

HELLO! WE'RE

AMAMA \mathbb{Z} \mathbb{A} \mathbb{D} \mathbb{A} \mathbb{M}

FROM ILLINOIS

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



• WE ARE •

so excited to be on this journey to become

PARENTS





our family through adoption. 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.

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.

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 we have been waiting for years to give.

For over 4 years we have struggled to get pregnant and have suffered several miscarriages. While it has been challenging, its proven that we can work through anything and that we are a good team. It has also taught us to not take family for granted and someday when we are parents, to appreciate every moment because without adoption, we may never have had those moments.



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.

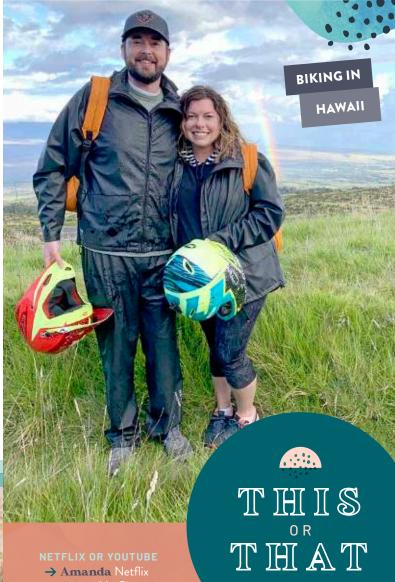
After ten years together, we still find little ways to show our appreciation or surprise one another. One of the biggest surprises of my life was the night we got engaged. Adam asked if I wanted to go with friends to see a live band for New Years Eve. That sounded like a great way to ring in the new 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, as well as animals... or we wouldn't be mentioning two of or our favorite things, our dogs, Meeko & Penny!



OUR STORY

• HOW IT STARTED •



→ Adam Netflix

CALL OR TEXT

- → Amanda Call
- → Adam Text

MILEIC OF PODCASTS

- → Amanda Music
- → Adam Music

BIG OR SMALL PARTY

- → Amanda Big party
- → Adam Big party

CAKE OR PIE

- → Amanda Pie
- → Adam Cake

SNEAKERS OR SANDAL

- → 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





AMANDA WITH FRIENDS

MEET

AMAMA

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.



Amanda is also incredibly outgoing. She brightens up any room she enters and is the type of person that is relatable and you can talk to about anything. On top of everything, she has a great sense of humor! Amanda is great at making people feel better and it's not uncommon for her phone calls to last for hours. When she talks to either of her parents, there's no telling how long they'll chat!

Amanda is amazing with children. In addition to being a nanny for twins, she

Amanda also really likes spending time outdoors...a lot.. If she is not laying in the hammock or pool, she's gardening or planting something in the yard. She



- → 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.



WRITTEN BY AMANDA

When I first met Adam, I was a nanny to twin 3 year old girls who were a handful but so much fun. Several months after we started dating, Adam met them and they were SO excited. I was a little nervous because it was a big step for him to meet my boss and the girls but he was playing with dolls and talking Dora the Explorer within minutes. Seeing Adam with kids is always fun because he really listens to them and makes time to have fun with them.

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.





→ 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



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 zoo to the children's museum. Some of the things we enjoy doing in our free time is go hiking at the nearby state park, enjoy street festivals and the farmers market in our downtowns square, and attend a minor league baseball game here in town!

A lot of our time is spent just hanging out with friends and their children at someone's house. We love getting together to see each other regularly and watching their kids play makes us even more excited to give our children that kind of group to be apart of.

We also really enjoy just staying home and relaxing sometimes. We play games, have friends and family over to grill 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.





ICE ARENA



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'll possibly be just as excited for a baby in the house as us so she can have someone to lay around with and give her some table scraps in a couple years.

They are both great with kids; Meeko even went to work with Amanda when she was a nanny in college!



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



OUR FAMILY

MEET OUR LOVED ONES •



games. Adam's parents still live in the same home for more than 40 years and it is an amazing place to spend time as a family. Adam's sister lives 10 minutes away so we often take our nephews to sporting events in town or just to our house to play drums and guitar and have a sleepover...Adam has this crazy dream of having a family band.

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.



Amanda's mom and stepdad live less than an hour away and her house is a child and animal lovers dream. 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 Florida 5 years ago

and now only lives a few hours from her sister. We love visiting and it gives us an excuse to take long weekends and unwind. We always do fun things like camp out, jet ski and deep sea fish when we go down. Amanda's dad is the life of the party, we've even gone on trips with him and it's been a great time.





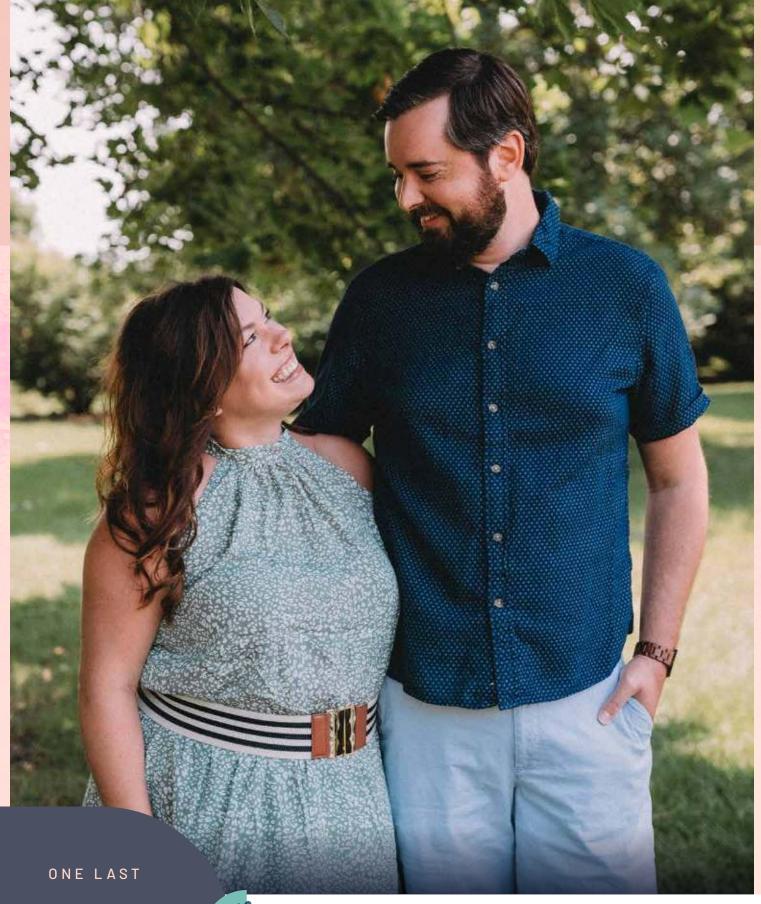
AMANDA WITH THE TWINS & PENNY



AMANDA'S GRADUATION WITH HER PARENTS

BOTH OF OUR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE OF OUR JOURNEY AND TRULY CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE A BABY TO LOVE

AND SPOIL. Our family provides us with support, ALOT of laughter and silliness, but the thing they give the most is love, and we can't express how excited they are to be able to add another child to the fun.



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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 have so much more to give to 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.