

MATTHEW & ELIZA



hello!

We want to start by saying thank you so much for taking time to learn about our family. We know that the decision you are facing is deeply personal and comes from a place of profound love, strength, and courage. We approach this moment with humble hearts and great respect for you and your journey.

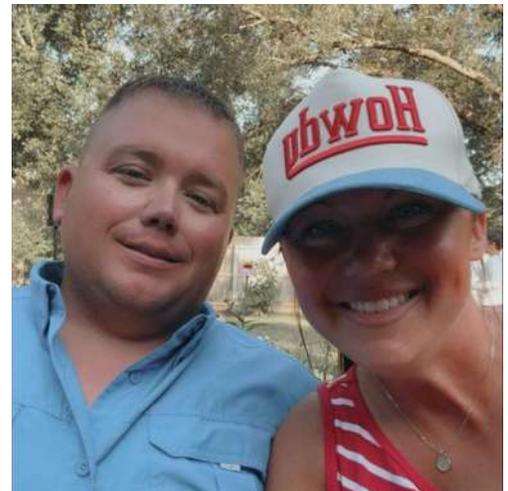
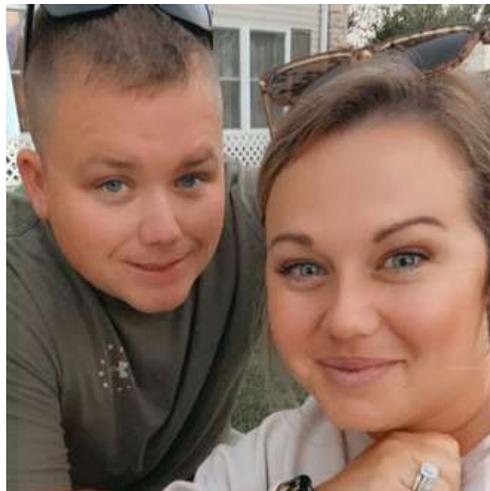
Our desire to grow our family through adoption is rooted in faith and love. We believe that God places people in our lives with purpose, and we trust that he is guiding each step of this journey with care. Our hope is to provide a child with a home filled with warmth, stability, and unconditional love.

As parents we look forward to the quiet moments and the joyful ones: bedtime prayers, family traditions, learning together, and walking hand and hand through life's milestones. Our prayer is that our home will always be a place where our children feel safe and deeply loved.

Thank you for considering us and for the love that guides your decision. We are praying for you and wishing you peace, clarity, and comfort as you take each step forward.

Our Story

Our story together began long before we were married. Our grandparents were best friends, and in many ways, it feels like our lives were woven together long before we realized it. We have now been married for 13 years. We are blessed to be parents to two biological children. From the very beginning of our marriage we talked openly about adoption. Adoption has always held a special place in our hearts, and we trusted that God would guide our family's story in his perfect timing. In 2018 Eliza faced a life changing moment when she had to undergo a hysterectomy. It strengthened our faith and reaffirmed what we had always known in our hearts – that God was leading us toward adoption. We believe wholeheartedly that God is calling us to grow our family through adoption, and we are excited and humbled by the possibility of welcoming another child into our hearts and home.

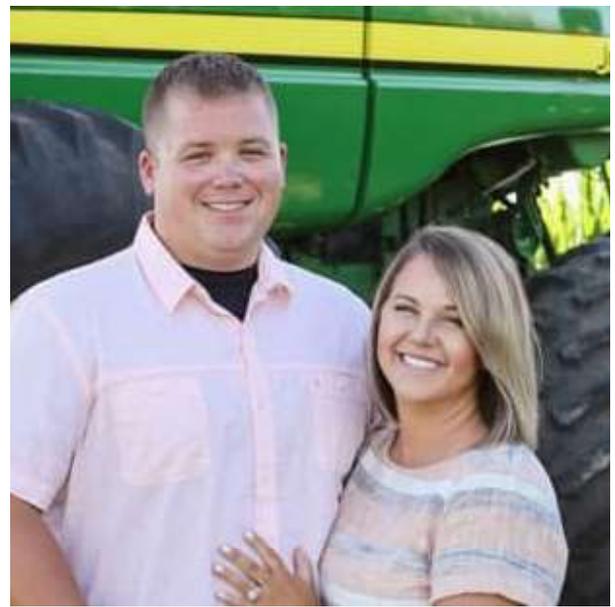


MEET *Eliza*

Eliza is someone who finds joy in the simple and meaningful moments of life. She loves being outdoors and admiring God's creations. A good cup of coffee is one of Eliza's favorite small comforts.

She values connections deeply and is happiest when surrounded by loved ones. Eliza's faith is an important part of who she is. Her faith shapes her desire to raise a child in a home filled with love, patience, grace, and encouragement. She also has a deep love for holidays big and small. From decorating and baking to gathering with family and celebrating meaningful traditions.

As a mother Eliza is nurturing, present, and endlessly supportive. Her greatest wish is to provide a child a home where they feel safe, cherished, and deeply loved every single day.



fun facts

- Favorite color is pink
- I love all four seasons; each one a reminder of renewal and new beginnings
- We homeschool our children!
- I love all Holidays but I especially enjoy Christmas Eve & the anticipation of Santa
- My children are my world

MEET *Matt*

Matthew is a steady, thoughtful presence who values faith, family, and living with purpose. Whether he is spending time with family or lending a helping hand, Matthew finds joy in being present and dependable. Matthew enjoys spending time outdoors and appreciates the sense of peace that comes from fresh air and open space. He loves spending his free time doing home improvement projects, helping out on the family farm & playing with the kids. Family is deeply important to Matthew. He enjoys extended family dinners, conversations, and traditions that bring everyone closer. He believes that home should be a place of comfort and encouragement, where laughter is common and everyone feels supported.

As a father, Matthew hopes to bring a source of strength, guidance, and unconditional love. His greatest desire is for his children to always feel safe, valued, and confident knowing they are deeply loved and supported every step of the way.



fun facts

- Favorite color is orange
- I love to grill & smoke meat
- I love my job. I love working with all my customers. So many are like family now.
- I enjoy hunting, fishing, & riding side-by-sides
- I enjoy our yearly family trips to the beach
- My family is my greatest blessing

What I love about...

ELIZA

Eliza has the biggest heart and a natural gift for making everyone feel loved and welcome. She lives for her children. She is a wonderful wife and mother.

Everyone who meets her feels her warmth, kindness, and genuine care.



What I love about...

MATTHEW

Matthew's laid back demeanor makes everyone feel at ease, and his strong work ethic shows in everything he does. He loves his family deeply, providing for us both financially and emotionally, and he is always present. He is a steadfast partner and an incredible role model, and he's a loving and devoted parent.







Jagger

Jagger is an energetic 12 year old who brings so much joy and laughter into our family. He has a big heart and a fun-loving spirit, and he is especially excited about the idea of welcoming a sibling into our home. He loves spending time outdoors and enjoys activities that keep him active and adventurous. Jagger loves riding his dirt bike and being outside as much as possible. He has a playful personality but is also very protective of the people he loves. As a big brother, Jagger is excited to teach, help, and include a younger sibling in his life. He looks forward to sharing laughs and being someone a sibling can always count on!

Cecil

Cecil is a sweet, curious 10 year old with a kind heart and a strong desire to help. He enjoys being involved in whatever is happening around him and takes pride in lending a hand, especially when it comes to helping on the farm. One of Cecil's favorite things is collecting John Deere toy tractors. Cecil also enjoys riding his side by side and spending time outdoors, where he can explore and have fun alongside his family. When it's time to slow down he enjoys playing video games and relaxing at home. As a younger brother Cecil is loving and gentle, and is so excited about the idea of welcoming another sibling into the family. He can't wait to share his toy collection with his younger sibling!





OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

Our home is a place filled with love, comfort, and intention. We have lived in our home for 7 years, and over that time we have thoughtfully renovated the inside to create a space that feels warm, safe, and welcoming. Every room reflects the life we've built together and the joy of raising a family in a home that truly feels like ours! We live on a quiet, peaceful dead-end lane where children can play and families look out for one another. Our large, fully fenced in yard is a favorite gathering place – perfect for outdoor play, family time, and making everyday memories. It's a space where laughter is shared freely and little feet are always welcomed.

What makes our neighborhood especially meaningful is the people. Our neighbors are absolutely wonderful and treat us like family. It's the kind of place where doors are always open, friendships grow naturally, and children are surrounded by love, safety, and belonging.





Our Pets

Our home is also filled with love from our pets. Benji and Winnie are our four year old mini Goldendoodles who absolutely adore children and are the ultimate snuggly fur babies. They bring so much joy, comfort, and playfulness into our home. We also have Salem, our rescued outdoor/garage cat, who is gentle and sweet in his own way. Together, our pets add warmth, companionship, and plenty of smiles to our everyday life.





Eliza's Family

Family is the heart of our lives, and we are so grateful for the loving circle that surrounds us. My parents Tom and Karen, are the foundation of our family, offering wisdom, support, and endless encouragement. My parents have been married 43 years! My sister Libby and brother in law Mark bring so much fun and laughter to our lives. Our niece McKenzie and nephew Hayden add joy and energy to every family gathering. Together, our family is a source of love, faith, and shared memories that we treasure deeply. We make sure to always spend time together during holidays whether that's watching fireworks, trick or treating, or spending a few hours on Christmas Day together!

Our extended family is eager to surround a child with love, faith, and a strong sense of belonging. We believe that family is not just who you are born to but who loves, nurtures, and celebrates you – and our hearts are ready to grow!

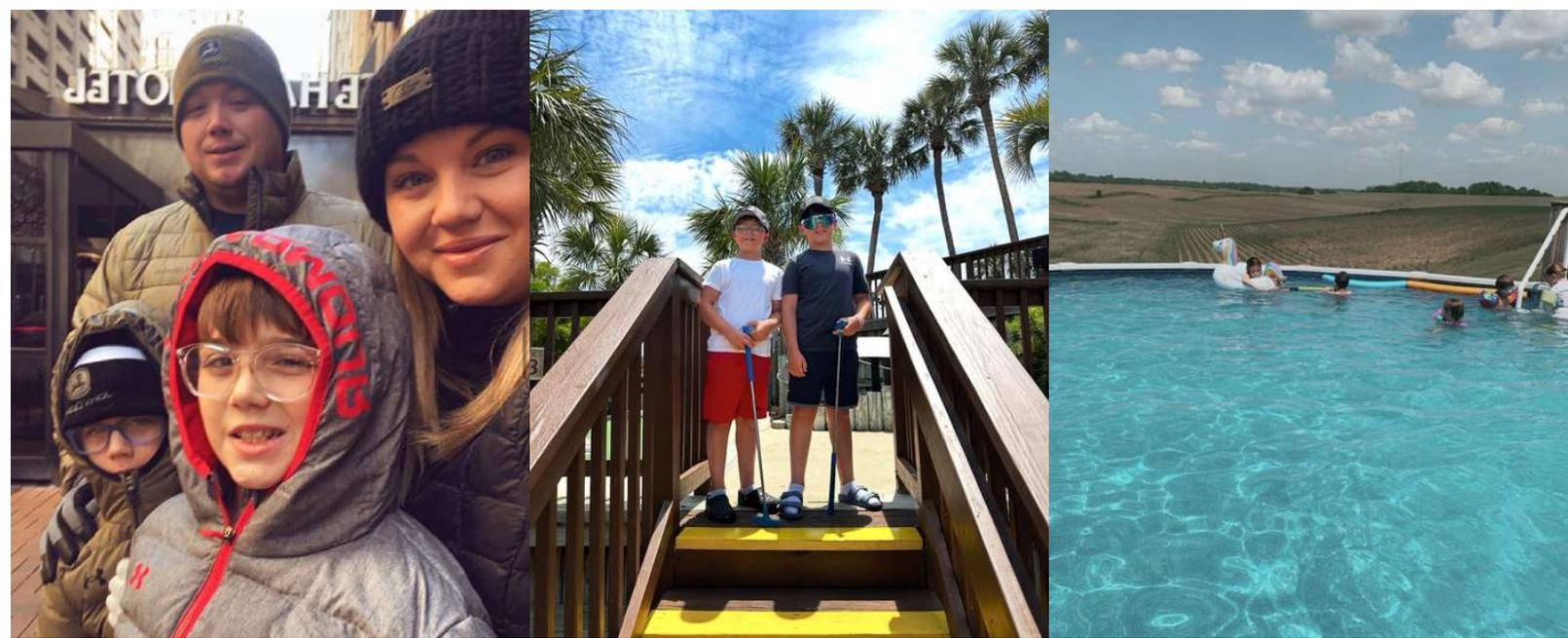




Matthew's Family

My parents, Monte and Sandy, are loving and supportive, always offering guidance, encouragement, and a strong foundation of faith. They've been married for 41 years. My brother Josh and sister in law Jessica, and our nieces Harper, Lennon, and Penelope bring joy, playfulness, and high energy to every family gathering! Our family cherishes time together – whether it's around the dinner table, helping on the farm, or celebrating special moments. We are so excited to welcome a new little one into this circle of love. Faith, Family, and Farming are at the heart of who we are, and we look forward to sharing a lifetime of love, laughter, and belonging with a child.





OUR ADVENTURES

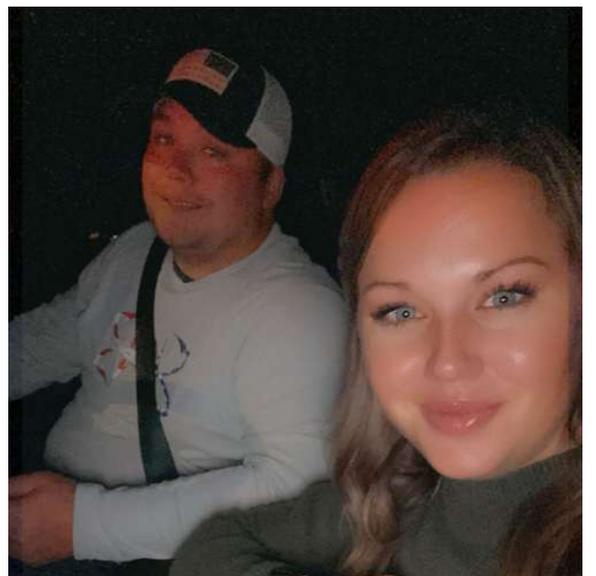
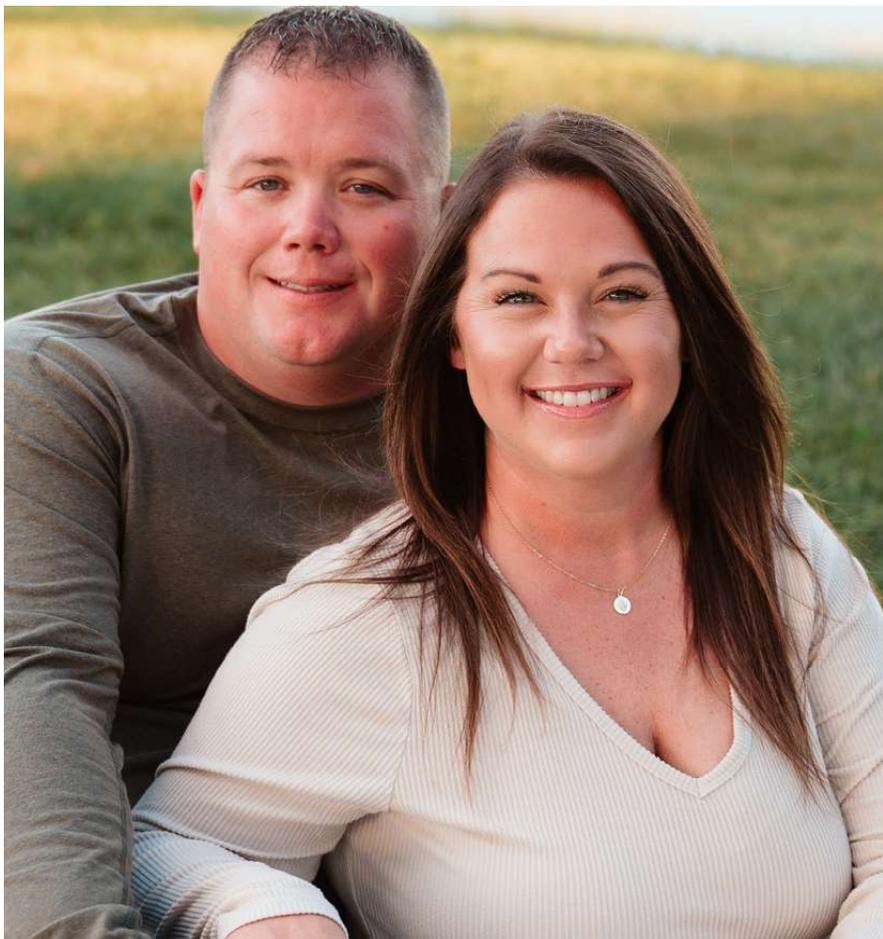
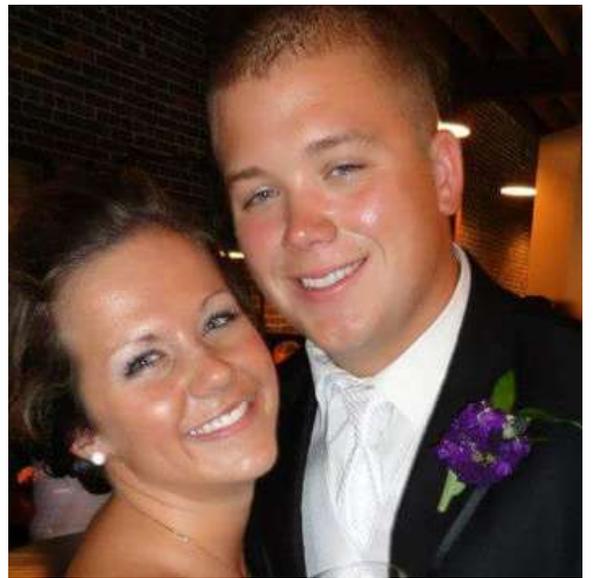
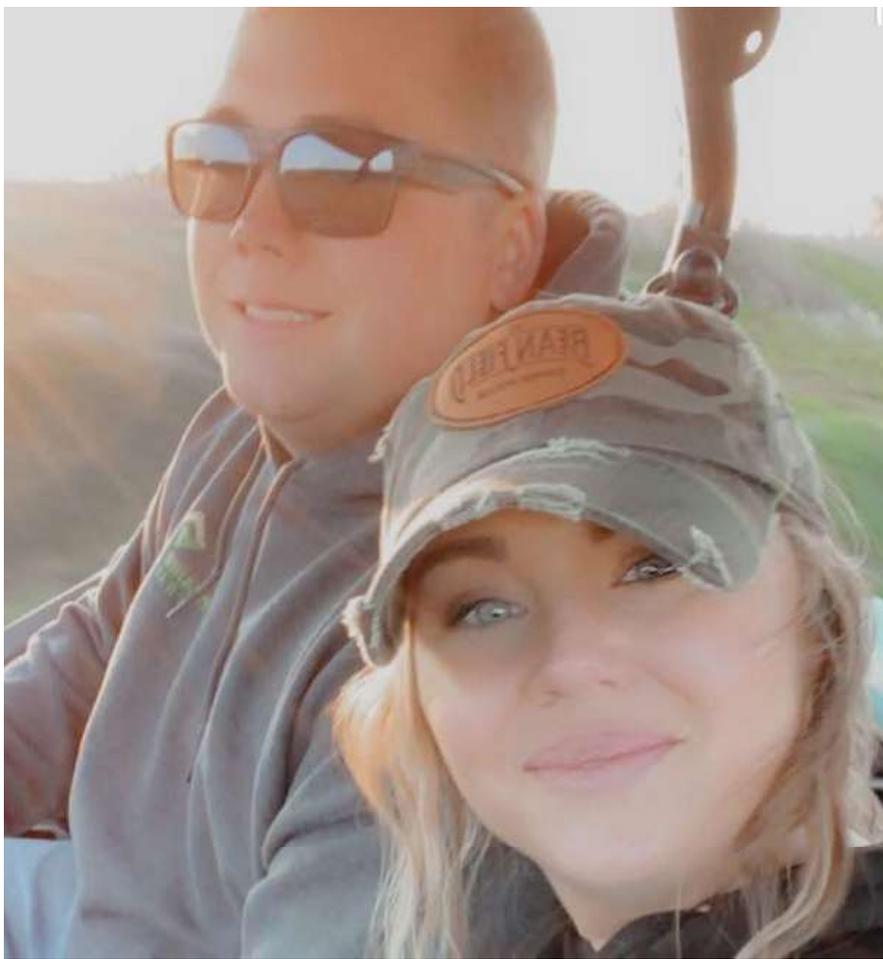
Our family loves making memories together through adventures big and small. Whether we're soaking up the sun in Florida, exploring the sights and energy of Chicago, walking around the charming town of Galena or the more simple moments of taking joy rides in the country on our side by sides, enjoying a hot summer day by grandma and grandpa's pool, sledding with our nieces and nephew, checking out the new and exciting equipment at the John Deere Commons, taking in all the local festivals in the summer and fall, exploring the birth place of Abraham Lincoln or just sitting around the table with friends enjoying their company. We look forward to sharing these adventures with a child - teaching them about the world, laughing together and creating traditions that will last a lifetime!



Traditions

- Birthdays are a big deal in our home! From fun cakes, to waking up to the house decorated & presents waiting for you on your special day!
- Christmas is such a magical time in our home! We go all out decorating inside and out! Elfie, our Elf on the Shelf makes every morning fun! Matching pajamas is a must for Christmas Eve/Day! Most importantly though remembering the reason for the season & spending it with family!
- Every holiday is joyfully celebrated in our home, and we look forward to creating and embracing new traditions as our family grows.





Thank you



From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you for the love and care you already have for your child. We pray for you daily, asking for peace, strength, and comfort as you make this brave and selfless decision. We honor you and your journey, and we promise to love your child deeply, nurturing them in a home filled with love.

WITH LOVE,

Matthew & Eliza