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- IS YET -
to come



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Chad, Ashlyn & Jean



*We are
Chad,
Ashlyn &
Jean.*

*Welcome to
our story!*



Our adventure started in Reno, NV while attending college. We were young, just 18 and 19, but the attraction was undeniable. We were roommates for two years before Chad made the first move dressed as a golf caddie at a themed birthday party. There was no separating us after that.

After college, employment opportunities took us to Portland, OR in 2011. It didn't take long for OR to grow on us and we decided to make it our home. We started by adding Porter (our Goldendoodle) to our family in 2012. Shortly after that we purchased our first home in 2014. Chad proposed on June 11th 2015 underneath the Morrison Bridge. We were married shortly after on January 17th 2016 at the Benson Hotel. In 2020 we adopted Jean, easily our biggest accomplishment yet. In 2021 we purchased a bigger home in hopes of further growing our family!

Things we love...

- Jean
- being outside
- playing sports
- camping
- family and friends
- cooking
- traveling
- gardening
- music
- exercising
- golf

Recently we lost our beloved dog, Porter. We plan to have future pets.

fun fact:

We have lived together all 15 years of our relationship!



you make me smile



Over the last 12 years we have seen each other grow up and evolve into the people that we are today. We are each others rocks. We honestly are so grateful to have found one another. We have established a type of love that is rare. It feels like the kind from the movies. We are blessed to say that we have found our happily ever after. Jean is the icing on the cake!

Getting to know Ashlyn



I grew up in a small town in Northern California. I am the middle child. I have a sister that is 4 years older than me and a brother that is 1 year younger than me. We had 2 Acres and lots of animals over the years including fish, horses, dogs, and cats. My brother and I would spend all day outside playing in the creek, picking blackberries, catching things (bugs, lizards, snakes), riding bikes, taking care of the animals, swimming, and working in the yard. You also could not keep me out of the water.

I was really into soccer and played competitively. In high school I lettered in soccer and band my freshman year. I also won All League 3 years in a row and MVP of the league once. After high school, soccer took me to college, however I only played my freshman year. After soccer I continued with college and I received my bachelors degree in Human Development and my Masters in Early Childhood Special Education.

My grandparents lived 30 minutes from us and they spent a lot of time with us. Papa (grandpa) would come and pick us up before school every Wednesday morning and take us for donuts. Vonnie (grandma) would take us shopping every year before school for new clothes, and made sure we are current on our school work and academics. They often took us on amazing vacations like Disneyland or Hawaii.



Vonnie and Papa have both passed away now, however they had a huge impact on who I am today. Papa serviced in the Air Force for 30 years and fought in 3 wars. Vonnie was a great cook and ahead of her time when it came to the stock market. She walked 5 miles a day well into her 80's.

Every Summer we would be with them while my parents worked. If my parents could not get us somewhere, no worries Vonnie and Papa would fill in the gaps. If we needed new shoes or a backpack for school, Vonnie and Papa would take care of that too. They were the best grandparents anyone could imagine and I am blessed to have all the memories that I do of them.

During the summer Vonnie would wake us up to breakfast and homework books. Once we finished our orange juice and homework, we were free to play. Most days we spent playing in the pool. They would sit and watch us swim for hours. We loved it when Papa would hold the hose up so that we could see who could jump higher off the diving board. Vonnie would read to us before bed every-night. Papa was always sneaking us ice cream or other treats. Summers were hard to beat.

My parents divorced when I was 16 years old. My mom has always been amazing, and I could not ask for a better mother. I am positive she will cultivate some amazing memories with our children, just as her parents did for me.

My dad was severely injured in a car accident and years later a motorcycle accident. Both accidents resulted in traumatic brain injuries and other body injuries. These injuries led to some substance abuse. This has caused some friction in our relationship, however over the past years he has turned things around. This has been really positive and I am proud of him for all the affirmative changes that she continues to make.



Today I am a stay at home mom and I teach pilates on the side. Before Jean, I worked as a specialist in early childhood special education. All the children that I worked with were birth to 5 and have some sort of developmental disability. All of my services were free to families and I am extremely proud of that.

I love staying home and spending time with Jean. We start each morning with family walks. I often fill our days with crafts, adventures, and outings. There is never a dull moment.

Family and friends mean a lot to me. My best friend lives in walking distance and we see each other almost daily. My family lives out of state, however we find ways to make it work. FaceTime and phone calls happen daily. We have a family text stream going at all times keeping everyone up to date.



Fun Facts

- I have been sky diving twice
- I played division 1 soccer
- I love Slim Jims
- I did a summer abroad in Spain and I still can't speak Spanish
- My brother and I are commonly confused for twins
- I have a really good sense of smell
- I received the Community Partner Award from Friendly House Community Center
- Cheesecake is my favorite
- The first concert I attended was Tom Petty
- I am obsessed with Pilates
- I have a 9 inch scar from barb wire
- I like crime/suspense shows
- I love donuts and that was our dessert at our wedding
- I have a lot of Christmas Sweaters
- My 16th birthday was 9/11
- First job was babysitting at the church



I am a person who is outgoing and always finds something to do. Chad jokes that I can't sit still, however I like to think that I am just efficient. I am good at cleaning and never procrastinate. I also eat all the time. I do get Hangry!





blessed

Jean is a bright and happy little girl who was born and adopted in June of 2020. She is always on the move and loves everybody. We think that she is part fish because you can't keep her out of the water. Her birth mom reports that Jean gets that from her. When she is not in the water she is out exploring. She loves the outdoors. Music and books are another one of her favorite pass times. She is amazing and we can't wait for her to be a big sister.

Getting to know Chad



I grew up in a warm and loving home in Northern California. I am the oldest of 3 siblings and my parents recently celebrated their 36th anniversary. Sports were a big part of life growing up. My father worked in the sporting goods industry and my mother was a stay at home mom.

I played a variety of sports growing up. My favorites were soccer, baseball and swimming. I was captain of the varsity soccer team and swim team. I was active in extra circulars and journalism. I also participated in youth group at church. I have always been outgoing and social. This resulted in nominations for Homecoming Royal Court all 4 years.

Most nights and weekends were spent at practice and or games. Our house was the neighborhood Big 5. Kids would come by to grab anything from a baseball glove to a basketball. My parents loved this and kept a welcoming home where friends and family were always over for dinners, backyard parties and good times.

Nowadays my whole family has relocated to the Portland area where we remain close and spend many nights together at games or for BBQs. Amazingly, I work for the same company as my dad, sister, brother, sister in law, and sisters boyfriend.



After graduating college, I found myself working for a large sporting goods company. I have had varying roles, but mostly have stayed in the Demand and Supply Management division of the company. As a Demand and Supply Manager I am responsible for making sure stuff is where its supposed to be. I enjoy where I work as it gives employees the opportunity to be connected to sports and lead an active lifestyle. It also gives consumers the opportunity to participate in sports that they are passionate about.

My Mom and Dad have been the most influential people in my life. I like to think I am the best and worst of both of them. My mom taught me how to be compassionate and caring. She modeled how to be a listener and ask the hard questions. Those are the questions that help understand how people are feeling and to give them an opportunity to speak their mind. She also has silly side and never takes things too seriously. This has taught be to keep the mood light with a smile and laughter. My dad taught me how to work hard and enjoy what you are doing. He instilled how to be confident in yourself and follow your heart even if it may not seem easy or clear. My father also taught me the value of being present and showing up. No matter how inconvenient or how far away he was, he would show up to my games and support me.



I love golfing with friends and my family. My dad, grandpa, brother, sister, cousins, and uncles all golf. I play rain or shine and often win the long drive contest. I have an annual golf tournament with buddies every year, and yes there is a trophy!



I played rugby in college. Rugby took me to South Africa where I played and lived for 3 months. I was the team captain for 2 years in college and even set team records. Each year I go back and participate in the Rugby alumni game.



Friends and family are a very important part of my life. We try to participate in Sunday night dinners whenever possible. At least once a year we congregate with aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and close friends. Everyone is welcome and its guaranteed to be a good time. We eat, sing, dance and of course golf!



I am an outgoing guy who loves to be the life of the party. I love spending time with Jean. Ashlyn pretends she is not jealous when Jean snuggles and kisses me, but we all know she is.

Fun Facts

- Loves Karaoke
- Played Rugby
- Lived in Africa
- Former Junior Prom King
- Candy Lover
- "The Condiment King"
- Enjoys to Cook
- Doesn't Enjoy Cleaning
- Ambidextrous
- Avid Golfer
- Went Bald at 18
- Loves Toyota Trucks
- Can Drive A Stick
- Played Soccer in Europe
- Likes Hot Dogs and Mac & Cheese
- Public Speaker
- Always Has Different Facial Hair
- First job was at Cold Stone
- Gardener



Cara aka Graham (Chad's mom) currently lives in Portland, OR but spent the majority of her life in California. Now she is a stay at home dog mom. Some of her strengths are home decorating, gardening, and listening to others. She is the glue keeping the family connected on a regular basis.

Rick aka Pops (Chad's dad) was born and raised in California. Work moved him to Portland in 2013. He has had a successful career in the sporting industry. He currently works in golf. His job takes him to amazing places and he is surrounded by incredible athletes. We live vicariously through him.



Grandparents



D'Arcey aka Nanny (Ashlyn's mom) lives in Rocklin, California for now, but will be joining us in Portland soon. She recently retired after a long career in accounting. She is very thoughtful and generous. She always has a smile on her face. She is one of the strongest people we know, and gives me something to strive to be like.

Keith aka Wolfpa (Ashlyn's dad) and his girlfriend Diane live in Gerogetown, CA. Together they breed Rottweilers and French Bulls dogs. Diane is a school bus driver. Keith is extremely handy and can fix most things. Keith is very loud and animated. He always makes us laugh.





Jordan (Chads brother) and Jamie (his wife) live in Beaverton OR. They recently got married and bought their first home. Jamie and Jordan both work in merchandising. Jordan has his degree in Viticulture business, which we love to take advantage of when we visit wine country.



Trevor (Ashlyn's brother) and Kendra (his wife) live in Jackson Hole Wyoming. Trevor manages a Fine Rug gallery and Kendra is a Pharmacist. They welcomed their first baby in November of 2021 (Maxwell). We could not be happier for them and can't wait for all the cousin adventures to come.

Fun Fact: Kendra is adopted!



We love our neighborhood and community. We have plenty of stores and restaurants within a few miles. We also are surrounded by walking trails and parks. Our local shopping center has a toy store, ice cream, and a huge splash pad/fountain for Jean to enjoy in the summer. In addition we have a movie theater and Big Al's less than 2 miles away! We could not be happier in our neighborhood.

Our Home/Neighborhood

FAMILY



Nichole (Ashlyn's sister) lives in San Francisco, California. She is a OBGYN and loves bringing babies into this world. Nichole is amazing at the piano. She can also play the Oboe and Clarinet. She loves going to all the new and popular restaurants and concerts. She is also the smartest person I know.



Jenna (Chads sister) is the baby of the family. She graduated from Chico State and then moved to Oregon in 2015. Jenna is obsessed with dogs and babies. She recently moved in with her boyfriend Mark and we are so happy for them. Jenna is an Operations Manager and is great at getting things done.





Traditions

It is safe to say that no matter what the holiday is, that we will be doing something. Things have looked different as our families continue to expand and grow, however one thing will never change. For us holidays will always involve family and our loved ones.

Ashlyn loves to decorate the house and always finds a way to celebrate even if it's just the three of us. Chad is amazing at planning and cooking the holiday feast. So expect to find us dressed up and our home to be covered in glitter, food coloring, decorations, crafts, and filled with delicious food to eat.

As long as its decorated and filled with friends, pets and family we will be happy!



Dreams for our child

As parents we want to provide a warm, safe, encouraging and happy home. A place where a child can be their best self and have all the opportunities that they would ever want and need. We feel incredibly fortunate to have had a childhood much like the one we envision and hope to provide for our children.

Our goal is to empower our children so that they feel safe, learn, laugh and can play sports or participate in any activity that they dream of. We want to take family vacations and create memories that will last a lifetime. We imagine going to the park and letting the kids play outside, family adventures with cousins, and growing up with friends and family.

We cant wait to surround our children with friends and family. Aunts, uncles, cousins, adoptive family, and friends will be there to support and love our children.





Open Adoption Aspirations

We can't wait to open our home and hearts to our child's birth parent(s) and extended family. We both believe that it is impossible to love a child too much. Open adoption allows us to do just that, love and admire the child. This child will be supported and empowered with an entire team behind them. No matter what, someone will be in their corner and understand. We envision creating new traditions that incorporate things that are important to us and the birth family.



Current Open Adoption Relationship

We value our relationship with Jean's birth mom. It is positive and supportive. We text on a regular basis and see her a few times a year. We consider Jean's birth mom part of our family. We are proud to say that she reports that we empower her and treat her with respect. We do all that we can to make her feel comfortable and cherished.

Highlights:

1. We picked Jean's name together
2. We spent Jean's 1st birthday together
3. Birth mom chose the name that she wanted Jean to call her



welcome
TO OUR
family



FOR
you!

