

BRANDON & SUMMER





HELLO!

Dear Momma,

Thank you for taking the time to look at our portfolio. We are so in awe of you. We would love to encourage you in that while you are in the middle of making a very difficult decision, you represent bravery and selflessness. No matter what decision you make, we know that it is the best one for you and your baby. Although we do not know your story, we would love to! If you decide to move forward in creating an adoption plan for your baby, we pray that you feel immense peace about the family you choose. We are praying you find comfort in our photos but more importantly in our story.

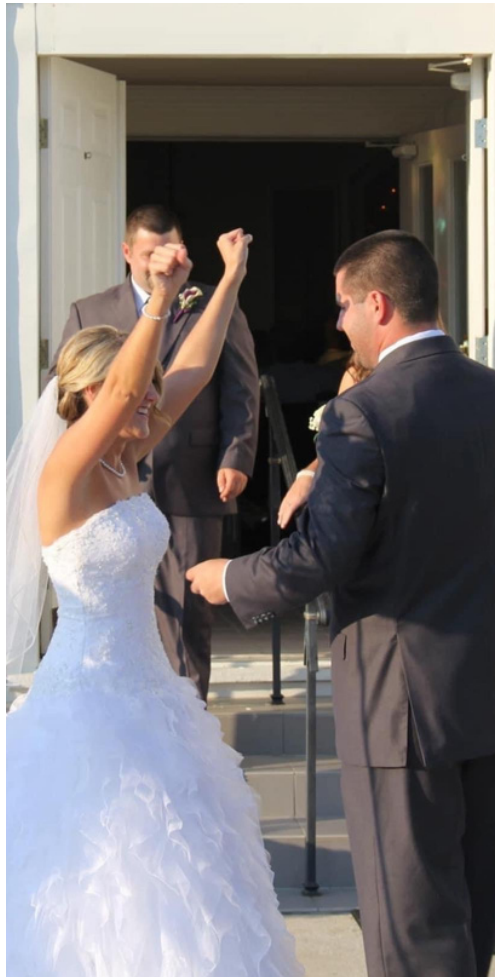
We are praying that throughout this time you feel the Lord's hand guiding and directing you. We would love for you to know that your baby will be loved unconditionally in our home. We will also always love you! You are a gift and a treasure. We hope that you feel even now that the decision you are making is covered by God's grace and blessings. We are excited to learn more about you and hopefully be connected in this beautiful, divine way. You are so loved!

LOVE ALWAYS,
BRANDON & SUMMER

THE BEGINNING

of our love story

We met by happenstance at the beach in the spring of 2009 through mutual friends. We spent hours driving around, laughing, and enjoying time together! Later in the evening, Summer left to hang out with some other friends and ended up canceling to go back and see Brandon. After that day, our love story writes itself. We began attending church functions, going on dates, and meeting each other's respective families. Just two weeks after meeting, Summer's family invited Brandon to travel with them to Disney World, where we officially became "boyfriend and girlfriend." The years flew by with many family gatherings, vacations, and love that blossomed from laughter and time well spent together. Fast forward five years into dating, and Brandon proposed to Summer on a piece of land that we purchased and still own. We pray that we can build our dream home on it in the future. In the fall of 2014, we tied the knot at our home church. We were surrounded by so many friends and family that the Church was filled; only standing room was left. Nine years later, and it still feels like it was just yesterday!



OUR HEARTS FOR *adoption*

Our hearts for adoption were discussed in our early years of marriage. Summer comes from a homelife that is adoption-esque. Having her birthmother leave her and her father as a small child, Summer's father eventually met the sweetest woman ever. That woman became Summer's "mama." Summer's mom, Pat, raised Summer and provided her with the unconditional love that any child would long for. Providing and caring for her, just as if she was born from her womb. She told Summer, growing up, that although she wasn't born from her tummy, she was certainly born from her heart. Being raised by such a woman who fulfilled every bit of the title "mama" left us knowing that we, too, could be those parents for a child. Our grand plan was always to have children naturally and adopt at least one child. God decided that he had a more perfect plan; that is where you come in, momma!

After several years of marriage, we decided we were ready to be parents. We tried for many years, with many treatments such as IVF, and were ultimately unable to naturally have a child of our own. Facing infertility and miscarriages was such a difficult road we traveled for many years. We experienced loss, confusion, and times of hopelessness. We cried, we prayed, and we pushed through. After exhausting all of the infertility options given, we took some time off and just lived life, waiting for the perfect plan to unfold in God's timing. That plan is now. We were introduced to CAS personnel and believe that it was God's timing as we were not actively searching for an adoption agency. We trust in the Lord's plans for our adoption journey and believe that the loss, pain, and confusion were all worth it! Your and your baby's lives are irreplaceable. We wouldn't trade anything we went through to have something different. Here we are, amidst God's plan, hoping that we're the perfect match for the rest of your unwritten plan with your baby.



MEET

Brandon

Hi, I'm Brandon. I'm a protector, a provider, and quite the comedian. I pride myself on morals embedded in me from my dad. Things like honesty, integrity, and servanthood. I love to work out, play video games, and spend time with my family, but my favorite thing to do is laugh.

I enjoy protecting my community, serving as a Police Officer for the past ten years. I enjoy having a job where I meet people from all walks of life every day and put my best foot forward in making mine and the communities around me safer. My best buddy is my partner, K9 Ori. He is a trained narcotics detection and tracking K9 who never cares what music or lunch venue I choose. We have worked together for six years; it has been some of the most rewarding times in my career.

When I'm not being serious on the job or training in the gym to be better, I can be found surrounded by those I love. Whether it be family, friends, or my fur babies, one thing is for certain: we're laughing and eating yummy food. I'm the uncle to four biological nephews, or as they know me, "Uncle Buck." There are another handful of bonus nephews and a niece whom I'm better known as "Uncle Brando." I enjoy these children and love to protect them just as I would my own.



HONEST | COURAGEOUS | STRONG-WILLED

MEET

Summer



Hey, I'm Summer. I'm a loving, cheerful, and trustworthy person! I am an only child, daddy's girl and mama's world. Growing up, I was the girliest of girls and an athlete. I competed in almost every pageant I could, played softball and basketball, and was a cheerleader throughout school. I love spending time with family, friends, and my fur babies.

My favorite name, for now, is "Aunt Summie" to all four of my biological nephews, plus my "bonus" nephews and nieces. Nothing makes me happier in life than to be able to go and support these children during their sports, dance, and other activities. I love watching them grow.

Brandon says that I "see no bad in the world" and often describes me as the soft, emotional side of his brave and strong persona. In my spare time, if I'm not at work or being the best cheerleader or an Aunt, you can usually find me on the water, watching football (Go Cowboys), or traveling!



In the last several years, I have learned to be brave. I have learned to be patient. Battling infertility for several years as a family has taught me these things. Through these tough times, I have found myself here, exactly where I believe I am supposed to be. I am waiting to be the mother to your sweet baby, raising him or her and spoiling them just as my "step mom" has always done for me.

PASSIONATE | GIVING | KIND | INTENTIONAL

OUR *Fur babies!*

You got to hear all about K9 Ori in Brandon's biography. Here are Marley and Chase, our furry little children with whom we share our house.

Marley is a 13-year-old Yorkie. She is cuddly, sassy, and rests easily at night, believing she is the boss because the boy dogs let her be.

Chase is a 7-year-old German Shepherd. He is smart, goofy, and protective over his family, home, and any small child that he gets the opportunity to be around.

Both Chase and Marley love children and have enjoyed helping us re-do our spare room, turning it into the perfect nursery for your beautiful baby.



BRANDON'S *family*

Brandon comes from a small, close-knit family. We endured the painful loss of his father in 2018 and his brother in 2021. Those losses leave just him and his mother in his immediate family. Brandon helps care for his mother, and they are very close. He has four nephews and many more "bonus" nephew and nieces.

We are also very close with Brandon's grandparents, Jackie and Mike, the last of his living grands. They helped raise Brandon as a young man and continue to be extremely close. We eat over at their house almost weekly, sitting out back on their "BBQ Paradise Patio." Time is best spent with Brandon's family sitting around the fire, sharing memories, and laughing at all the jokes. He comes from a family of tremendous cooks, which means there is always amazing food to enjoy with our fellowship!



SUMMER'S *family*

Summer comes from a family that cherishes time spent together, from near to far. She has family locally, some only minutes away, and some all the way in a state over. Her family loves to travel, no matter the occasion. From cruise ships and car shows to Dallas Cowboys football games, you can find her family on the go!

We spend nearly every Sunday eating together with Summer's family after church because her aunt and uncle live less than half a mile away and are the best cooks this world has to offer! Our Sunday meals usually incorporate her aunt and uncle, cousins, uncles, our nieces and nephews, and Summer's parents. Her family believes in the power of prayer and will bust a church, emergency room, or any other establishment at the seams at the first need of prayer and healing. Summer's family has been the biggest support group in our adoption journey!



OUR DAILY LIFE



WEEKENDS & GETAWAYS

Due to Brandon's work schedule, he works every other weekend. Summer spends that time with her family and friends and goes on "mini-trips" with her girlfriends or mom and dad. Summer's dad loves to surprise her at least once a year with a last-minute trip to a Dallas Cowboys Football Game. On Brandon's off weekends, we enjoy spending at least one night together at home and one night with friends. Usually, on Sundays, we eat dinner with Summer's family after Church and then have supper with Brandon's Grandma and Grandpa out on their patio by the fire. Our favorite getaways are our cruise vacations! We love to cruise and plan to continue doing it with your little "Junior Cruiser," as the kids are called on Carnival Ships.



HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS



“Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow! And let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

FRIENDSHIPS

We are so blessed with some of the best friends anyone could ever ask for. It doesn't matter if our friendships originated in childhood or if the relationship blossomed as adults. These people are some of our biggest blessings! We are so grateful to be the Aunt Summie and Uncle Brando to all of their kids. They love and trust us. We love picking their kids up to go and get ice cream or to care for them when they need sitters or alone time.



HOME, *sweet* HOME.

HERE IN OUR LITTLE TOWN, WE ARE
THE DEFINITION OF
"country living."



Our home is in the rural countryside, just on the outskirts of a two little red-light town. Our area is surrounded by beautiful farmland and nature. At the end of our road, we have beautiful recreation fields for sports and outdoor activities. Here in our backyard, we have almost one acre of room to run and play, shaded by beautiful pine trees. We live on family land in a family home. We aspire to build our dream home one day on two and a half acres of beautiful countryside that we already own, just down the road from where we currently live.

HOME:

My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes,
in undisturbed places of rest.

ISAIAH 32:18



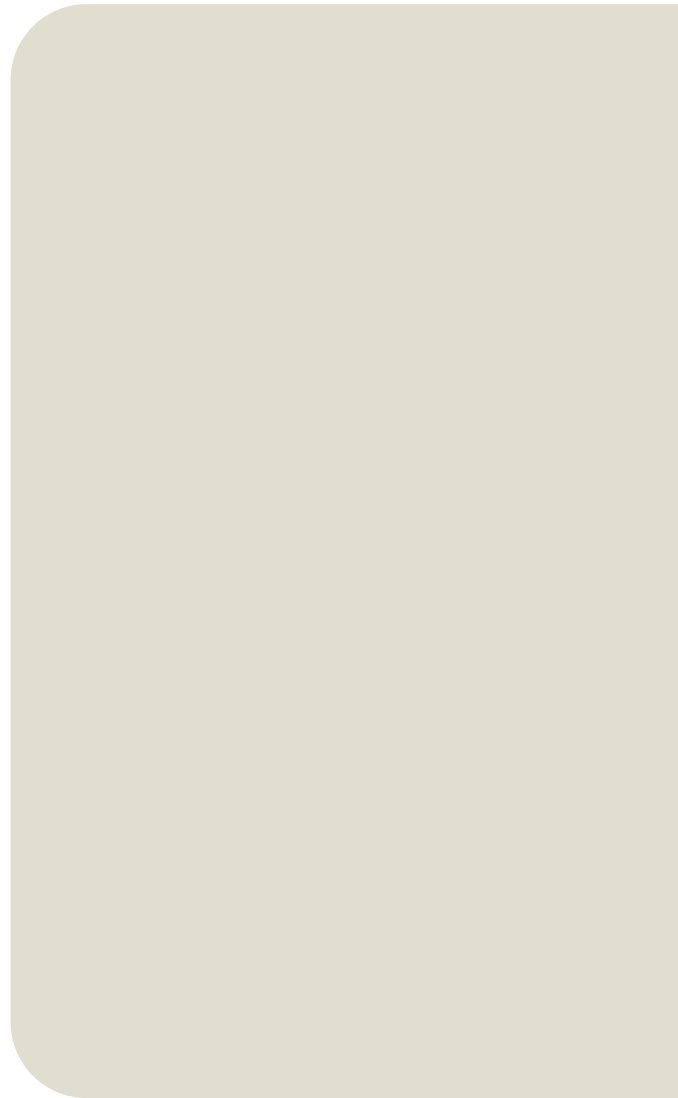
THE BABY'S NURSERY



IN THIS FAMILY, *we believe*

OUR VALUES

We believe in working hard for what we want and being appreciative of what we have. We love with everything we can and set healthy boundaries. No one fights alone, ever. We tell the truth, always, even when it hurts. We do whatever we can to make the world a better place. Lastly, we seek God's face in each decision, even when we don't understand His plan.



OUR *sentiments*

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our loving little family. We hope that in these short statements, your heart was touched and your face was graced with a smile. We want you to know that even if we're not the family that God has placed on your heart, we are still praying for you and your precious child! He has a plan for your family and He has a plan for our family. If you are considering an open adoption plan, we would love to meet you and get to know you. You are incredibly important to us! You are strong, brave, selfless, and beautiful.

*With the warmest love,
Brandon & Summer*

Thank you
for considering
our family.

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