



Courtney and Brandyn



Hello,

AND SO NICE TO MEET YOU.

WE ARE

Courtney and Brandyn,

WRITING YOU FROM OUR HOME IN MARYLAND.



We moved here in 2019, for Brandyn's career, from Nashville, TN where we met and got married, though we're both originally from California. We met in 2013, and then got married in 2018; first we had personal goals that we wanted to achieve to help us be the parents and family we wanted to be including financial stability.

WHEN COURTNEY WAS 12 YEARS OLD, SHE DECLARED TO HER MOM THAT SHE WANTED TO ADOPT SOMEDAY AND EVER SINCE THAT DAY IT'S BEEN PART OF WHAT SHE WANTED IN HER LIFE.

There are a lot of reasons why being an adoptive mom has been a part of Courtney's values and when she met Brandyn, they agreed that they 1) would absolutely build a family 2) both wanted to be adoptive parents. This has been on our road-map for a long time and we're both here now with the resources and ability to open this door.

THANK YOU for getting to know us; we so hope that we are a good match for you.





Our Love for Each Other



WHEN WE FIRST MET

We met using online dating on
November 17, 2013 in Nashville, TN.
We went to dinner at Magionno's
and the rest is history

THE LOVE STORY

Our love is a story of seeming
opposites who actually both want the
same thing.

OUR WEDDING DAY

We got married on May 26, 2018
in a joyful, colorful, and musical
celebration of friends and family.



BRANDYN TELLING
YOU ABOUT

Courtney



We met online and from the moment I saw a picture of her traveling through foreign countries with her bright red hair that there was something interesting and I wanted to know more about her. Courtney is so many things that are different from me and that brings so much into my life. She is highly educated and is intellectually curious about so many different things in the world. She is constantly reading or watching films or taking classes, always curious about the world. She has also volunteered or worked with children or in higher education most of her life.

Right now she's a Senior Vice President of Learning and Development at a large company, and that exemplifies who she is.

SHE LOVES HELPING PEOPLE BE BETTER VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES AND SHE IS ALWAYS CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT MAKES PEOPLE THRIVE. FOR THESE REASONS, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER AS A MOM.



Most people would tell you they've rarely met someone who is so extremely accepting of all the diversity that people have in their life, and that can also help a person know themselves better. In addition to all this Courtney loves being active, being in nature, painting, going to see live music and theatre and exploring near and far.



Courtney quite simply **LOVES PEOPLE** and has collected a very broad community with deep empathy for everyone she knows.



Courtney's Fun Facts

Language other than English: French

Favorite way to celebrate: Cooking a big meal and inviting people over

What I collect: Christmas ornaments from every place we visit

Ice Cream: Rocky Road

Favorite Animal: My dog Crosby

Vacation I can't wait to take with my future child: Kauai, Hawaii

Thing I dream about doing with my child: Reading books

Favorite Accessory: Red hair dye



COURTNEY TELLING YOU ABOUT *Brandyn*

When Brandyn first asked me out, I was a little surprised that this heavily tattooed man was reaching out to me. When we went on our first date I realized he was so much more than my preconceived thoughts. I always explain to people that Brandyn is actually an engineer wrapped in like a tattoo artist. And one of the most miraculous things about him is that he taught himself almost everything he knows, including designing in CAD and running a CNC machine, and is considered one of the best engineers and manufacturers of tattoo machines in the world.

Brandyn loves everything tattoo: the history, the people, the artwork,

the machinery, etc. He has created a beautiful workshop that exemplifies his depth of passion where he welcomes members of the tattoo community from around the world and we often have the chance to travel with or meet other members of the tattoo community and their families.

HE'S ALWAYS THE FIRST PERSON TO OFFER HIS RESOURCES TO HELP A PERSON OUT.

Most of his spare time has something to do with his art or business, not because he has to but because he loves to. Additionally he loves to restore his vintage roadster, play with our dogs and watch movies.





Brandyn's Fun Facts

Summer seasonal activity: Driving my roadster with the top off

Winter seasonal activity: Snowboarding

Favorite trip I've taken: Sweden

Favorite dessert: Cookies

Favorite drink: Iced Coffee

Favorite Ice Cream: Neapolitan

Vacation I can't wait to take with my future child: Aptos & Santa Cruz, California

Languages other than English: G Code



WHERE WE LOVE TO CALL *Home*

WE LIVE IN MARYLAND and though we knew nothing about this area before we moved here, we've really enjoyed so many parts of our life here. Where we live we're about 20 minutes from downtown Baltimore and 45 from Washington DC.

WE'RE IN A COUNTY WHERE PEOPLE WORK ON MOVING HERE TO GET INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BECAUSE IT'S JUST THAT GOOD AND THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON CULTURALLY AND IN THE COMMUNITY.

Because of its location and benefits, Howard county is extremely diverse (race, nationality, religion

and sexual identity) and brings with it a cultural awareness as well as cultural programming and excellent restaurants.

Since we moved here Courtney has had the chance to start volunteering at the food bank and during the local and national elections. Additionally, there's so much nature that is easily accessible that on most days once the temps get over 60 degrees, you'll find her out for long walks with the dogs around a local lake or going for hikes. **WE LIKE TO PLAN TRIPS TO THE OCEAN**, just a short drive, or to explore other areas of the North East.

WE FEEL VERY LUCKY TO BE CLOSE TO WHAT CITIES AND NATURE CAN OFFER US AND THINK THAT WILL HELP OUR CHILD HAVE LOTS OF OPTIONS IN THEIR LIFE.





Family

SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE!

For both of us, our core family consists of our mom and our sister/s. Courtney's family is in California while most of Brandyn's is in Tennessee. Both of our moms are close to both of us and definitely look forward to being Grandmas. Courtney's mom, Susan, is extremely physically fit and can't wait to make new memories in some of the places that mattered to her family. The primary place will be going to the island of Kauai in Hawaii. This was the first place Courtney traveled as a baby and we can't wait to have our child

learn to love the sand and sea. Brandyn's mom, Mary, helps people decorate and organize their home and looks forward to spending time with her grandchild, showing them how to make old furniture beautiful by painting it. With Courtney's mom and sister, we've been getting back to traveling together to a new international site every 1-2 years. We've also been talking with the grandmas about planning an extended travel to a new location, in the US or abroad where we can rent a home and be together for several weeks at a

time. After Covid, we have learned how much we want to have those sort of memories together,

AND WHEN WE ADD OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBER, IT WILL BE THAT MUCH MORE SPECIAL TO BE TOGETHER LEARNING ABOUT NEW CULTURES AND TRYING NEW THINGS.

Both grandmas come to visit every few months and we're in plans to look for a condo to share so they always have a nice restful place to stay when they come to visit and help.



Thank You

SO MUCH FOR GETTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US

We are so hopeful about our future and know that you're making the ultimate sacrifice in order to create opportunity for your child. **WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE THIS CHILD WOULD ALWAYS KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU AS WELL.**

We promise we will love and care for this child throughout every chapter of their life. Our love is patient and kind and generous. **OUR HOME IS FULL OF MUSIC, COMMUNITY, AND DOGS AND LAUGHTER.** We are so excited to be at a point in our life where we can acknowledge the work of being parents with excitement in our hearts. We both have waited a long time to get to this chapter where we knew that even the stress and work would be things of great joy.

WITH LOVE, *Courtney and Brandyn*