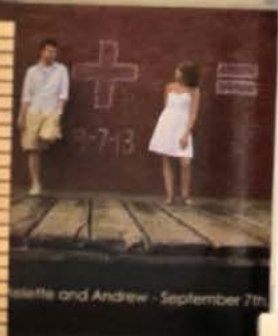




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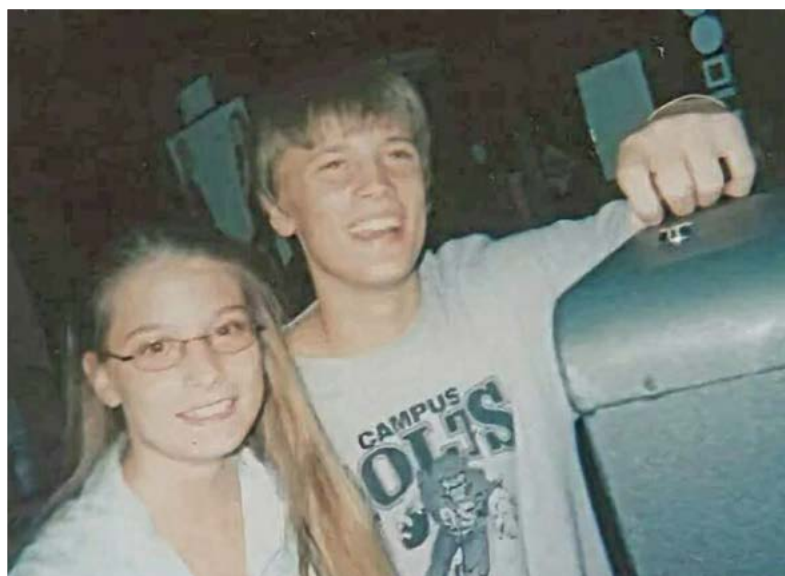
Andrew & Melette





Still best friends!

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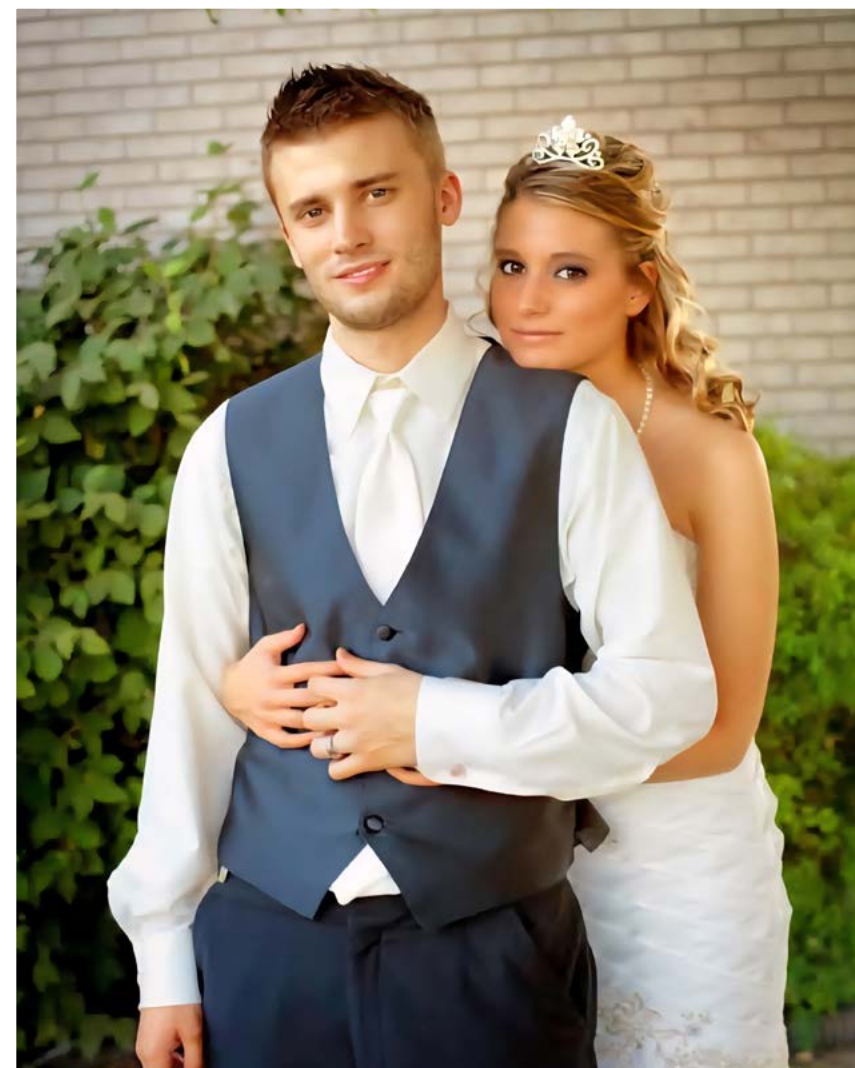
We were 15 when we first met!

HELLO! WE'RE  
*Andrew and Melette,*  
and we're honored that  
you're taking the time to  
learn about us.

## Our Story

It all started when one of Melette's best friends started dating one of Andrew's best friends. Neither of us had met before, attending different high schools in Kansas, but fate (and our friends!) had other plans. One double date at the movies changed everything.

From that day forward, we were inseparable. High school sweethearts turned lifelong partners, marrying in 2013, our journey has been filled with love, laughter, and a deep commitment to each other. Many wonderful years of marriage later, we've built a home full of warmth, fun, and unwavering support—and now we dream of growing our family through adoption.



Our Wedding!

We believe that family is built on love, and our greatest hope is to share that love with a child, creating a home filled with encouragement, adventure, and cherished moments. We deeply value open adoption and the connections it fosters. We believe that a child benefits from knowing their story and the love that surrounds them from all sides. We welcome the opportunity to build a relationship that honors the wishes of everyone involved, ensuring love, trust, and respect remain at the heart of our journey.

We admire the love and courage it takes to consider adoption as one of your options, and hope that our profile gives you more insight into our lives, and who we would be as adoptive parents.

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When Andrew and I first met, we were just kids—learning, growing, and figuring out who we were. Watching him evolve into the incredible man he is today has been one of my life’s greatest joys.

My Amazing  
Husband,  
*Andrew*

He’s passionate about sports and the outdoors—but sadly, he’s a Denver Broncos fan! He’s the kind of uncle who gladly takes a day off work in the summer just to create unforgettable memories with our nieces and nephews, like exploring the zoo or teaching them to ride scooters and bikes.



“Uncle Roo” teaching our niece to ride her scooter!

Andrew has an unstoppable energy, always on the move, always eager to learn and teach, which is why I know he will be the best dad.



Andrew needs all the practice that he can get!

Teaching comes naturally to him. Whether he’s guiding his employees through ethical sales practices or patiently helping the kids in our family master a new skill, he thrives on sharing knowledge and making meaningful connections.

His love for animals is undeniable. There was a time when he dreamed of becoming a marine biologist, but Kansas isn’t exactly teeming with ocean life! Instead, he’s channeling that passion into traveling. Every trip we take is thoughtfully planned around visits to local zoos and aquariums—his way of staying close to the world he loves.



Us and an Otter!



Andrew officiating his brother’s wedding!

FUN FACTS ABOUT  
*Andrew:*

- ★ **Family First:** Andrew became an ordained minister for one very special reason—to officiate his younger brother’s wedding!
- ★ **Natural Musician:** Whether it’s drums, guitar, or any instrument he picks up, Andrew has a natural talent for making music.
- ★ **Game Night Champion:** Board games, card games, video games—you name it, Andrew is always ready to play.





Mel and our niece cooking!

She is deeply devoted to family—but to her, family isn't just about blood.



Mel is always in character for birthday parties!

I have always been in awe of everything Melette manages to accomplish. From the moment we got married, she balanced a full-time job while pursuing her education, eventually earning her master's degree from a school of law which she uses working on the legal team at an aviation company. Her drive and determination never cease to amaze me.

## My Superhero Wife, *Melette*

She welcomed and loved my younger siblings to the point that they now call her instead of me because they know how much she cares. She never misses a recital or a sporting event for our nieces and nephews, she opens our home for holidays and gatherings, and she constantly checks in on friends and loved ones—just because.

And if all that weren't enough, she's an AMAZING cook. I am constantly spoiled with homemade meals, and I still don't understand how she finds the time to do it all. Her nurturing heart and unwavering love are just a few of the reasons I fell in love with her, and how I have no doubt that she will be an incredible mother.



Mel and her sister, at our nephew's karate tournament!



Mel at Quantico!

## FUN FACTS

### ABOUT *Melette*:

- ★ **FBI Dreams:** She wanted to be an FBI agent and save the world. Thankfully, she never had to, but she did get to train with the FBI at Quantico!
- ★ **Laser Tag Champion:** Yes, we've had laser tag parties at our house—complete with obstacles! She takes laser tag very seriously.
- ★ **Musical Talent:** She's a talented guitar player and led our church's praise and worship team for years.



# Home Sweet Home



Welcome to our home!

Our home is more than just a house—it's the heart of our family, filled with love, laughter and three furry puppies. We bought our dream home in 2021, and every detail was chosen with family in mind.

The kitchen is truly the center of it all. With its spacious design, it's perfect for gathering, cooking, and making memories. One of our favorite traditions is when Melette makes homemade noodles and pies with our nieces and nephews, filling the house with warmth and the delicious scent of fresh-baked treats. Andrew often comes home to find Melette dancing with our oldest niece in the kitchen, while making a home cooked meal.

Upstairs, the open floor plan makes hosting a breeze—whether it's game nights, holiday celebrations, or impromptu get-togethers with friends and loved ones. And then there's the basement—a world of fun! Designed to feel like an arcade, it's home to laser tag battles, Nerf matches, a cozy movie area, arcade basketball, and even a skeeball machine.



Laser tag party!

Beyond our walls, we're part of an incredible neighborhood that's alive with the sound of children playing. It even has its own private park, perfect for outdoor adventures. And when the holidays roll around—whether it's Fourth of July fireworks, spooky Halloween decorations, or twinkling Christmas lights—the entire neighborhood comes alive in festive celebration.

For us, home isn't just about where we live—it's about the people we welcome in, the love we share, and the joy we create together.



Christmas with our fur babies!

We have created a space where our nieces, nephews, and friends' kids can let loose, play, and create memories that last a lifetime.



Watching the sun set on the lake is a great way to unwind.

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# Family Means Everything To Us

One of the greatest joys in our lives is the strong, loving family that surrounds us.

Melette's family is deeply rooted in southern values—where kindness is second nature and everyone is welcomed with open arms. With most of her family living within thirty minutes of our home, we spend a lot of time together—whether it's traveling, hosting game nights, or celebrating special occasions. Over the years, our gatherings have grown to include family friends and their loved ones, making every get-together a lively, laughter-filled event. Her closest friends? Her grandmother (who is in her 90s), her mother, sister, and niece—they share an unbreakable bond.

Andrew's family is spread across the country, but that never stops us from staying close. His mother, stepfather, and extended relatives live nearby, and we frequently celebrate birthdays and holidays together, blending both of our families into one. As the oldest sibling, Andrew makes it a priority to stay connected with his younger half-siblings, one in Oklahoma and the other in Washington.



Us with Andrew's siblings, our niece, and nephew!

We regularly visit his brother, wife, and three kids in Oklahoma or welcome them into our home when they come to visit. His sister and her military husband live in Washington, and we bridge the distance with weekly video calls—ensuring we spend time chatting with our youngest niece.

Game night! Andrew didn't win for a change.



We feel so blessed to have a family that is both diverse and deeply supportive. Their excitement for our adoption journey has been overwhelming, and they're so looking forward to welcoming a new member into our lives—birth parents included, if you are open to being on this journey with us.



Family vacay in the jaws of a Meg!

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At Seaworld waiting for Shamu with our nephew and brother-in-law



# Hobbies, Interests & Traditions

Traveling is one of our greatest passions! Our goal is to visit every state in the U.S., making memories and experiencing all the unique sights along the way. We also love football season—cheering on the Denver Broncos and the Fightin’ Texas A&M Aggies is a tradition we never miss!

Family time is at the heart of our lives, and one of our favorite traditions is Saturday game night and dinner. It’s a tradition from Melette’s childhood that has endured, where family gathers for good food, board games, and endless laughter. We can’t wait to add a little one to the mix, making new memories alongside our nieces and nephews.

Another tradition we cherish is our huge Fourth of July celebration. Every year, we welcome both sides of our family, our brother-in-law’s parents and siblings, and close friends for an unforgettable gathering. With a giant cookout, kid-friendly games, and activities, the day is always full of fun before we cap it off with an epic fireworks show!

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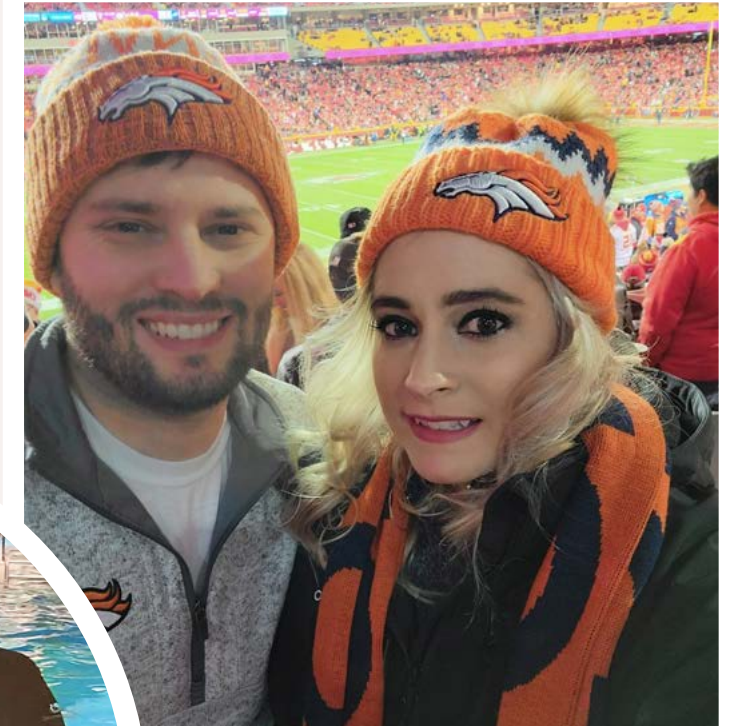


In August, we love visiting a local orchard to pick fresh apples and peaches. It’s become a seasonal tradition to turn our harvest into homemade treats like cinnamon apple cookies, apple pies, and peach cobbler—filling our home with warmth and the sweet scent of fresh-baked goodness.



Seaworld with the Beluga whales!

And when the holiday season arrives, Christmas is extra special. Decorating is a big event for us, and we love hosting festive gatherings. Every year, we add a new ornament to our tree—one that symbolizes a favorite memory or a big accomplishment from the past year, making it a beautiful reflection of our journey together.



Denver Broncos Game!



At the Orchard!



# Our Gratitude

“ Our greatest hope is to raise a child who feels secure, valued, and empowered to embrace life with confidence and compassion. ”

Thank you for taking the time to read our adoption profile. We hope it has given you a glimpse into who we are, the love we share, and the values that shape our lives.

We also want to thank you for considering adoption as one of your options. While we can only imagine the emotions and decisions you may be facing, please know that we hold you in the highest regard, sending you love, admiration, and respect for the strength it takes to explore this process.

As parents, we promise to provide a child with a home filled with unwavering love, encouragement, and support. Family is at the heart of everything we do, and the child will be surrounded by a nurturing and devoted extended family. We believe in the beauty of openness and honesty, and we will always ensure that the child understands their story—how they came into our lives and how deeply they have always been loved.

Our greatest hope is to raise a child who feels secure, valued, and empowered to embrace life with confidence and compassion. We eagerly await the day we can hold a little one in our arms, pouring all of our love into them. We are truly honored that you are considering us as adoptive parents, and we would love the opportunity to walk this journey with you.

With Love,

*Andrew and Melette*





