

INTRODUCING

Greg &
Amanda





HELLO THERE

We haven't met yet, but we are constantly praying for you and your continued strength as you consider adoption. We cannot begin to imagine the emotions you are feeling as you determine what is best for you and your precious baby. We want to remind you how strong, capable, and loving you are for considering adoption. As you walk through this journey, please know that if you choose us, we will be with you both every step of the way.

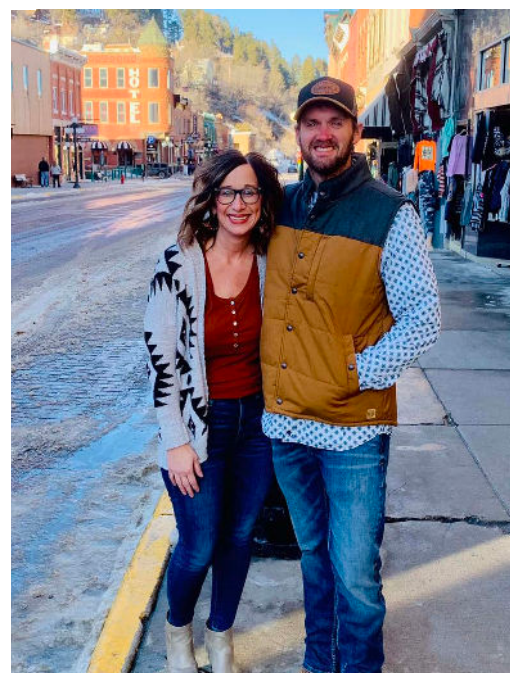
As a family, we love traveling, creating traditions, and sharing lots of laughter. After trying to conceive for many years without any success, we knew in our hearts that adoption was how we wanted to grow our family. On September 10, 2021, we were blessed with our son, Scout, through adoption. He has added so much happiness to our lives...a joy far greater than we could have even imagined! We cannot wait to love on another precious little one, and it will be so fun for Scout to have a sibling to grow up with.



Just like our son, we can promise to raise your baby with encouragement, adventure, honesty, and love. We will love them unconditionally, and we can assure you they will be embraced with welcome arms, where they will be adored by us and our entire family and friends.

Sending you so much love as you are guided in your decision.

Greg & Amanda
(and of course, Scout!)



OUR STORY

in Amanda's words



When Greg was getting ready to graduate, we met at a technical college where I worked. It was literally love at first sight. Nine months later as we were heading out to dinner and a movie, Greg got down on one knee to pop the question. His words were so sweet and heartfelt, and Amanda couldn't say "YES" fast enough! We ended up skipping the movie and instead went to Amanda's parent's house (who live in our same town) to share the exciting news with them. Of course, they already knew this day was coming, as Greg had asked them before he proposed.

Our wedding day couldn't have been more perfect! We were married in front of 250 of our closet friends and family, and it will forever be one of the most special days in our lives! We are blessed to be best friends and true soulmates. We are both very family and career-driven and enjoy spending time together. Honestly, we feel like we live in a fairytale most days, and it has been so fun to watch our love for each other grow more and more each day. Our best adventure to date is when we became parents for the first time in September 2021 through the adoption of our son, Scout.

Our Favorite THINGS

GREG: Dirt track racing, snowmobiling, carpentry, working in his shop/yard

AMANDA: Fashion, crafts, photography, cooking, home decorating, coffee

SCOUT: Toy trucks, playing outside, golf cart rides, hotdogs, goldfish crackers

TOGETHER: Camping, boating, traveling, music, concerts, antiquing, board games



MEET AMANDA

by Greg

I was first drawn to Amanda's caring personality and willingness to help others, and I quickly found her to be sweet, loving, and hardworking. She spends her days designing cabinetry and being the best mommy to our son. We also have two fur babies, Ella and Ivy, and I absolutely love that Amanda is an animal lover. She is the type of person that finds fun in everything she does. In particular, she enjoys music, and going to concerts together is our favorite. She has excellent taste and loves to decorate. We love antiquing as a couple to find neat, unique items that we can enjoy and display in our home.

Amanda is so great with kids and watching her become a mommy has been one of my biggest blessings! My heart explodes just thinking about adding another child to our family as I know Amanda has so much more love to give.



“Amanda has so much love to give, and people always gravitate towards her for her positivity and sweet heart.”

- Greg

MORE ABOUT

Amanda

OCCUPATION: Business Owner & Design Manager

FAVORITE MOVIE: My Best Friend's Wedding

FAVORITE PLACE: Grand Cayman

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Her family and Mexican food. Nachos are her favorite!

MY PERFECT DAY: A sunshiny day at the lake with friends and family.

MEET GREG

by Amanda

Greg's smile and blue eyes swept me off my feet the first time I met him. Just five minutes into our first conversation, I knew he had the most generous heart of anyone I've ever met. Greg is the type of guy that will stop what he is doing to help anyone – a friend, a family member, co-worker, and even a stranger! He is so loving, kind, generous and hardworking. There's never a day that goes by that he doesn't say, "I love you."

It melts my heart watching Greg as a daddy. I knew he was going to be great as I've seen him show so much patience with our nephews by teaching them new things and sharing fun experiences with them. Watching his interactions with our son is the sweetest thing EVER, and it melts this mommy's heart. I know without any doubt that Greg will be an excellent daddy to another child.



“Greg's heart is SO big! He loves to help friends, family and strangers alike.”

- Amanda

MORE ABOUT

Greg

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

FAVORITE MOVIE: Tommy Boy

FAVORITE PLACE: Grand Cayman

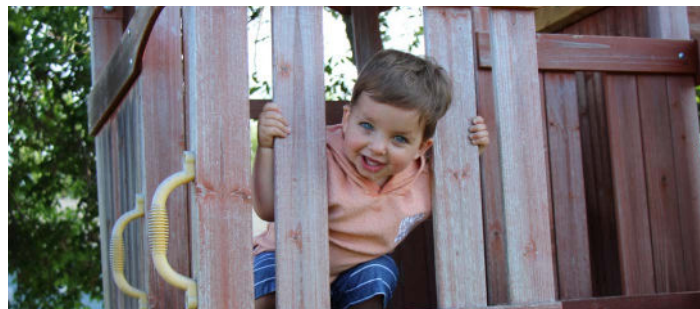
CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: His family and dirt track racing. It is a sport he has enjoyed since he was a little kid.

MY PERFECT DAY: A day at a dirt track race with his son and father.

MEET SCOUT

We adopted our adorable, bubbly, big personality, blue-eyed son in September 2021. Scout is such a people person and loves absolutely everyone. Being outside playing on the swing set, running around our acreage, going for walks and playing in the dirt with his toy trucks is definitely one of his favorite parts of the day. He also enjoys going to the lake and being in the water. A fun fact about him is that his birthparents picked his first name and we picked out his middle name.

“Scout’s personality is so full of life, and his eyes light up anytime we go somewhere new or meet new people.”



MORE ABOUT

Scout

AGE: 2

OCCUPATION: Professional flirt

FAVORITE PLACE: Outside & the lake cabin

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Food and his toy trucks! He loves anything with wheels!

MY PERFECT DAY: An entire day outside playing with toys and friends

OUR DOGS ELLA & IVY

We have a dachshund named Ella and a golden retriever named Ivy. It has been super fun watching Scout interact with them. They have all become best friends and absolutely adore each other. Ella and Ivy are both very gentle with Scout and love to be his protector. Every morning when Scout wakes up, the first thing he does is call for Ella and Ivy. It's so darn cute.



Our puppies bring us so much joy



Puppy kisses



Our dachshund, Ella



Our golden retriever, Ivy

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS

Greg has always had a close relationship with his parents and sister. Unfortunately, his mother passed away from ALS in 2021. His sister, brother-in-law and son live in Minnesota, approximately five hours from us. We make a trip there often to see them and they come here to visit as well. Greg's dad and stepmom moved from Iowa to South Dakota five years ago to be closer to us. We love having them only 14 miles away.

Amanda is very close to her family. Her parents have been married for 45 years and live in the same town as us. Amanda's twin brother, his wife and two children also live here. Together, Amanda owns and operates the family business with her dad and brother.



Amanda's parents with their grandsons in Grand Cayman



Celebrating Christmas with Greg's family



Amanda's brother and family



Enjoying nephew Charlie's baseball game



Scout with his newest cousin, Kyler



Greg's sister and family



Long time friends, Ben and Erica with their three daughters



Evening out with friends



Our friends, Jared and Rachel & family

We couldn't ask for a better group of friends to share special moments with. Most of them have children, so it has been fun to watch our son interact with their kids. Many times we get together for pool days, bonfires and BBQ's.



Good friends, Adam and Kristen with their daughter

and what they say about us....

"We have had the pleasure of watching Greg and Amanda's relationship grow and blossom into a strong, loving and supportive relationship. They also make the best team when it comes to parenting." - Ryan & Amanda

"We have chosen Greg and Amanda to be the guardians of our children should anything ever happen to us. Watching Greg and Amanda cherish their time spent with their son and our daughters is a true testimony of how awesome they are as parents." - Ben & Erica

"Family is the cornerstone that Greg and Amanda have used to build the foundation of their lives together." - Jared & Rachel

FUN FACTS

ABOUT *Us*



Lake days relaxing and boating at our family cabin are some of our favorite summer days!



Our happy place: Grand Cayman



Card games and Dominos are must-play games at every family get-together and during sleep overs at Auntie & Uncle's.



We are avid Minnesota Vikings fans and get together for every Sunday football game we can! Amanda's parents also own season tickets.



We go on a minimum of two vacations each year.

Our favorite get-aways are to Grand Cayman and Nashville.



Every November, Amanda, her mom and sister-in-law get together to bake their "famous" family sugar cookies.

Every December, Amanda's nephews sleepover and have a craft day. They make a gift to give to their parents for Christmas.



OUR HOME

and community

We live in the country in South Dakota on 2.5 acres with three bedrooms and two bathrooms and are in the process of adding on a 900 square foot addition to our home. We love how quiet it is and all of the wildlife that we get to see. There are deer in our yard constantly. Our home is newly remodeled and reflects our style perfectly. Greg is a contractor and Amanda is a designer, so we make quite the pair! We get told often how beautiful, cozy and inviting our home is. One of the elements we love the most is our entertainment center with a gas fireplace in our living room, a great gathering space for friends and family.

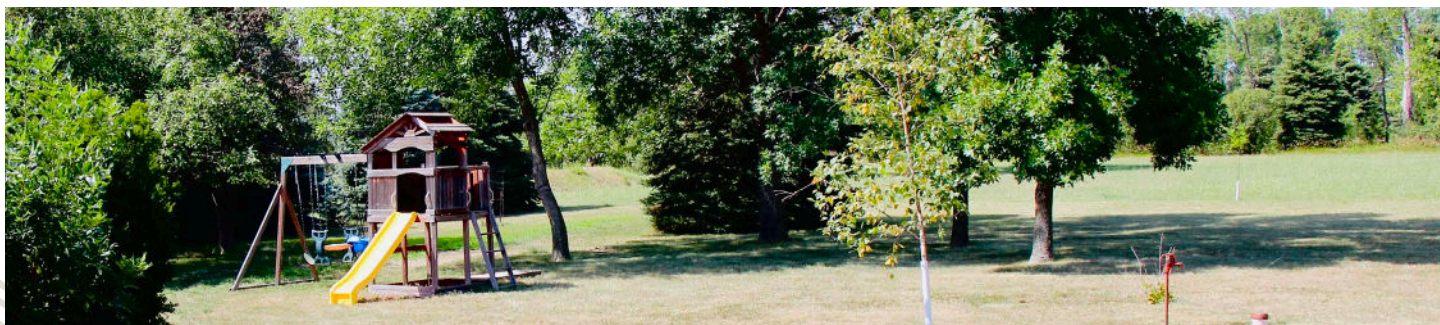
Our town has a population of 16,000 people, which we feel is the perfect size to raise a family. It's not too big or too small and everyone is very friendly. We have great schools with excellent teachers. We love the nice waterparks, both indoor and outdoor as well as several public parks, bike trails and a gorgeous lake within our community.



Home Sweet Home



Nursery



Our backyard

WHY WE ARE ADOPTING

(again!)



When we were ready to start a family and were unable to conceive, we knew adoption was how we wanted to grow our family. Greg's mom placed a child for adoption when she was 16 years old, and Amanda grew up with two cousins who were adopted, so it has always been a regular topic of conversation in both of our families. We adopted our son, Scout, and he has been a huge blessing in our lives. We have a wonderful relationship with Scout's birthparents and can't wait for an opportunity to build a relationship with our second child's birth mom and/or birthparents should that be their desire. We are so appreciative of adoption and are beyond excited to complete our family and have a sibling for Scout to grow up with.

Our promises to you

- » To love your child big and well.
- » To provide a safe home that is full of love, kindness, growth, opportunity and encouragement.
- » To show your child what unconditional love is by surrounding them with grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.
- » To provide adventure to your child's life by traveling and seeing the world.
- » To support your child throughout every stage of life and always be their biggest cheerleader.
- » To provide the best education for your child and encourage them to pursue their passions.
- » To include you as part of our family, to pray for you, to honor you, and to make sure that your child knows how much you love them.

THANK YOU



From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for taking the time to get to know more about us! We have not met you, but we know you are beautiful and brave. Thank you for opening your heart to adoption and for considering us in your plans. We can promise you with every ounce of our being that your child will be loved and cared for beyond measure. We are so excited and more than ready to complete our family and welcome a second child into our home.

Greg, Amanda & Scout