

AMANDA
& ADAM



HELLO! WE'RE

AMANDA & ADAM

FROM ILLINOIS

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



BEST FRIENDS



• WE ARE •

so excited to be on this
journey to become

PARENTS & GROW

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.

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,
it's 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 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 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 our favorite things, our dogs, Meeko & Penny!

POSING FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CARD!



OUR STORY

• HOW IT STARTED •



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



THE DRIVING RANGE
WITH OUR FRIENDS



AMANDA WITH FRIENDS

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 amazing with children. In addition to being a nanny for twins, she also loves babysitting our nieces and nephews. She plans a lot of fun trips and activities with them so we can spend quality time together.

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 has done a spectacular job of making our house a home and I know she can't wait to play with our children and teach them all about plants and outdoor activities as they grow up.

AMANDA AND OUR DOGS!



- **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.

A FEW FAVS



- **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.



ADAM SHOPPING
FOR RECORDS

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.



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 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.

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

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.

**HOME SWEET
HOME!**



**ICE ARENA
DOG RACES**



MEEKO AND PENNY



**ADAM BIKING
TO THE BEACH**



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'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 •

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



CELEBRATING ADAM'S PARENTS'
40TH ANNIVERSARY

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, A LOT 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.



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 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.