

SAMANTHA & DANIEL



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# Dear Mama

We are so happy to meet you, and we know love is what brought you here, reading this. Although we can't know exactly what you're feeling or going through we want you to know we desire to honor and respect you and any wishes you have in this. We'll never shame you or belittle you, we see you and your strength in this. We hope you are able to hear and see our hearts through this whole process and see what our family is like.

Samantha and Daniel

# Our Story



We met in 2009, dated for 3 years and married in 2013. We lived in Southern California (where Daniel was raised) until 2020, then we moved to Alaska (where Sam was raised) and we now have a beautiful home and love where we live! We'll be married for 9 years this coming June which we can't believe, it feels like we just got married yesterday!







## About Sam

"Sam is absolutely my favorite person to be around. She is kind, loving, and unafraid of challenges that come her way. She doesn't like when I say it but she is also an amazing chef who cooks healthy and delicious food for our family every single day. Her daily mothering of the kids is something I really appreciate and love watching her do. I love that she looks for real, authentic friendships, and loves to pursue important things with me."

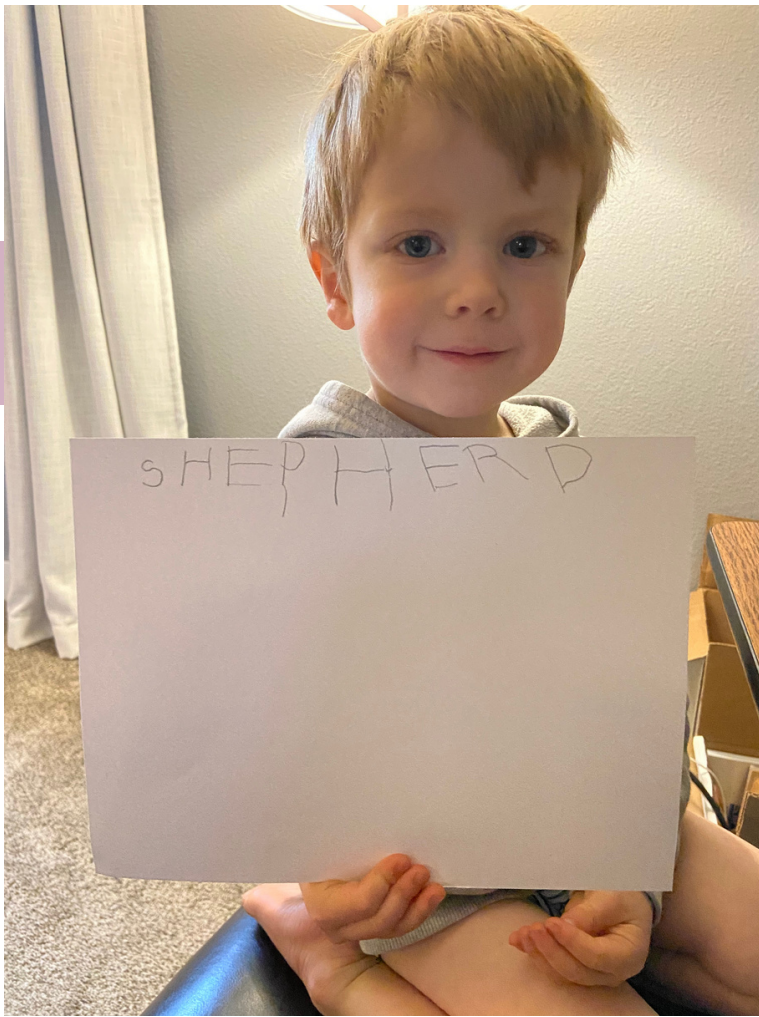
-Daniel

## About Daniel



"Daniel is loyal, hard working, optimistic, caring, supportive, loving, and truly my best friend. He leads and cares for our family so well! He is always willing to listen to me when I need it and be a shoulder for me to cry on. He is a natural leader and challenger and I love that he (gently) challenges me to grow. He also loves to laugh and have fun, no shortage of puns and dad jokes around here :)"

-Sam



## Our Kids



Shepherd (5yrs) is introspective, calm, thoughtful, and goofy. He has such a caring heart, asks the tough questions and loves stories. On an average day you can find him listening to audio books and playing legos. He is such a wonderful big brother and loves having his sister to play with.

Elliot (3 yrs) is joyful, funny, loving, and spunky. She makes us laugh everyday and is such a delight. On an average day you can find her playing with Shepherd or taking care of her baby doll. She will be a wonderful big sister and she's so excited for another sibling.

# Our Home and Neighborhood

We bought our home in 2021, and have loved it so much. Our home is on over an acre of land so the kids have space to run and play. We live in a wonderful neighborhood. It's quiet and safe. We have many things to do outdoors in our community, and we have loved exploring everything near us. Alaska is unique. There is a lot to do all year. Both in the beautiful winters and in the summers where the sun is out all the time.



# Our Friends, Family and Values

We are very close with our families on both sides! Most of Sam's family is spread out in Alaska and we see them fairly often. Sam has 4 sisters and is incredibly close with all of them, 2 of them have kids as well so there are many cousins our kids adore.

Most of Daniel's family lives in California, we typically travel to see them at least once a year. Or they will come here to us.

We love our families so much and it is very important to us for our kids to be around their extended family and have them in their lives as they grow.

We are Bible believing Christians, and our faith guides every area of our lives. Church community is a big part of our lives.

We also love having family traditions for holidays and any special occasions and as we've had kids we try more and more to come up with our own special traditions that our kids will look forward to





# Why We Are Adopting

Sam's births were pretty difficult and traumatic for her but we love being parent's and really desire to have more children to bring into our family and love unconditionally.

I (Sam) have 2 adopted sisters from Ethiopia, so adoption has been a big part of my life from a young age. When Daniel and I were dating we talked about adoption being a part of our lives at some point, and we feel like that time is now!



# Our Work and Hobbies

Daniel is a web designer and owns his own business, so he gets to work from home which is such an amazing blessing. I (Sam) am a stay at home mom, and I love it so much. It's such important work raising children and I don't take it lightly.

Sam loves to bake, read, learn new skills, and take on random craft projects. Daniel loves to read, play games, and take on DIY projects around the house. As a family we love to spend time outdoors and exploring new places. We are really wanting to start us all on cross country skiing as our new winter hobby. We love to travel as well and just see as many beautiful places as possible, it's so much fun to see exploring through our kids eyes!



# Dear Baby

We can't wait to meet you, and already love you so much. We promise to seek to know you and care for you in every way you may need. We will always encourage you, lift you up, respect you, and love you unconditionally no matter what. We will be your protectors and guides, we'll laugh and cry with you, have fun with you, and do our very best to reflect the love of God in how we parent you. You are so precious to us and what a blessing you will add to our family unit!



We can't promise to be perfect parents since we are imperfect humans, but we can promise to love your baby unconditionally. We promise to grow and learn in areas we need to do better, and we will always sacrificially care for your baby. They will be truly treasured as the unique human they are in our home. We cannot wait to welcome you in to our family if you would have us, but no matter what you decide we are thinking and praying for you as you navigate all this!

*All Our Love,*

*Samantha and Daniel*

