



Cody Ray & John!



Welcome to us!
Nice to meet you!



Good luck getting
me to look at the
camera!

Dating!

We met in 2015 and were married in 2018. We like to play video games together and go on long walks with our dog, Rusty. Since we've been married, we've traveled across the United States together in an RV before settling down in a city in Eastern Oregon.



Earliest pictures from 2015!



John is good at being goofy to make Cody Ray laugh!



The only seafood John likes is Mo's Clam Chowder from Cannon Beach on the Oregon coast.



When we lived closer to Salem, we'd go to the Oregon State Fair every year and ride the cable lift across the fair.



The first two years we were dating, we went up to the blue mountains during the winter and stayed in a cabin!



Salem Oregon for our first ever pride event 2015!



We took a train trip to Seattle for a couple days in the Spring of 2018. Cody Ray proposed on the ferris wheel.



John was very excited for our first train ride.



Engagement and Wedding!



Blooper from our engagement photos.



We had a small wedding with family and close friends.



Dagobah swampland!



Celebrating birthdays is always wild at our house!



John's first and only days that he worked in a carbon recycling facility.



Hiking at Silver Falls.



What they don't tell you about these photo shoots is that those clothes don't have any backs! They drape them over you like an apron!



Part honeymoon/part desire to take advantage of working remotely. We moved out of our apartment and bought a fifth-wheel RV. We traveled the United States for a little under three years. We had a lot of adventure and got to see a bunch of places we might not have seen otherwise!



Project Pitstop



We learned we like visiting caves, but the pictures didn't always turn out well!



We grew closer as a couple, living in a small space together for three years.



Our last big trip to South Dakota.



We encountered lots of different weather and feel more in tune with the seasons now.



Sometimes things don't go to plan...where's Mt. Rushmore?

Our time together has taken us across the country!



Twin Falls, Idaho.



Olympic Peninsula, Washington.



Glacier National Park, Montana.



Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Arizona.



KFC in Kentucky.



High Falls, Georgia.



House on the Rock, Wisconsin.



Hoover Dam.



MSI Museum, Chicago

I'm Cody Ray!

I grew up in Hermiston, OR, went to college at Oregon State, and now I work as a Software Engineer at home!



John's favorite picture of me.



For my high school graduation photo, I insisted that I not smile. I've come a long way since then :)



My sister and I in front of our childhood home.

Fun facts about me:

- Eagle scout, but can't swim to save my life.
- Agonizes over every new purchase to make sure it is the right one.
- Lived in the same house from birth until the day I went to college
- Only left the US once, to go to Australia in middle school.

Hits: Computers, Math.
Misses: Beaches, Heights.



Making a fire on a backpacking trip.



Fishing with dad.



Our family favorite game! Uno!



My family has been camping since I was three years old!



All foot drive.



Tinkering with a penny machine.



Four-wheeling trip!



"Helping" with dishes.



Growing Up

I grew up in a close family of four with my parents and sister. My grandparents also lived close by and my Great grandma Adams babysat me for most of my childhood until kindergarden while my parents worked. Most of our family time was camping - lots of good times!



My dad's side of the family!

Family



My mom and dad. My dad passed away in 2023.

My mom's side of the family and cousins.



My sister, Callie, and her dog Ms Daisy-Mayzie!



Removing this birdnest was a major personal accomplishment because I had to climb onto the roof despite my fear of heights!

One of my hobbies is 3d printing. In high school I scanned my head and 3d printed it.



Spring mountain hiking!



John and I worked together on this hydroponics setup for growing strawberries. I built the system and John takes care of the strawberries!



In my free time I enjoy tinkering, learning about new things, and science fiction like Star Trek. I tend to cycle through different hobbies a bit to try out different things. When things break around the house, I like to try and fix them myself.



I'm John!

Fun things about me!

- I'm an author!
- I've published five books!
- I love being in the water.
- My goal in life is to inspire the next generation to follow their dreams!



Bears are my favorite animal! When I saw this carved chair in Montana I just couldn't resist a picture!



Things may not always fit the way they're supposed to, but if I want it enough, I'll make it work. This chair was moved across town up and down hills like that!



This is me and my best friend William! We've been best friends for almost twenty years!

I was born in 1997!
I grew up moving around the state of Oregon.

My two brothers and I all had one thing in common. We loved the outdoors!

We were always spending time in nature and enjoying all that life had to offer.



Growing up with separated parents, my brothers and I made our own fun. My favorite pastime was reading! This escape into a magical world was where I found my passion for books!



My brothers and I were in Honduras near San Pedro Sula, enjoying lychees for the first time!



I can usually be found near the water. Something about the gentle push and pull of a beach, or the never-ending flow of a current calls to me in ways that words can't express!



Growing Up

I've always been a fan of animals. That bird flew left its owner and perched on me three different times while at the aviation exhibit!



Snorkeling in the Bahamas! I saw a swordfish there, but nobody believed me! Though it might have been a barracuda!

Family!

This is my mom Janel. She passed away in 2018.



Micah



Sam



John



Grandma and Grandpa Potter, Uncle Zach, and Aunt Missy!



This is my dad Duane and my step-mom Cathe. They've been married for almost fifteen years!



This is my dad and his family! Aunt Karen, Uncle Daren, my dad Duane, and Aunt Juline!



My Dad.



Ever since we were little my dad did his best to instill a feeling of pride in our family. To him, family means everything. It's always been that way with him. No matter what happened or what we did as kids, he always did his best to watch over us and make sure we were safe.

My Mom.

My mom did her best, no matter what the stakes were, she never gave up on her goals. She taught us to have love and respect for nature and everything that lives in it. Whenever we saw her, she was always smiling.



From mock selfies to antique recreates, my dad's sense of humor is unmatched! He can always find a way to make you laugh, even if you don't want to!

Here's our Rusty!
Born June 3rd, 2020!



Golden Doodle!



Rusty has and always will be a lap dog, even if he's over fifty pounds.



Rusty is always down for a car ride, even as a puppy! You couldn't mention the word without perking up his little ears!



But bike rides aren't the same as car rides. Bike rides aren't fun until we start moving!



He's always been a snuggle bug!



The most photogenic of the three of us, if a treat's involved that is....



Playing in the first snow of the year.



Playing at the dog park.



Ready for Thanksgiving!



Rusty will pick up pinecones or small pieces of garbage and carry them while we walk.



Rusty will join us for our adventures exploring new places.

Home & Neighborhood



We moved into our house in 2021, we like that it isn't too small but it also isn't too big so it's easy to take care of. We have space for an RV and plans for a small garden in the future. We also have a backyard porch where we hang out if the weather permits! We're within walking distance of both an elementary and middle school.

We very much look forward to walking our future child to school. The riverfront park where we'll often go for walks is also only a short drive away! Much of Cody Ray's family lives in his hometown, so an event of some kind is always around the corner!



Long walks at the riverfront park



Celebrating Cody Ray's recent birthday with family in town

Working from Home

We are both very fortunate to work from home with pretty flexible schedules. We feel this will make it easier to balance work and family life as we expand in the future. This flexibility allows us to live in a smaller community while still having access to all of the local events!

In the morning, we'll both be available to help care for our child. We won't be stressed to get to work on time, and thanks to our easy-going lifestyle, we'll almost always be able to share our meals as a family!



During our adventures across the states, we still had to keep busy with our jobs! With the power of the internet, working from home was wherever we wanted it to be!



working
FROM
home



John has published 5 books -
The fifth one is in the mail!



Traditions

Life would get boring without holidays and trips to break up the day to day!



Regular get-togethers with family in town. We try to do something every Sunday!



Decorating for both Halloween and Christmas! Our collection will only grow as the years pass!



We'd like to carry on the tradition of spending time in the outdoors with our child camping or hiking.

Home
IS
WHERE
YOU
ARE

We're homebodies - we like being at home. Even when we are on vacation, we like having a home base to ground ourselves with!

Christmas Traditions



We've travel to see John's family for Christmas Eve dinner the last couple of years! They host a large gathering, so we get to see a lots of family each year.



Cody Ray's mom makes tasty sugar cookies for the holiday season



HO HO HO

Christmas with John's family is always a blast! From food to games, then back for more food, the family is always ready for a party!



The two of us exchange our gifts to each other at home in our own little Christmas celebration



When John was younger, his dad used to do a scavenger hunt for their Christmas stockings and a hiding Christmas frog every year, and that tradition will live on through us. Little clues and vague hints will keep our family hunting for their stockings for years to come!

Dreams for our Child



Our dream as parents isn't born with adoption, but realized through it. We want our family to grow. Our biggest hope above all else, is to bring the world a bright new spark as one big family!



We're excited to share our interests with our child, but we also think it's important to allow them a chance to find their own interests and goals to aspire towards. We will introduce a few ideas like sports, art, or music, but in the end, support their goals whatever they may be! Whatever passion they discover will be a triumph of their own choosing! We'll be right by their side though from the bleachers to an art gallery!

We share a strong desire to create a life-long bond with our child, and thanks to our relaxed work life, we have the opportunity to always be close. We want to be present for every step of their journey not only as their parents, but as their guide, and with that honor, we hope they will be not only comfortable at home, but feel confident enough to seek us out in times of crisis whenever they may arise.



Openness

To us, an open adoption is an opportunity for our child to be loved by even more people. As adoptive parents, we'll make sure that our child knows their birth family and has as many chances as they can get to foster life-long connections with them! To that end, we hope for higher touch communication beyond occasional pictures and letters with our child's birth parents. That means birthdays, holidays, and even vacations will be open doors!

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US ALL

Thanks for taking the time to get to know us!



- John, Cody Ray, and Rusty