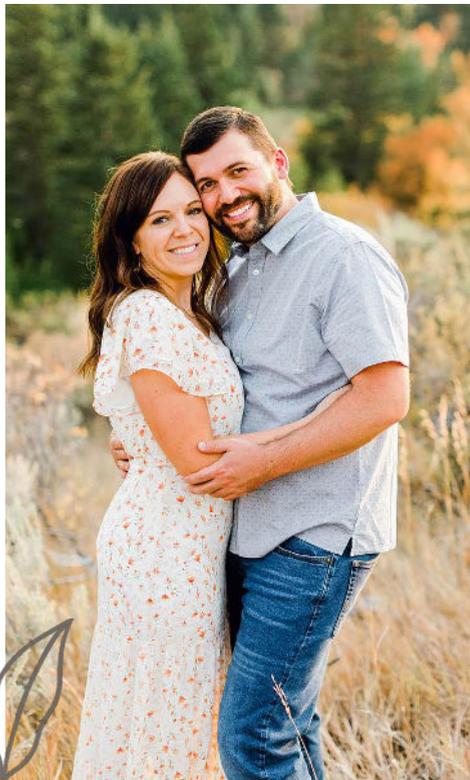


Hello there!



We are Josh and Brittany! We are humbled and appreciative that you are taking a closer look and considering us as a forever family for your child. Thank you for getting to know us!

As we think about you and the decision you are about to make, we want you to know that we admire that deep and selfless love you have for your baby. It's something we want to talk about with our child often! He or she is already so deeply loved and we pray that they will always know that. You are one strong and courageous mama and our hearts go out to you.

We hope this gives you a glimpse into what your child's life would look like as a cherished member of our family. Our family is far from perfect, but we have a lot of love to give.

We want you to know that we are already thinking about you often and praying for you. May you find peace through this process.

With great love & Admiration

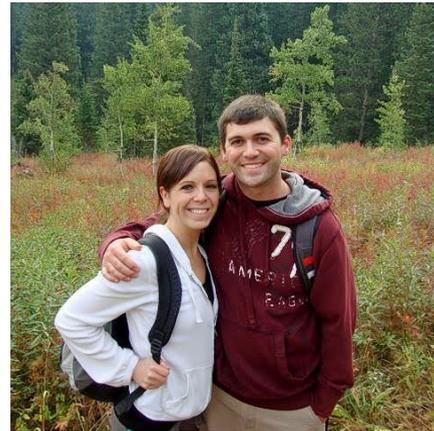
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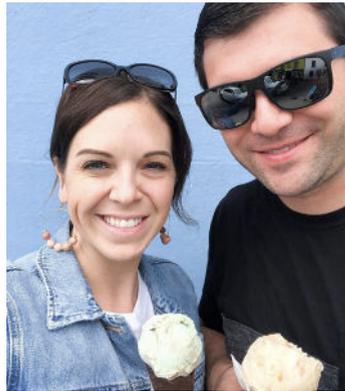


Josh and I met in college when I was a freshman and he was a sophomore. His cousin was my roommate so I heard a lot about him and would see him from time to time. We started dating and it didn't take long for us to feel that we wanted to spend forever with one another. He proposed on my 20th birthday..yes we were young and it wasn't quite the timeline I had in mind!

Now we've been married for 16 years and it's been a beautiful ride! We wouldn't change it for the world.

We have **FOUR** amazing children, spent **NINE** years in school, and have lived in **THREE** different states across the country. We've been through a lot together!





We live for date nights, adventures, and dessert but regardless of where we are or what we're doing, we just like to be together.

We truly are best friends!

We are big believers in carving out time from our busy schedules and making our relationship a priority.

Our daughter painted dad's face like a kitty..



About me..

I am the 3rd of 4 children and my parents divorced before I was born. I grew up splitting my time evenly between both homes and I learned a lot about what I wanted in my family from that experience.

I love spending time with my family the most. We can be doing anything as long as we're together and it's a good time. I also enjoy my career and feel like I'm making a difference in others lives while supporting my family.

My hobbies include snowmobiling, scuba diving, camping, golfing, watching movies and listening to music.

What Brittany loves most..

To know Josh is to love him! One of the qualities that I fell in love with is his genuine interest in people. He is so good at communicating and it's easy to feel his love and concern for others. With our children, one of his strengths is disciplining them, which I didn't realize just how important that is until we had children. He does it in such a loving way, gets to their level and they talk through appropriate consequences. He talks with them about stories from when he was a kid and the discussion always ends with a hug and an "I love you". It's been a privilege watching him be a father and connect with our kids from when they were toddlers into their teenage years. He is a family man! There have been times he will pull into the driveway from work and if we're ready to go on a bike ride, he hops right on a bike with us...work clothes and all! He can shift from business man to dad and husband in no time because he loves being with us. He's just the best!

Recently we had a child come home having had a bad day at school. Josh came home from work, they grabbed their golf clubs, took advantage of the time and good weather and off they went. It changed the tone of the rest of our child's day. Josh will do anything for any of us and makes you feel so loved and important.

He loves supports and encourages us. We're forever grateful he is ours!



About me..

I am the oldest of five children. I have three sisters and one brother. They are my best friends. I've always wanted a big family and a house full of kids!

I got my degree in Elementary education although I've never taught..at least in the classroom. Being a stay at home mama is my dream job and I love being around for my kids.

I enjoy hiking, swimming, interior design and baking, date nights and visiting with friends. I have a passion for journaling and taking a lot of pictures.

I'm a big believer of music and dance parties in the kitchen...it's a mood booster! I would describe myself as an optimist. I find joy in the day to day.



What Josh loves most..

If I could sum Brittany up in two words I think it would be "good" and "happy". It's not just something she does, but who she is. From waking up with scared or sick kids in the night, getting them ready for school, going to school to eat with them and their friends, helping them with school work, listening to their highlights/lowlights of the day, driving them to their various sports/activities, and giving them responsibilities around the home. She does all this and more with the best attitude and tries to make the most of the little moments by joking with our kids, listening to them and offering loving advice. She is the peacemaker in our home. Whenever there's an argument, tears, or any frustrating moment, Brittany is the best at knowing when to use discipline, humor and hugs to diffuse the situation and help others feel valued and loved. It is amazing to see her as she loves and cares for our son with special needs. At times when it would be easy to be frustrated or exhausted, she quietly, patiently, and consistently makes sure he is taken care of and loved and it's reciprocal...it's easy to see how much he loves her.

I love her smile and how she smiles with her eyes too. I love her contagious laugh (her laugh really is one of my favorite things about her and I get to hear it all the time). I love when I get home and she drops everything to give me a hug and ask about my day. I love how she treats people, is kind, and interested in their lives. I love when she leaves little notes for me and the kids, sends care packages to family and friends, and lives in the moment. I sometimes think about how fortunate I am and our kids are to have such an amazing woman in our lives. We are all better people because of Brittany!



MEET OUR KIDS...



For a semester, we hosted a foreign exchange student, Sophia, from Brazil. It was the best decision for our family. She opened our eyes to a new culture and we love her like our very own! We've enjoyed keeping in touch.





Teegan (14)

He is a happy, witty kid with a passion for soccer, golf, snowmobiling, and scuba diving. He is always up for a board game. He takes school serious and thinks often about his long term goals. He is hilarious and keeps us laughing. He makes for a great big brother.

Max (9)

This sweet boy has taught our family important life lessons that we probably couldn't have learned any other way. Max is on the autism spectrum. There are some challenges that come because of it, but his sweet, loving spirit far outweighs the hard stuff. He loves jumping, swimming, drawing, cooking and big hugs. His laugh is contagious!

Camdyn (12)

She is a great helper to her mom..helps with the little kids and happy to do it. She loves tennis, playing the ukulele, and ice hockey with her friends in the neighborhood. She loves reading, baking and music. She is also a talented artist. She is sweet, kind and thoughtful of others.

Ivy (5)

She is the perfect mix of sassy and sweet. She is a social butterfly and loves being involved with whatever we are doing. She loves crafts, going to the park, play dough, snuggling and baking. She says the funniest things and keeps us laughing. She impresses us with her kindness, sharing and nurturing.

Josh's family



Josh's parents and sister live nearby. We enjoy our frequent get togethers at the family cabin all year round..with snowmobiles and a sledding hill in the winter, and paddle boards, 4-wheelers, and camp fires in the summer. It is our happy place!

This family of ours is so supportive of us. They love, sacrifice, and will do anything for anyone.



Brittany's family



My parents and sister live less than an hour away and although the rest of them are farther, it feels like they live close because we see them often. Grandma loves to plan get togethers and fun things for the grandkids. There are a lot of cousins running around playing and it's so fun!

There is also some diversity in the family with a brother-in-law who is half Polynesian, another who is full Italian and a sister-in-law who is part Hispanic. We have a close relationship!





Traditions + family culture

Giving our kids a happy childhood where they feel safe and loved is so important to us. They are our everything!

We try to be intentional with our time and efforts, focusing on what truly matters.

We have a saying that hangs on our living room wall that says, "work hard and be nice to people". It's so simply stated but so very true and we love the reminder.

We try to create a culture in our home through example, important conversations and experiences about support, love, kindness, respect, open hearts and kind eyes. We put God and family first. We celebrate one another's successes, say "I'm sorry", keep promises and follow through, cheer one another on from the sidelines or auditorium seating. We pitch in and help out..having responsibilities and chores at home. We believe in eating dinner together at the table and taking the time to connect.

We like to make traditions, holidays and special occasions fun! We enjoy creating memories

Some of our best-loved traditions are:

- Our "sure love ya" handshake that we do after family prayer, before bedtime.
- Camping in our trailer the summer. We love the mountains!





- Making yearly family videos put to music
- Surprise love notes and back to school measurements to see kid's growth
 - One on one dates with our kids
- Scuba trip with dad when the kids turn 12. (Mom is still working up the courage!)



- Elaborate Halloween costumes and silly nicknames
- volunteering in children's special needs home during Christmas break.
- Family game nights (we love some friendly competition), treats, and movies.





We are currently renting a home tucked into the mountain side, but are so happy to start building our forever home just up the street. We love the views, but even more so the wonderful neighbors and happy community we live in!

Our home

Education



Education is important to our family!

We make school work a priority and support our kids in any way they may need. Being parents to our special needs son, we have learned the importance in advocating for our children. We want them to be successful. We support them to find their passion and encourage them to push themselves.

We are grateful that growing up, our parents taught us to see the big picture and put the work in. We strive to do the same for our children. We have already started college funds for our children that we contribute to each year.



Thank you again!

..For taking the time to look into our lives. We are grateful. Just know we would like to have as open of an adoption as you would like.

We understand you have a big decision to make and there are many great families out there. Our hope and prayer is that you find what you are looking for regardless of whether it's with us or not.
God bless!



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