

AMANDA & ADAM



HELLO! WE'RE

AMANDA, ADAM, & SCARLETT

FROM ILLINOIS

We feel so grateful that
you are taking the time
to learn about us and
our story.



BEST FRIENDS



OUR 1ST CHRISTMAS
TOGETHER!

• WE ARE •

so excited to be on this
journey to



GROW

our family through
adoption again and for
Scarlett to be a big sister!

We hope you can get a
sense of the fun loving
people that we are.



We live in central Illinois in a neighborhood full

of children. While our house is
in the middle of town and walking
distance to a lot of fun activities, we
have a creek full of wildlife behind
us that is relaxing to watch when
we're just hanging around the yard.
We also have a large circle of friends
and family in town that can't wait to
help us welcome and love your child.

It is so important to us that you know how
much love we have to offer, and that we will
provide for your child a community of care
and support. We can't wait to share our love
of travel, music and sports (if they like the
right team) with your child and provide them
with all of the love and support we have given
to Scarlett.

For over 5 years we had struggled to
get pregnant and had suffered several
miscarriages. While it was challenging, it
proved we can work through anything and
we are a good team. It also taught us to not
take family for granted - which is why we
appreciate every day together and appreciate
that without adoption, we may never have had
these moments.

WE ADMIRE YOUR STRENGTH AND ARE SO
GRATEFUL THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE
PATH OF ADOPTION. WE HOPE TO HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU AND GO FARTHER
THROUGH THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER.

WE MET THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND THAT INVITED ADAM TO MY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

After the first few times of meeting, Adam asked me on a date, so we went to a new Irish pub and it was amazing how much fun we had getting to know each other, sharing funny stories and just laughing. **We feel so lucky to have found each other and can honestly say we have just as much fun together now as we did when we met.**

After 11 years together, we still find little ways to show our appreciation or surprise one another. One of the biggest surprises of my life was the night we got engaged. Adam asked if I wanted to go with friends to see a live band for New Years Eve. That sounded like a great way to ring in the new year so we went with about 30 friends to a local venue and at 11PM the band started playing my favorite song. I looked up and was so confused when I saw Adam on stage with a microphone in hand, but was ushered up by friends and to my shock, he proposed in front of over 100 people! It was such an exciting start to a lifelong relationship full of fun moments.

To us, family and life experiences are what's most important, which is why we find time to travel and expose ourselves and our daughter to as many of them as we can.

AMANDA &
SCARLETT!



NAP TIME

OUR STORY

• HOW IT STARTED •



BIKING IN
HAWAII



A NIGHT OUT
TOGETHER

THIS
OR
THAT

NETFLIX OR YOUTUBE

→ Amanda Netflix
→ Adam Netflix

CALL OR TEXT

→ Amanda Call
→ Adam Text

MUSIC OR PODCASTS?

→ Amanda Music
→ Adam Music

BIG OR SMALL PARTY

→ Amanda Big party
→ Adam Big party

CAKE OR PIE

→ Amanda Pie
→ Adam Cake

SNEAKERS OR SANDALS

→ Amanda Sandals
→ Adam Sneakers

CITY OR ISLAND LIFE?

→ Amanda Island for sure!
→ Adam Island

ICED OR HOT COFFEE

→ Amanda I've never had coffee! When I was young I heard it stunts your growth.
→ Adam Hot coffee

MOVIE AT HOME OR IN THE THEATER?

→ Amanda Home
→ Adam Theater



ENJOYING SUMMER



MATCHING MOMMY

MEET AMANDA

BY ADAM

Amanda is wonderfully nurturing and is always doing what she can to help friends and family. Whether she is doing little projects or buying thoughtful gifts, she constantly tries to show those close to her she cares.



MORE ABOUT Amanda

Amanda is an amazing mother. She loves spending time with Scarlett and takes great care of her. Whether they are making healthy food in the kitchen or running to Target for more diapers, they are always having fun together. Amanda also plans a lot of fun trips and activities for the family so we can all spend quality time together.

Amanda really likes spending time outdoors, planting flowers and gardening. When it's nice out, she'll get off work early to take Scarlett to the zoo or on a long walk and one of their favorite things to do is swing in our back yard.

AMANDA AND OUR DOGS!



A FEW FAVS

- **ANIMAL** Dog
- **ATHLETE** Aaron Rodgers
- **CHILDHOOD ACTIVITY** Flashlight tag
- **CHILDREN'S BOOK** The Little Fur Family

- **CHILDREN'S MOVIE** Trolls
- **DESSERT** Cherry Cheesecake
- **GAME** Scattegories
- **HOBBY** Crafting, I love to craft!
- **HOLIDAY** Christmas

- **ICE CREAM FLAVOR** Butter Pecan (even though Adam tells me that's what old people like)
- **MOVIE** Christmas with the Kranks
- **MUSICAL ARTIST** H.E.R.

- **PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD** The pumpkin patch

Adam is the kindest and definitely most patient person I've ever met. He is always there for friends and family when they need help and is just genuinely someone that people enjoy being around.



MEETING

SANTA

When we became parents, it was no surprise to me how natural Adam was and what a calming force he is when things start to get hectic. I have always said he is Scarlett's favorite toy and watching the two of them play and snuggle absolutely warms my heart. Adam is also an amazing husband and partner and I know I can count on him for whatever I need.

Adam is really into music so he's always taking me to concerts and turning me onto new artists, he golfs with his friends and is always ready to play cards or a board game, which since become parents has become a regular pastime of ours!



A DAY AT THE
GOLF COURSE!



HOT DOGS WITH
OUR NEPHEW!

MEET ADAM

WRITTEN BY AMANDA

A FEW FAVS



- ANIMAL Otter
- ATHLETE Walter Payton
- CHILDHOOD ACTIVITY Playing sports with my friends
- CHILDREN'S BOOK Berenstain Bears
- CHILDREN'S MOVIE Rugrats
- DESSERT Chocolate Brownies
- GAME Trivial Pursuit
- HOBBY Golfing and traveling with Amanda
- HOLIDAY The 4th of July
- ICE CREAM FLAVOR Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
- MOVIE Superbad
- MUSICAL ARTIST 311
- PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD Sporting events

THE PLACE WE CALL
HOME
IN CENTRAL
ILLINOIS

We live in a city in central Illinois full of fun family activities!

Our community is a nice balance between big city life and a small farm town and has

so much to offer from our children's museum to minor league baseball games.

Some of the things we enjoy doing in our free time is going to our local zoo so Scarlett can practice her animal sounds, street festivals with local food and art vendors and Saturday morning trips farmers market in our downtown square! A lot of our time is spent just hanging out with friends and their children at someones house. We love getting together to see each other regularly and watch all of our kids play and create memories together!

**ADAM IS A BEARS FAN &
AMANDA IS A PACKERS FAN!**

We also really enjoy just staying home and relaxing and playing with Scarlett. We play games, grill while she toddles around the patio and backyard and spend a lot of time gardening and playing fetch with our dog. We absolutely love being outside and really enjoy living somewhere with all the seasons. We have white Christmases, summers in the pool and everything in between.

**ADAM & SCARLETT
ON THE PATIO**

**HOME SWEET
HOME!**

MEEKO AND PENNY

**AMANDA & SCARLETT
WITH FRIENDS**

PACKERS GAME!

MEET OUR
PETS

We have two rescue dogs. Meeko is happy to help anyone that wants to work on their biceps and play fetch with him for hours. Penny is the sweetest girl and just likes to lay around and LOVES everyone. She has been just as excited for a baby in the house as us now that she has someone to give her some table scraps off the highchair. They are both great with kids; Meeko even went to work with Amanda when she was a nanny to twins girls in college!

FAMILY IS INCREDIBLY
IMPORTANT TO US AND WE
ARE LUCKY MOST OF OURS
IS NEARBY.

We get together with Adam's family a lot for pool days, dinner or just to visit and play games. Adam's

parents have lived in the same home for more than 40 years and it is an amazing place to spend time as a family. We see Adam's sister and her kids often because she is a stay at home mom and watches Scarlett a few days a week, which has turned out to be amazing. The kids Scarlett and play with her all day and she comes home a happy, worn out little girl! We enjoy taking family vacations with them or just having the kids over to have a sleepover. **Our favorite family tradition is spending time with Adam's family on Christmas Eve.** It's usually around 25 people, we make entirely too much food, play tons of group board games and belly laugh for hours. One year, we even had a Santa Claus show up and Amanda was just as excited as all the little kids.

OUR FAMILY

• MEET OUR LOVED ONES •



SPAFFORD

CREW

Amanda's mom and stepdad live an hour away and her house is a super fun place for kids. They have chickens, dogs, a tortoise and a ton of other animals to play with. We love to go over there and enjoy the small town vibes and hang around the kitchen cooking together. Amanda's dad retired early, packed up and moved to the beach in Florida and now lives

a few hours from her sister. We love going down there and visiting because it gives us an excuse to take long weekends and unwind on the beach. Scarlett took her first flight to see them at 9 months old and had the best time experiencing the beach and all the new sights. Amanda's dad is the life of the party, we've even gone on trips with him and it's been a great time.



SCARLETT &
NANA



AMANDA WITH THE TWINS &
PENNY

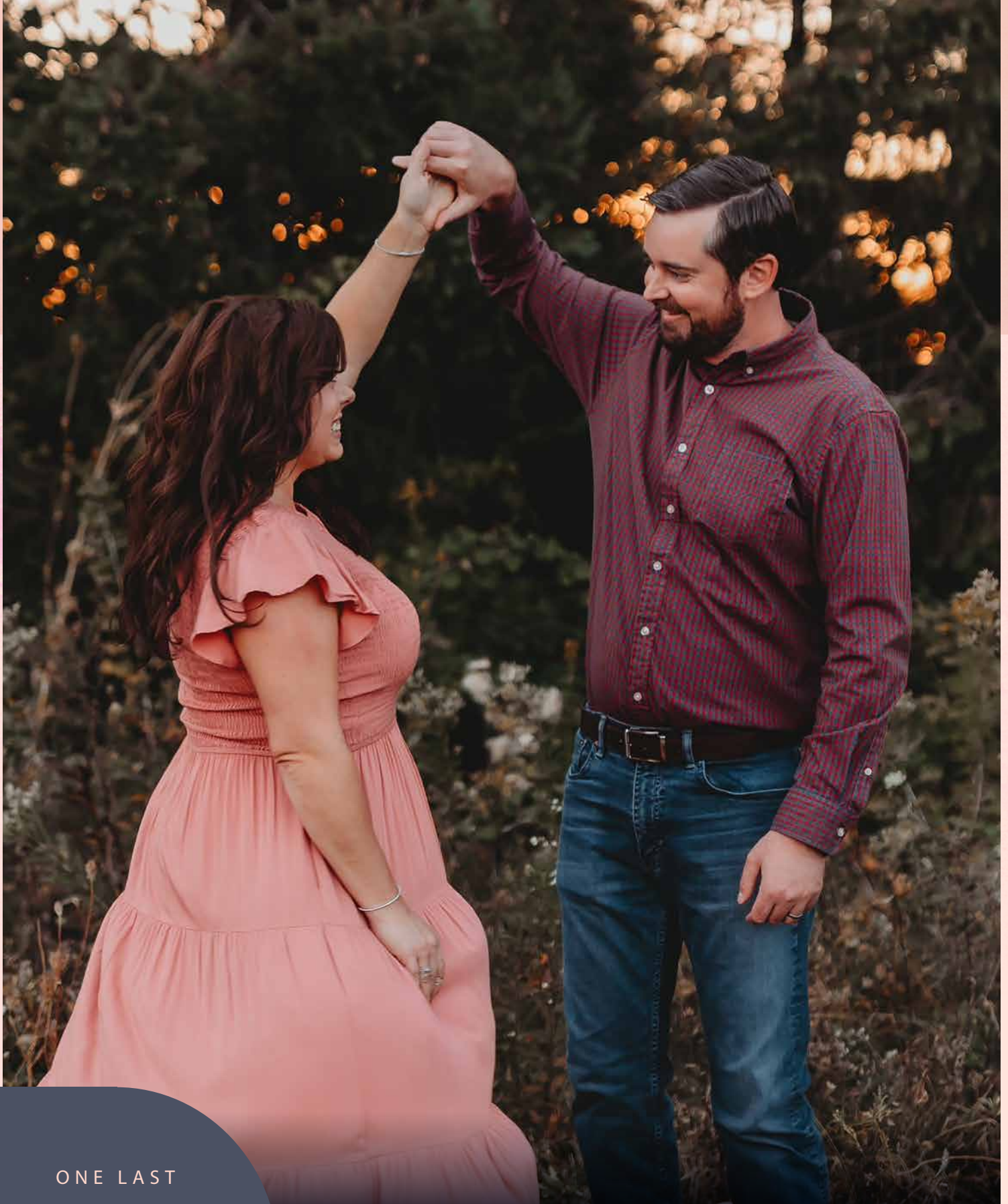


COUSIN TIME



AT THE BEACH WITH
GRANDPA & AUNTIE

BOTH OF OUR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE OF OUR JOURNEY AND ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE ANOTHER BABY TO SPOIL LIKE THEY DO SCARLETT. Our family provides us with support, A LOT of laughter and silliness, but the thing they give the most is love, we can't express how excited they are to be able to add another child to the fun.



ONE LAST
THANK
YOU



We realize we can never know what you might be feeling right now, and that this profile is only a peek into who we are, but we want to thank you for taking the time. We are so in love, and adopting our daughter has shown us how much love and fun times we have to offer your child. We know this decision will connect us for the rest of our lives and hope you are interested in getting to know more about us as we would love to learn more about you.