

we are Nate and Darcy, and we live in northeast Ohio with our daughter, McKenzie, our two cats, Buster and Lexi and our dog, Maci. We met in 2008 at Bowling Green State University. The day after we met, we went on a walk and talked for hours getting to know each other. We were married in 2014 and it was a beautiful day that we will never forget. In 2016, we unexpectedly experienced one of our biggest challenges as a married couple. We were pregnant with our first born daughter, Kara, and she arrived much earlier then planned. She was born when Darcy was just 24-weeks pregnant. She was 1lb 6oz and we loved her more then words could describe. She spent 30 days in the NICU before passing away right before our eyes. Our lives completely shattered that day, but we had another unexpected surprise a few months later. We found out we were pregnant with our second daughter, McKenzie. She was born in 2018, and she has truly been the biggest blessing of our lives. She came to us when we absolutely needed her the most. She is a kind, hilarious and incredible person, and she is very excited to be a big sister one day. We moved in 2020, and have found a place that we love more than ever. We live in a wonderful neighborhood and are excited to continue to grow our family in this amazing community. In December of 2021, we suffered another loss and had a miscarriage when Darcy was 11 weeks pregnant. This second loss was what ultimately led to our decision to grow our family through adoption. Nate and Darcy both have loving family that live nearby, and we get together with them often. We have an incredible support system, and we are so lucky to live close to most of them!





Darcy is a photographer who owns her own photography business. She also does photo editing for other wedding photographers in addition to her own photography. She has a passion for spreading literacy and sells children's books too. Reading is very important in our family, and our house is full of books! Darcy works from home and has a very flexible schedule, so family always comes first. She loves having the chance to go to events at McKenzie's school and spend as much time with her as possible. We value family time so much, and Darcy feels extremely lucky to be able to spend so much quality time with Nate and McKenzie. She also loves crafting, game nights, and going to zoos, animal farms and county fairs with them!

Nate works in sales at a manufacturing company on the technical and systems side. He has been working with the company for almost six years and loves it. He is working from home full-time now and that has been wonderful for the family. Nate started running about four years ago, after our daughter passed away. He completed his first marathon in September of 2022 and has plans to run the Chicago Marathon in October of 2023. He also enjoys doing puzzles in his spare time. Nate is an incredible husband and father, and he will do anything for his family. He has a loving and outgoing personality that everyone is drawn too. He is always making others laugh, and he has been a great role model for McKenzie (who is almost like his mini-me).













Mckenzie is our 5-yearold, and she is absolutely amazing. She was named after her big sister, Kara, whose middle name was McKenzie. She loves to sing, dance, cook, read books and play. She is a social butterfly, like Nate, and has a

very loving personality. She really enjoys school, and she is extremely smart for her age. McKenzie loves family time too and some of her favorite things to do are have game nights, dance parties in the kitchen, play with her cousins, go on walks in the neighborhood, and watch movies. McKenzie says she is really excited to teach her younger sibling everything she knows, sing and dance with him/her, and help him/her put ornaments on the Christmas tree. She is going to be the best big sister.





We moved to our current home in the Spring of 2020. It was a crazy time to move, but we were so lucky to have found this house. We live on a cul-de-sac, and the house has three bedrooms, a playroom, a cozy living room, and a finished basement. We love everything about our house and the neighborhood we live in. There are so many kids for Mckenzie to play with, and we have such friendly neighbors. We love getting together at one of our neighbors houses so all of the kids can play and the adults can hang out too. We all have a blast together and it's such a great neighborhood to continue growing our family.

so much for taking the time to read about our family. We know this is not an easy decision for you, but we are firm believers that everything happens just the way that it is meant to. Our lives did not go on the path we expected, but through our grief, we had so many wonderful things happen. Losing

but we know that Kara led us to McKenzie, and our miscarriage is leading us on our next adventure. We are fully committed to loving, supporting and nurturing the growth and development of our future son or daughter.

babies was never part of our plan,





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