, but I watched and helped her come out of her shell and blossom into the wonderful person that she is today.



*Forever Dates -
from our high
school prom to our
own wedding!*





Tyler

*Dental equipment repair tech
and lover of the outdoors!*

FAVORITES:

*Holiday
Christmas*

*Food
Mediterranean or Mexican*

*Music Genre
Pop Punk*

*TV Show
The Office*

*Travel Destination
Black Hills in South Dakota*

*Hobbies
Video Games
Remote Controlled Cars
Hiking
Photography*



“ Tyler is incredibly patient, thoughtful and kind-hearted. He’s good at rolling with the punches and is very easy going. Our personalities and traits complement each other very well!

- Rachel ”

Tyler’s core memory from his childhood is taking annual trips up north to his family’s property at a lake – spending the weekend boating, tubing, and bonding with family. Once we get to grow our family, Tyler plans on either being a stay-at-home parent or working part-time.



Rachel

*Traveler with a career in
financial services*

FAVORITES:

Holiday
Christmas

Food
Vietnamese or Thai

Music Genre
Indie

TV Show
The Office

Travel Destination
Rocky Mountains

Hobbies
*Gardening
Reading
Yoga
Bird watching
Baking*



“ Rachel is very responsible and has an incredible natural maternal instinct. My friends and I describe Rachel as the mom of the group – as she always has snacks, medicine, and a shoulder to lean on.

-Tyler ”



Rachel's core memories from her childhood include lots of camping trips and always being outside! Love of the outdoors was instilled in her very early from her parents. Rachel already works from home, so arrangements are easy to make and her schedule is very flexible.



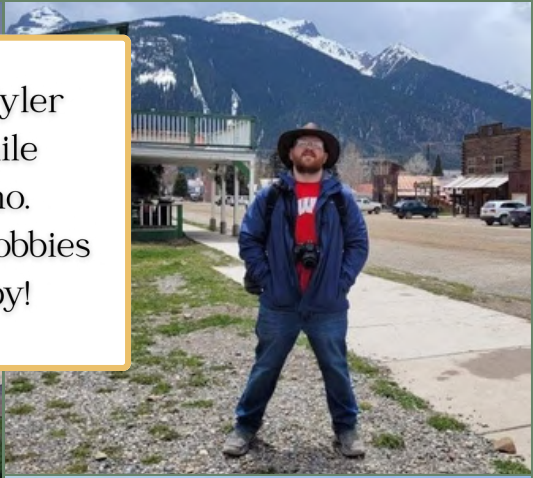
Interests + Adventures

We have a goal of hitting all 50 states and all US national parks. We've already crossed quite a few off our list and cannot wait to have a little one join us on our adventures. We love road trips and experiencing new places and foods!

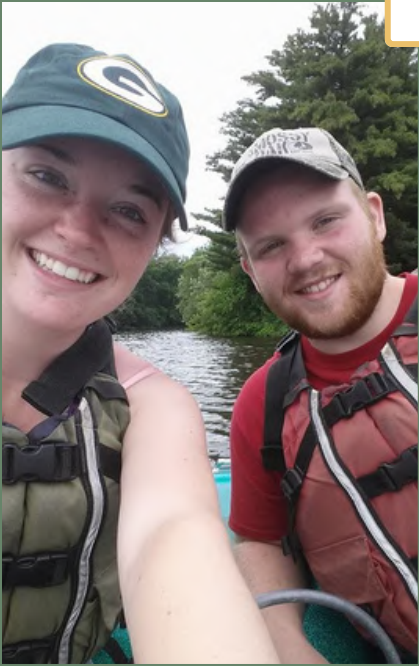
We also love to be outside: whether it's walking, boating, hiking, playing tennis or gardening. We regularly volunteer with our local conservation district to help maintain and beautify our local outdoor gems. Rachel went to many summer camps at the conservation district growing up and wants our child to experience learning about nature, team building, and getting a little dirty! Tyler didn't get many chances like that as he was growing up; it's critical to him as a parent to provide those experiences.



We have both tried many different hobbies: Tyler likes to play the guitar and work on cars while Rachel likes to cross-stitch and play the piano. We want our child to try as many sports and hobbies as possible and pick what makes them happy!

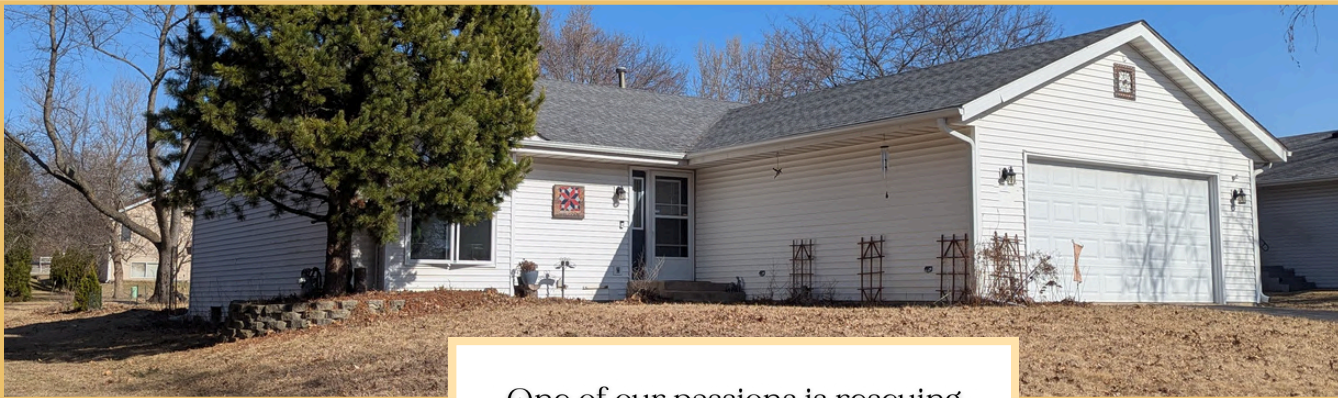


Sports are also a big part of our lives! Sundays are usually interesting as Rachel is a Packers fan and Tyler is a Bears fan. Some of our favorite things to do with friends include attending local hockey, baseball and football games.

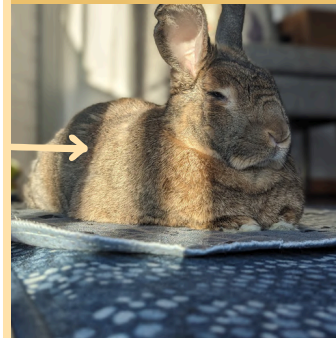


Welcome to our HOME

We have called Northern Illinois our home for our entire lives and own a modest 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house there. We live in a working-class and family oriented gated community with a lake, beach, 9-hole golf course, community pool, a tennis court, playgrounds, water sports and year round activities. There's always something going on – whether it be a parade, the Easter Bunny visiting, concerts at the lake, or cultural events. We bought our home in 2018, right before getting married. We've spent the last few years updating it into exactly what we want. We also live close to an apple orchard, pumpkin patch, our county fairgrounds, hiking trails, museums and endless parks. Most of our family and friends live nearby – so our baby will have plenty of kiddos to play with! Our community is very rural but we are located about an hour-or-two drive to multiple major cities.



One of our passions is rescuing small animals, as they are the most often mistreated pet. We currently have one sweet bunny, Hilda Marie (AKA Hilda Beast, Hildy Goat, and Buildy). We rescued her from an animal shelter in 2017: she's a big ole' Flemish Giant (12 pounds!). Rachel shares an office with her where she gets to lounge and receive endless love. Family members also have dogs, cats, and bunnies of their own – There's always a critter around to snuggle with!



Holidays

Christmas is our favorite holiday - we sometimes can't even wait for Thanksgiving to pass for us to start putting up decorations. An evening is always dedicated to putting up the tree and holiday decorations, watching a Christmas movie and baking cookies. We also have the infamous Elf on the Shelf that appears throughout our home. We see all of our family over the course of a few hectic weeks around the holiday. Our family loves to celebrate!

Summer and fall are also a favorite of ours. We love to go boating in the community lake, go on hikes, play tennis, head to our local apple orchard and, of course, carve pumpkins with our friends. We also head to a lake house up north with Rachel's side of the family every year to do more boating and lounge at a sandbar.



Our Family + Friends

We live within 5 minutes of Rachel's parents, so we see them a lot! Rachel's mom, Kim, cannot wait to retire so she can help provide endless love to our future little one. She has an absolute passion for kiddos and volunteers at their church's childcare facility every Sunday. Rachel's dad, Troy, and brother, Spencer, are both kind-hearted and love kids.



Rachel's Family



Tyler's Family



Tyler's mom, Kim, and his step-dad, Ed, have a swimming pool and large yard to play in and live about 20 minutes away. Tyler's dad, Kurt, and step mom, Julie, live 20 minutes away and also have a pool and big yard to play in, as well as 4 other grandkids! Tyler's sister, Alli, works with kids for her career – needless to say, our family is so excited for a new addition!

We have quite a few different friend groups all with different lifestyles and interests. They are always there to support us and they can't wait to have a baby in the group. Many of our friends have already grown their families and some of them are just starting. We envision lots of playdates and museum days with them! We love to go to sports games with some of our friends and play board games and video games with others. Our favorite thing to do with them is have bonfires in our backyard while stargazing and telling stories.





We want to give our child a good and steady foundation to build on

They will get to make the decision of who they want to grow up to be. Some of our life rules include: be a good person, follow the golden rule, it never hurts to be nice and take notice of the little things. We want our child to try things – even if they fail, at least they tried. One good action of theirs may make someone's day/week/year. We will teach our child that they can trust us: it's better to tell us than to hide something from us. They should think of us as their support system where they can go to us for anything. We expect our child to be empathetic, honest and self aware (as we do ourselves).

We are super open-minded about life – we want our child to experience things for themselves and discover what they love and what they believe.

Uniqueness makes us human: we cannot wait to see who they become. We will guide, love and support them forever. We would love to send pictures and updates and would align expectations with what type of relationship you wish for.

Thank you for considering us to adopt your precious child. We hope we can offer you support and care during this time.

We want what is best for you and your child.

Much love to you!

Tyler and Rachel

