

CARRIE & SCOTT





SALK INSTITUTE TOUR

Our Story

HELLO! WE ARE
Scott and Carrie.
Thank you for reading our profile.

We have known each other since high school and became friends when we were seventeen, taking a yearbook class together. We didn't date until after high school, off and on during breaks from college, and again after we had both graduated college. Neither of us were ready for a committed relationship in our 20s, though.

JOSHUA TREE HIKE



OUR WEDDING - AUG 14 2020



After a milestone birthday, Carrie got to thinking about Scott: What was that guy up to? Did he ever get married? Scott was not on ANY social media but Carrie knew where he worked so she sent him a snail mail letter and her business card basically saying "Hey! How are you doing?"

We had our "first" date a couple of weekends later. After two years together in a long-distance relationship, Carrie sold her house and moved to Scott's bachelor pad. We eloped on August 14, 2020 in Eureka Springs. Later, that October, we had a fun wedding reception with our closest friends and family.

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On our "first" date, Carrie told Scott she wanted to have children. We had dated each other when we were young and since we were older, she felt that it needed to be put out there in case he didn't want a family. Luckily for both of us, he agreed completely. While we did try fertility treatments (IVF) for a couple of years, we knew that we would pursue adoption regardless of that outcome. We believe that family is about love, not blood. We have a great life together, but we are ready to grow our family and share our love.



About Scott

I grew up in Northeast Iowa, and moved to South Central Missouri when I was ten-years-old. Nearly all of my favorite childhood memories have to do with family. I fondly remember going to my grandparents' houses, staying over at cousins' houses, playing with siblings and

cousins, fishing with grandparents and spending countless hours with my father tending to "business" around the farm and town.

As a child, I was interested in the animals around the farm, and enjoyed building things, running, playing basketball, and fishing.

Scott's FAVORITE THINGS

- ♥ I love fly fishing, and especially love catching fish!
- ♥ I love late 80s and 90s country music by George Strait and Keith Whitley.
- ♥ My all-time favorite movie is A River Runs Through It. Despite the sadness in that movie, there is a great, relatable story in a beautiful setting.
- ♥ I love being on our farm and working on a holistic approach to farming.



SCOTT FISHING



SCOTT JOSHUA TREE HIKE

ABOUT Scott, BY CARRIE

Spending time with his dad working on the farm, it is only fitting that he loves his career as an agricultural loan officer, and rancher on our farm. He wants to show a child the beauty of that life.

He works hard at everything he does, but would tell you that ranching is hardly a job because he enjoys it so much.

Scott is dependable and is great at fixing things. He enjoys spending time researching something before he does it himself. He is incredibly patient with people and projects. He wears his heart on his sleeve and will be there to offer help when anyone needs it. He is witty and has a great sense of humor, and one of my favorite sounds is his laughter.



SCOTT GETTING IN THE TRACTOR



CARRIE PUZZLE
DINING ROOM

About Carrie

I grew up in a blended family in Southern Missouri. I was an only child until my mom remarried and I gained siblings who I am still close to today. I participated in gymnastics as a young girl, which later led to cheerleading in high school. I was an excellent student and loved school, especially reading. I knew from a young age that I wanted to be an architect, and I was able to achieve that dream through family encouragement and support.



CARRIE MAKING MINI TERRARIUM

Carrie's FAVORITE THINGS

- ♥ Glamping in one of our two campers.
- ♥ I love alternative rock, and enjoy rocking out in the car.
- ♥ I love relaxing by the pool, at the lake, or in the river.
- ♥ I love to sew and do DIY projects.
- ♥ My favorite relaxing activity is curling up on the couch to read a book.

CARRIE AND LILY FISHING



ABOUT *Carrie*, BY SCOTT

I would compare Carrie to the "cherry on top". I used to think my life was pretty darn good, but I had no idea how good it could be. She makes everything better! She is spunky and fun and always makes sure we are going to have a good and adventurous time. She plans things out and makes sure life doesn't pass us by.

Carrie is very independent and comfortable in nearly every situation. She grew up modestly and knows how to have fun enjoying simple things like time in nature, being around good friends, and spending time with family. I love Carrie's independence and talent for creating things. It may sound selfish, but I also love Carrie because of how she makes me feel things that I have never felt before.



CARRIE BIRTHDAY

USING THE ROCKING
CHAIRS ON THE PORCH



Our Home

We live on a 100-acre farm in South Central Missouri, where we raise beef cattle. We also share a larger farm with Scott's mom, that is a few miles from our house. Our home is a 2,400 square foot house with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a huge great room.



CARRIE READING AND SCOTT WATCHING TV WITH LILY AND GIRLIE

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Since she is a designer and loves DIY home projects, Carrie is always working on something to add some farmhouse charm to our house like new lighting and painting the kitchen cabinets. We have a deep front porch that runs the entire length of the front of the house. It overlooks one of our pastures so we can sit in our chairs and see the cows with their calves or a bunch of deer.



SCOTT PUTTING ON HIS CHORE
BOOTS WITH EDDIE SHEERAN



CARRIE GETTING READY TO BAKE

CARRIE WITH HER
MOM AND NEPHEWS



Family & Friends

Although both of our dads have passed away, we are fortunate that we are both close to our moms, who live within 45 minutes of our house. Scott's sister, along with both of his nieces, his nephew, and their kids all live within 30 minutes of us. We see them often, including for nearly all major holidays. His aunt and uncle also live close to us.

Carrie's family lives very close, too. Both of her uncles (mom's brothers) live near her mom. Many of her cousins are local and we see them at all major holidays. Carrie's step sister-in-law and her kids live 20 minutes from our house.



CARRIE AND RUSS AT TAYLOR SWIFT ERAS TOUR



CARRIE AT DINNER WITH JEFFERSON CITY FRIENDS

Carrie travels to Jefferson City, where her best friend (whom she met when they were in elementary school) lives, for work once a month, and she gets to have a fun girls night out (or in)! Her other best friend is building a lake house in Central Arkansas with a pool and we are excited to visit. Several other friends of hers live closer and she gets to hang out with them on a regular basis.

Several of Scott's closest friends live within 15 minutes of our house, and we see them often. Most of them have young kids whom we hope will play with a future child.

SCOTT WITH MOM
AND BROTHER JEFF



Furry Family

We have 4 four indoor cats, 1 one indoor dog, 1 one farm dog, 1 one porch kitty and 4 four barn cats! Not to mention all those cows!

Lily – long haired dachshund

- ★ **Nicknames:** Toots McGee, Lily Lou
- ★ **Personality:** Stubborn, loyal, loving
- ★ **Likes:** Pretending to be a cattle dog at the farm and going camping



Kiki – tortoiseshell cat

- ★ **Nicknames:** Keaker Squeakers, Squeakers
- ★ **Personality:** Sassy, cranky old lady
- ★ **Likes:** Sleeping on or next to mom all night long and kitty treats



Zoe – tortoiseshell cat

- ★ **Nicknames:** Zozo, Bozo
- ★ **Personality:** People pleaser, lover, best behaved cat
- ★ **Likes:** Eating cheese and chatting with her humans



Eddie Sheeran



Eddie Sheeran – orange and white floofball fluffball

- ★ **Nickname:** Sir Poofy Pants, Handsome
- ★ **Personality:** very laid back/lazy, 110% love bug, affectionate
- ★ **Likes:** cuddling with his humans and playing with Spooky Jo

Spooky Jo – long haired black cat

- ★ **Nicknames:** Spookster, Spooksie
- ★ **Personality:** Scared of her own shadow, prim and proper
- ★ **Likes:** Fetching poofy balls and bouncy balls and whipped cream



Jimmy – farm dog

- ★ **Nickname:** James D
- ★ **Personality:** Social butterfly, energetic, very intelligent
- ★ **Likes:** Working cattle and barking at everything

Thank You!

Having a family together is more important to us than anything else in our lives. We are grateful to be considered as potential parents, and eager for this dream to be fulfilled. We each have had fulfilling careers, close relationships with our families, and great groups of friends. When we became a couple, we learned very quickly that life is much better when you share it with a partner who you love unconditionally, are comfortable with in every way, and who shares your dreams.

The environment in our home is one of love, stability, fun, adventure, support, and respect. We are each open-minded and love to try new things, but we hold tightly to our convictions. We encourage each other to pursue our own dreams, as well as the dreams we share. We each lead busy lives with multiple priorities, but are always supportive of each other's needs, goals, and desires.

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We were raised to believe that family always comes first and we continue to hold that belief. We were taught the meaning of hard work, but know the joy of having fun. We both maintain a positive attitude and want children to see the value of goodness in all things, including people. We were raised to respect ourselves and others, including animals and our planet, and we want to instill those same beliefs in children. Our biggest priority when we become parents will be to give the child every opportunity possible for them to grow to be the best person they can be.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

Sincerely,

Carrie and Scott

