



JOSH & SHELBY

ABOUT US

Hello, we're Josh and Shelby!

Shelby grew up in a small town in Missouri, with 2 older brothers and the most supportive parents. She transitioned over to the Kansas side through college and got a teaching job, where she has stayed for 10 years.

Josh grew up in Kansas with the same valued, supportive parents and one older brother. Josh was very active in sports all throughout school. He taught himself early on all things hands-on and welding. He has continued that into his career today, working in maintenance and welding.

Fast forward to now, to a tight-knit family, blended together. Shelby has 3 nephews and Josh has a daughter, a niece and 3 nephews.



OUR LOVE STORY

Josh and I met in 2016, where I was teaching at the same school his daughter attends. Fast forward to January of 2018, when I received a message asking how I was enjoying my snow day. He eventually asked if I was interested in a date with him, and the rest was history. By the following January, we were engaged, and by October, we were married.



OUR WHY

We knew when we were dating that children would be in our future. I always wanted a big family since I'm so close to my own, including extended family from other states. After a year of trying, I knew something wasn't right. I had to undergo several medical tests and found out that having children would be nearly impossible for me. We tried multiple rounds of IUI, but that didn't work. Once we got to IVF, we discovered I had a 5% chance of having my own children, with medical assistance. After years of trying, we knew adoption would be our best avenue to finally have the family we have been missing. We are ready for a family of our own to cherish and love, introduce all of the wonder of traveling, teach life skills, provide opportunities of education and hands-on experiences, and so much more!



MEET SHELBY

WRITTEN BY JOSH

When I first started dating Shelby, I knew in my heart there was something good between us. Then as time went on, I learned just how much she loves kids. Being a teacher I figured she must, but I had to be sure because I have a daughter of my own. As we continued our journey together I saw just how beautiful of a person Shelby really is. She is caring, loving, loves kids, loves teaching her students and puts 100% into her relationships every year with each and everyone of her students. She teaches them not only the things they learn through curriculum, but also teaches them all the traits that I love about her. Before I met Shelby, I didn't travel or do anything besides go to work and go home, other than the weekends I had my daughter. I have now flown and gotten to experience many different destinations. I wouldn't even dream of doing that without her by my side. We've taken walks on the beaches in Mexico and Jamaica, been camping and hiking in beautiful areas, traveled to different places across the US, where we've seen the Badlands and the list goes on, and will still continue! I love life with her and don't ever want that to change. She would 100% be the best Mom and love children to the fullest and as her very own. She would teach them all the things she has taught me about life and most of all love them, and give them a great life. She has my heart forever and together I know we will be great parents.



MEET JOSH

WRITTEN BY SHELBY

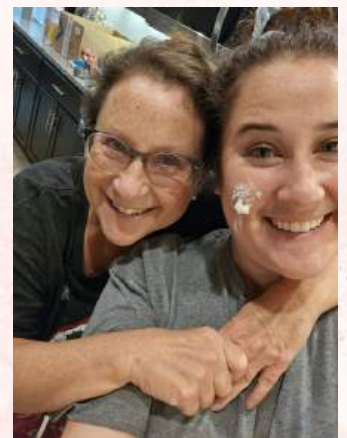
I knew I was going to marry Josh on our second date. I called my dad the next morning and told him even though I've been on 2 dates with this man, I still felt like he was the one for me. My dad laughed at me. Little did we know, a year later, he would be proposing, and 9 months after that, we would get married. Josh is the hardest working man I know. He is so calm, gets along with everyone, and has a huge heart. If there is ever a time of need for anyone, you can bet that he is there to help out. When I watch him interact with my nephews, my heart swells with pride and joy. I cannot wait to have a family with him and share a new part of life together.



PEOPLE WE LOVE

Shelby's family enjoys having get-togethers at her parents' house, where they enjoy big meals, running around on the farm, or swimming in their pool. Her parents take the grandkids on field trips during the summer every week. They have also taught the boys how to swim.

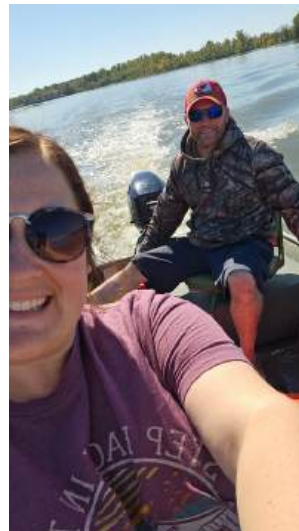
After living in town for several years, we decided to buy land in the country to build our forever home. Josh and his Dad have always been close and enjoy spending time together in the barn, where they work on classic cars, trucks, and project pieces. Josh's daughter has graduated high school, moved out and is finding her place in the world. Since family is so important to us, our property is near where Josh grew up and where his dad currently resides. Our future children will get to enjoy country life and be next to their Grandpa.





OUR HOBBIES

Living in a small town in Kansas, we have access to several things around us. Locally, we love to take the boat out on the river and fish. Josh and I try to see who can catch the most fish, but release them back once we document our catch. We love going to local parks and having picnics, or driving around on the back country roads to see the beautiful scenery. We also enjoy attending football and baseball games. We have a love for traveling and seeing the world. In our years together we have visited Cancun, Cozumel, Jamaica, as well as 8 states. We try to plan a big trip every year, with the little weekend getaways in between. We have seen wonders of traveling that range from dolphins swimming in the ocean, to wolves in Colorado, to the Badlands and Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, and so many more amazing memories. We have always wanted to share memories like these with our children.





TO YOU

We understand that this is a life changing decision, and our hope is that you understand how grateful we are to you. Thank you so much for considering us as a home for your child. The strength and bravery it has taken for you to choose a future for your child shows. We will love and cherish him/her to no end. They will be surrounded by a supportive, caring, and adoring family. Their grandparents, cousins, aunts/uncles, and extended family will spoil them with so much love. We send you all of our gratitude for considering our family.