



JAMIE AND DANIEL





Hi, we are Jamie and Daniel. Thank you for taking the time to look at our family book! We hope that you will enjoy getting to know a little about us.

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HOW WE MET:

We met in North Carolina in 2008 when Jamie found Daniel's Facebook page after she had moved to Wilmington and was looking to meet new friends. She messaged him because there was a picture of him with a cute dog, which unfortunately belonged to his uncle and not him. She kept talking to him anyway (whew!) and we discovered that our birthdays were coming up and only two days apart! We went on a date to celebrate with lunch, go-karts, and an unexpectedly competitive game of air hockey. We've been together ever since.





OUR WEDDING:



We were married July 16, 2010 in Pine Knoll Shores, NC. We had a beach wedding with the reception at a local country club. It rained every day that week until our wedding day when it cleared up and was completely beautiful, like it was meant to be. Jamie and her dad, sister, niece, and nephews got a crash course in Daniel's gigantic family (mom is 1 of 9 kids, dad is 1 of 7 which makes for 14 sets of aunts and uncles and 42 cousins). It was a wonderful time and could not have been more perfect.

OUR DOGS:

Our dogs mean the world to us. Jamie adopted Yoshi after she graduated from college in 2006. Daniel immediately fell in love with him when they began dating. We adopted Daisy in 2010. They were the ringbearer and flower girl at our wedding. Yoshi unfortunately passed in 2014. We adopted Tyrannosaurus several months later and him and Daisy immediately became best friends. They had years of adventures together until unfortunately Daisy passed away in 2021. Ty was so sad to lose his best friend, so shortly after we adopted Eevee. Now they are the bestest of friends!



Yoshi



Princess Daisy



Tyrannosaurus



Eevee





OUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

We love the outdoors! We go hiking with our dogs every weekend possible all over Oregon and Washington. Jamie adores waterfalls so most our destinations end up being to one or another (and there's certainly no shortage of them). We go camping several times each summer. Our first camping trip was a complete disaster, but we kept doing it anyway and every trip after that has been much better.



We both love to have our friends over for big game nights whenever we can. There are a ton of games we have to play during these but some of our favorites are Telestrations and Monikers.

Jamie gets super competitive, and we always end up laughing our heads off.



We're both very active in the kitchen as well, where Daniel loves to mad-scientist cook by experimentation and Jamie loves to bake with precision. It's a great combination until she asks him how he made something and he just kind of shrugs. We love to host our friends for dinner and cook or grill out in the backyard during the summer.



FUN FACTS ABOUT JAMIE:



- Can quote all episodes of Seinfeld and Friends
- Loves 90's pop music and karaoke
- Played clarinet for 9 years and traveled to Spain, France, Italy, and Switzerland with the Pennsylvania Ambassadors of Music
- Loves photography
- Collects Yoshi figurines
- Is amazing at Mario 3

JAMIE'S STORY:

Jamie was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but raised in a very small town in south central Pennsylvania. The town did not have a traffic light and had a big party when an ATM was put in. Most of her childhood was spent outside hiking in the woods, swimming, and riding her bike to her friend's house down the road. She also enjoyed playing lots of Nintendo with her older sister, Jessica. Jamie attended college about an hour and a half away from her hometown. After college, she wanted a change and her and her dog Yoshi moved to Wilmington, NC. Her love for the town stemmed from watching Dawson's Creek and reading Nicholas Sparks novels. She met Daniel here and the rest is history!





JAMIE'S OCCUPATION:

Jamie has always had a love for animals and decided to make a career out of it. She attended Wilson College and graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in 2006. She has been a licensed veterinary technician since then. She has worked in several small animal practices, a veterinary dermatology practice, and now a veterinary cardiology practice.



JAMIE'S HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Like Daniel, Jamie loves hiking and camping. She also loves photography, mostly taking landscape photographs while hiking and also taking pictures of the dogs. Their home is filled with pictures she has taken. She also enjoys baking and cake decorating. TV is a favorite pastime and she mostly enjoys re-watching episodes of Seinfeld and Friends over and over. She also enjoys watching reality TV, baking competitions, and anything on HGTV.



FUN FACTS ABOUT DANIEL:

- Daniel traveled to Germany when he was 16 with his soccer team to play over there.
- He created a mobile phone game as a senior project in college.
- Daniel, his sister, his brother, and both of his parents were all born in different states.
- He didn't go to his first live music concert until he was 21.
- Daniel's high school soccer team outscored his football team his senior year.
- Daniel had never carved a pumpkin until after he met Jamie!



DANIEL'S STORY

Daniel was born on a Navy air base in Lemoore, CA but raised in Hickory, NC where his family moved when he was about 6 months old. He has an older brother Ben (4 years older), and an older sister Meagan (2 years older). Hickory wasn't the biggest city, but it wasn't rural middle-of-nowhere either. Honestly, it was a great place to grow up. Daniel played soccer, baseball, and basketball from a young age but ultimately stayed with soccer as he got older and has kept playing it his whole life.

Being the only part of his family in NC, Christmas was spent in New York to visit his mom's side of the family there. He spent a lot of his time outdoors with his friends riding bikes, building tree forts, skateboarding, and playing flashlight tag during the summers. In high school he worked at the YMCA teaching kids sports and helping run summer camps. After high school he went to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. It was a difficult but rewarding experience. He eventually left there when he realized that a military career wasn't right for him. Daniel spent the next 5 years working various jobs (sales, tech support, sawmill worker, etc) when he met Jamie in Wilmington. A couple of years after he married Jamie he went back to school after finally deciding what he wanted to do as a career and graduated with a bachelors in computer science in 2016. Afterwards, him and Jamie moved to Oregon to be closer to his family as well as the job opportunities.



DANIEL'S OCCUPATION:

Daniel is a software developer with the state government. He works for a division called PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) that handles retirement funds for state workers. So all of the teachers, firefighters, and government employees have accounts that PERS invests, tracks, and maintains. His job is to develop internal tools for people to use within the company. Examples being a program that tracks targeted estimates for how someone's account will perform based on previous data, or a program that calculates retirement benefits for people who have worked different state jobs that have different rates. Most people would find it boring, but Daniel loves programming and finding solutions for problems. It's like creative math!

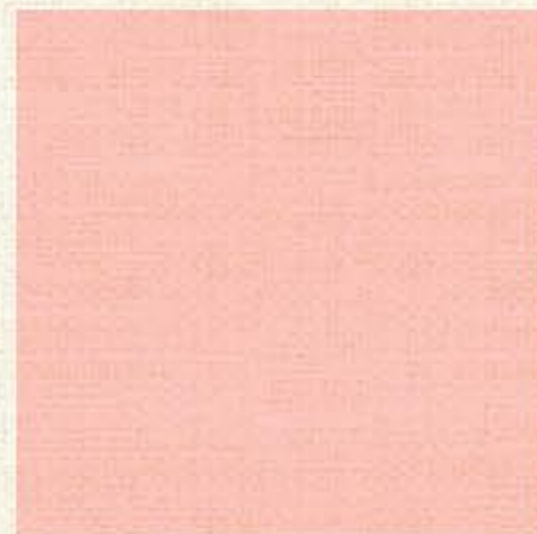


DANIEL'S HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:



Daniel is basically a self described nerd-jock. As previously stated, he's played soccer his whole life and loves watching games (Juventus is his favorite team) on the weekends. Daniel plays at least once a week in an adult league outdoor half the year and indoor the other half. He also watches basketball and hockey, but doesn't follow those. He used to love watching football, but stopped years ago due to how the NFL handles concussions and player safety. Having said all that, his hobbies are predominantly nerdy. Daniel loves video games and board games and has huge collections of each. He has met some of his closest friends through video games, surprisingly enough. Daniel has been building computers since he was a kid and does most of his gaming in his free time there. His board game collection (and board game table) takes up an entire room of the house and he hosts a group that plays every week. It's great to have that face to face connection that isn't there with online video games. Daniel loves to read as well, almost exclusively sci-fi and fantasy and could talk about his favorite books and series for hours. So, yeah. Super nerdy.

OUR HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD:



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DREAMS FOR OUR CHILD:

We've been excited to have a child for a long time now and can't wait to grow our family. We want our child to be happy and healthy with every opportunity given to them. We want them to succeed at whatever they decide they want to do and help them to get there. We want them to be kind, caring, and honest. We want our child to be active and to learn to enjoy the outdoors. At the same time we want them to be educated and to value learning and the pursuit of knowledge. Whether they want to pursue sports, music, math, or anything in between, we will be there to encourage them and to always make them feel supported. We want our child to never question whether or not they're loved or wanted. They always will be.



HOPES FOR OPEN ADOPTION:

We chose open adoption after seeing the positive effect it has on children's lives. We want our child to know and care for their birth parents and have them as part of the child's life. We will strive and do everything we can to make that relationship not only work, but flourish. For us, the ideal relationship sees us as close friends with our child's birth parents. Challenges arise and relationships change over time, but we will do everything in our power to have a healthy, positive relationship for our child's sake.

