



STEVEN
AND
Victoria

hello!



Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and learn a little about us. We understand that this is a deeply personal and difficult decision, and **we respect the time, thought, and love you are putting into it.**

We are grateful for the opportunity to show you who we are, our values, and the love we hope to share with a child. No matter what you decide - whether you choose to parent, choose us, or choose another family - please know that **your value is not defined by this moment or by any single decision.** Our faith teaches us that **every person has inherent worth and dignity,** and we hold that belief with deep respect for you and your baby.

We will be praying for clarity + peace for you as you navigate this decision, and we truly respect the **deep care and love that you have for your child.**

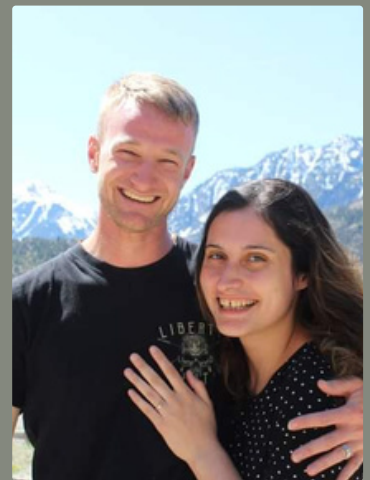
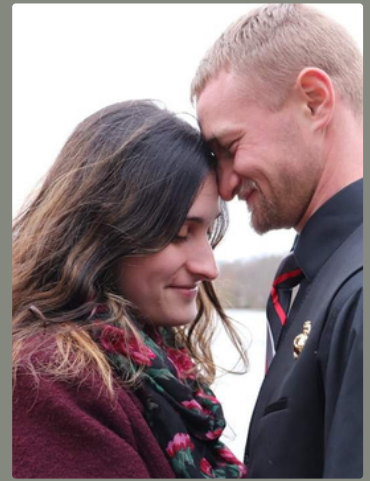


With love,
Victoria and Steven

our story

WE MET IN OHIO WHEN NEITHER OF US LIVED HERE YET!

- In 2019, we **met at a young adult gathering** in Ohio. Victoria had just graduated from nursing school and was preparing to take the NCLEX. Before the big test, her mom encouraged her to attend the event as a chance to recharge, and Victoria traveled from New Jersey. Steven had also traveled from Colorado to attend the same gathering.
- When we began talking, we quickly realized we shared a mutual friend from Colorado. When Victoria mentioned that she was about to begin working in the Emergency Department, **Steven's face lit up, and we immediately connected** over our shared love for the medical field.
- After the weekend ended, we returned to our home states—Victoria to New Jersey and Steven to Colorado—but stayed in touch through Facebook. Steven was one of the first people Victoria told when she passed the NCLEX, and about a month later, we began dating. After navigating a long-distance relationship, we were **married on November 7, 2020, at the same church where we first met**. We love each other deeply and are **so grateful for our marriage**.
- Coming from big families, we have always dreamed of having a big family of our own. While infertility and pregnancy loss have been part of our journey, **we feel strongly that adoption is the path we are meant to take and are excited for this next chapter**.





Victoria

OCCUPATION:

HOMEMAKER, PHOTOGRAPHER
AND WORK-FROM-HOME
TEACHER

GREW UP IN:

COLUMBUS, NEW JERSEY

FAVORITE PLACE TO BE:

ANYWHERE WITH STEVEN!

- Victoria is the **2nd oldest of five children** and grew up in New Jersey! She was homeschooled starting at 3rd grade. Community was SUPER important to her mom so they never felt that they missed out on having fun and socializing with others!
- As she got older, she decided to go to nursing school! While in school, she **worked on the Mother-Baby floor and got to learn so much about caring for babies there.** She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing in 2019 and worked in the Emergency Department for some time. Although not working bedside anymore, Victoria **uses her medical knowledge to teach online classes!**
- She has had a love for photography for a LONG time and has a wedding and portrait photography business as well! It is one of her **favorite creative outlets.**

fun facts

- Community is SO important to Victoria! She has been known to start different groups (for instance, she helped start a homemaking group with some church friends!) She also created a book club with some of her in-laws.
- Favorite colors: Burgundy and purple
- Hobbies: Photography, Pottery, Learning about Homesteading/Homemaking skills, Pilates, Pickleball, Walks with friends

ABOUT VICTORIA IN STEVEN'S WORDS

“SHE IS THE LIFE OF THE PARTY

*as well as a very
deep person.”*

“She is an incredibly strong
Catholic woman who has
dealt with a lot of heartache
yet **keeps her head high and
eyes locked on heaven.”**





Steven with our goddaughter, Daisy!

Steven

OCCUPATION:
FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC

GREW UP IN:
BASALT, COLORADO

FAVORITE PLACE TO BE:
HOME

- Steven is the **2nd oldest of ten children** and grew up on a 250 acre farm in Colorado! He had one of the **best childhoods ever**. He learned so many **life skills and critical thinking** by learning to **take care of farm animals and homesteading!**
- When Steven was a kid, his family got into a bad car accident and his mom was very injured. Thankfully, she had amazing medical care and was okay after many surgeries! Steven would go with her to doctor's appointments and was fascinated by the medical team; that is where **his love for the medical field began!** Now he is a firefighter paramedic as his full-time job and also a combat medic in the Army Reserves.
- LOVES to improve his knowledge and is always wanting to learn more skills! His latest adventure has been **becoming Ski Patrol certified and volunteering as medical aide if someone gets hurt at the local ski resort!**



FUN FACTS

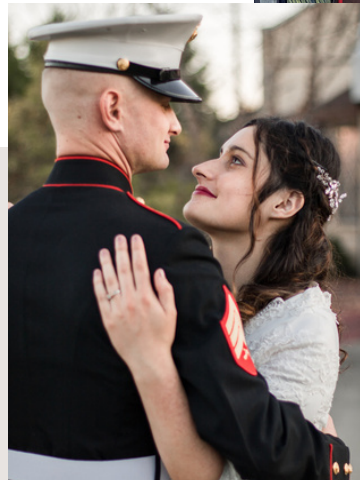
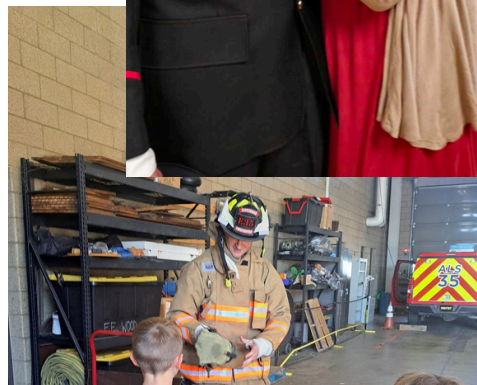
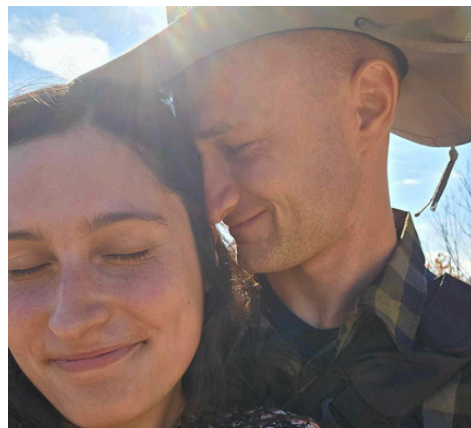
- Favorite colors: Green, Black and Red.
- Favorite shows: Psych + Brooklyn 99
- Hobbies: Beekeeping, Wood Working, Skiing, 3D printing, Racquetball, Pickleball, and Disc Golf!
- Favorite ice cream flavor: Cotton Candy



"HE IS A HERO IN SO MANY WAYS AND I'M
his biggest fan!"

Steven is the **hardest-working, caring, and considerate man** I have ever met! He is so observant and notices when someone is in need of help (and he just pitches in without needing be asked!). He loves **caring for people** and has the perfect personality (**calm, cool, collective**) for high-stress situations. He works with people at their lowest lows and **still comes home with such a cheerful attitude!** Best of all, he truly **trusts God with all that happens in life** and has been such an inspiration to me on what a good, faith-filled person should be. I feel so honored and blessed to be his wife and **I love to cheer him on in his dreams!!!**

**ABOUT STEVEN IN
VICTORIA'S WORDS**





Our favorite place to be...

H O M E S W E E T H O M E



Painting day with friends & Victoria's mom!



Christmas day!



Baking day with Victoria's mom & some ladies from church!



Smokey greeting Steven home!

When we started dating, we both said our dream home was to live in a log cabin!

- We always thought the dream would be to build a log cabin home - until we found what we wanted already built!!
- We live in a **rural area that is surrounded by trees**, giving us **a lot of privacy** and space for future kids (and our dogs!) to explore!
- Our home has 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms! We bought it with the intent that we would fill it with our family and grow into it! While we haven't added children (yet!), we have been able to **host lots of gatherings and extended family when they come to town!**
- One of our favorite parts is how **peaceful** it is!! You can hear the **birds chirping** and see the cardinals flying around! It is such a **beautiful place to be!**



O U R Faith

Both born and raised Catholic, our Faith has helped us through the highs and lows of life and is so important to us as a family!

- We got married and **attend the same church that brought us together in 2019!**
- The church community has been so wonderful and many of the **members feel like family now.**
- Attending Mass on Sundays and **living our Catholic Faith is a priority to us!**
- We love to take **rosary walks** down our driveway with the dogs and plan to continue that with our future child(ren)!





OUR FAMILY - STEVEN'S SIDE!

- Steven is **one of 10 children!** Out of the 10, seven of them are married and they all come together every chance they get. **Steven's parents have been happily married for over 30 years!**
- There are currently 15 nieces/nephews on Steven's side (with more coming!)
- Steven's side of the family has a **beautiful blend of some different cultures such as Hispanic, Latino/Native American, and Biracial.**
- **Family is extremely important to us.** Victoria even started a virtual book club with her mother-in-law & sisters-in-law so they could all chat and bond more!
- Even though our families live all across the United States, **staying close and connected is incredibly important to us,** and we prioritize time together whenever we can, especially around the holidays.



Steven with his mom!



Steven with Annie (his goddaughter & niece!)

OUR FAMILY - VICTORIA'S SIDE!

- Victoria is **one of 5 children!** Out of the 5, three are married!
- Victoria's parents have also been **married for over 30 years!**
- Most of Victoria's family live local and go to the same church, making it easy to see each other often! We generally spend holidays together in addition to regular get-togethers! We love playing board & card games together.



Visiting Andrew & Eliza in Georgia!



Victoria with two of her brothers, her parents and Uncle Mike!



Victoria visiting her brother, Nick at work!



Hosting Thanksgiving!



Celebrating Steven's graduation from Fire Academy!



Victoria & her sister, Patty!



M E E T T H E *pups*

- We have three dogs: Smokey, Missy, and Coco! They keep us on our toes but bring us so much joy!
- **Smokey** - a total "daddy's girl!" is happiest when curled up next to Steven!
- **Missy** - so sweet & generally calm. Obsessed with tennis/bouncy balls.
- **Coco** - thinks she's Smokey's size and pretends to be a lap dog! So lovable and LOVES to cuddle!



Cuddle time with Coco!



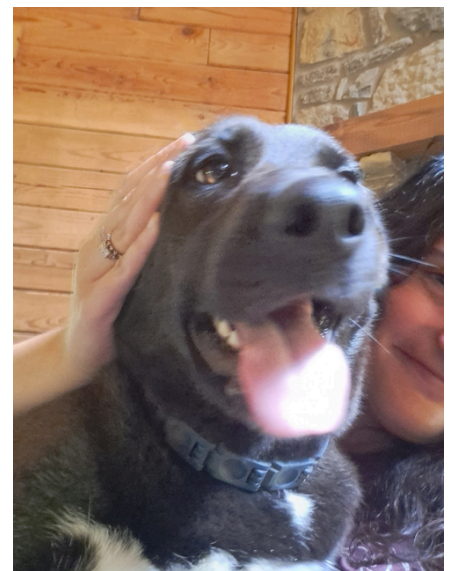
Smokey LOVES Steven!



Missy in her happy place!



Personal bubbles don't really exist with dogs!



Coco is such a happy dog!

OUR FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY



Victoria with two of her best friends -
Leanne and Alexa!



Victoria with one of her oldest friends, Victoria! (yep,
her name is Victoria too!!)



Cupcake decorating day with Gabby, Leanne &
Jacinta!



Painting day with friends!



Steven's friend Gerard visiting us from Colorado!



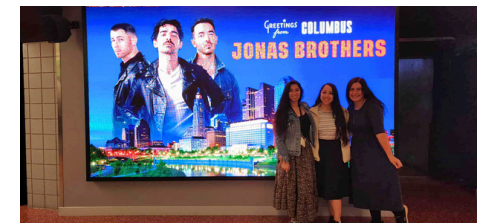
Steven's oldest & best friend - Brendan!



Claire & Travis have become some of our closest
friends!!



Steven and Travis checking on the beehive!



Going to the Jonas Brother's concert with Riza &
Alexa!



Victoria and Lexy went to nursing school together!



Victoria teaching Alexa some photography!



Us with our godson, Elias, on his baptism!

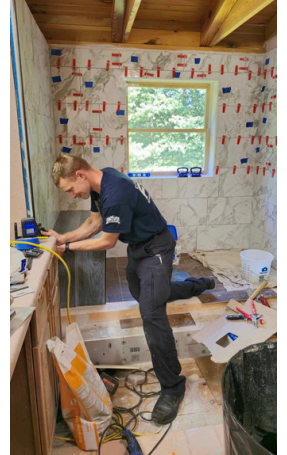
SOME OF OUR

favorite ways to spend our days

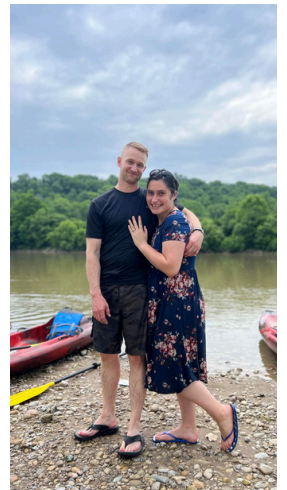
- We have a LOT of hobbies!
Although we often have different interests, one thing is the same: **we LOVE to expand our skills and learn new things!!** We are so excited to share this love for hobbies with our future child!
- Steven's hobbies: **3D printing, beekeeping, home projects, anything outdoors!**
- Victoria's hobbies: **photography, sewing, spending time with friends, soap and lotion making, taking classes (like ASL & pottery!)**
- Things we love doing together - going for **walks with the dogs**, playing frisbee golf & pickleball, doing escape rooms, skiing and just **spending time at home**.



We escaped!!



Steven renovated the bathroom in 2024!



Kayaking date!



Victoria & her friend photographing a wedding!



Steven making homemade fudge!



Making a plate at the pottery studio!

Thank you



Thank you so much for taking a look at our story. **We respect the thoughtfulness + care you are putting into this decision.**



Our hope is to raise a child to be **joyful, empathetic, charitable, hardworking, and rooted in faith.** We look forward to encouraging their interests and **being their biggest cheerleaders through every stage of life.**

We wish you **peace, clarity, and support every step of the way,** and we are so thankful for your time in reading our story.



with love,

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