

Nathan,
Jennifer,
Kai,
Layton
and
Presley

We are Nathan, Jen, Kai, Layton and Presley (dog). We cannot imagine the thoughts going through you head right now, or the feelings going through your heart. You are making one of the most important decisions of your life, both for you and your baby. What we hope for you is that you will find peace in finding the right family to place your baby with. We are excited to expand our family through adoption and look forward to meeting you!

We were married in June 2006, after meeting in January 2004 in college. Nathan grew up on a farm and enjoyed teaching Jen about the realities of farm life. We took a couple years to get used to living together before we were ready for children. We had Kai December 2009 and Layton August 2011. Our two boys are very loving and affectionate kids, who are also very much boys who like to play in the dirt and get dirty. We would like to add a little girl to complete our family. We also would welcome a boy if there was a surprise either at a later ultrasound or in the hospital. We had talked about adoption as a possibility before we got married, and found out after Layton was born that Jen has a condition that would make it very dangerous for her to have another child naturally. Kai & Layton are both very excited about the possibility of a baby sister, or brother. Kai was an awesome big brother when Layton was born, and they both do great around babies and toddlers.

We are all looking forward to the day we have a baby girl to spoil.

# Nathan & Jen Beyer

### How we met

We met during our junior year at SDSU while working at Daktronics. Nathan was asked to help out in Jen's department at work and she could just tell he was one of the good guys. We started spending all our free time together, studying, fishing with his family, going to movies or just hanging out. In 2005 the summer we graduated, Nathan asked Jen to marry him and start their lives together. The year before we were married was hard, as Nathan moved to lowa to start a commission based job and Jen stayed in South Dakota working at a daycare. We waited until we were married in 2006 to move in together.



### The Beginning



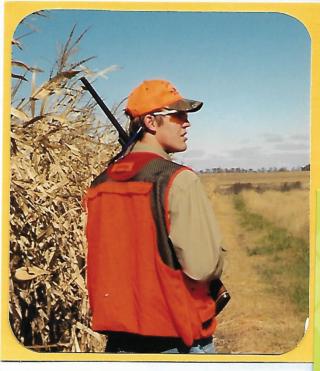
End of 2006 Nathan started working at an accounting firm which he loved, & Jen found a job at the town library. We decided we were ready to add to our family. We had on miscarriage in Dec 2008 & then were blessed with Kai in Dec 2009. When we started looking at names for our first child we had a hard time narrowing down the names. We started thinking Jen starts with a J & Nathan starts with a N, so our first child should start with a K & the second with L & the third with M. We also wanted an uncommon name because Jen didn't like having more than one Jen in her class. Our second blessing came along in Aug 2011. Both times Jen had complications after giving birth, & it was decided it would not be safe for her to carry any more children. We had talked about adoption prior to having kids, & thought it would be something we would like to do some day, so we decided that was how our family would grow in the future.

For our ten year marriage anniversary we took a trip to Florida together.

#### Our House

We moved into our house during the summer of 2013. It's a split level 3 bedroom house with a nice family room downstairs. Our two boys share the bedroom downstairs and we sleep upstairs by the spare room, which will be the baby's room.





Nathan grew up on a farm, and still enjoys doing many things outdoors. Fishing, camping, and bike rides are all favorites. He also likes reading books, taking the boys to the park, and playing board or card games.

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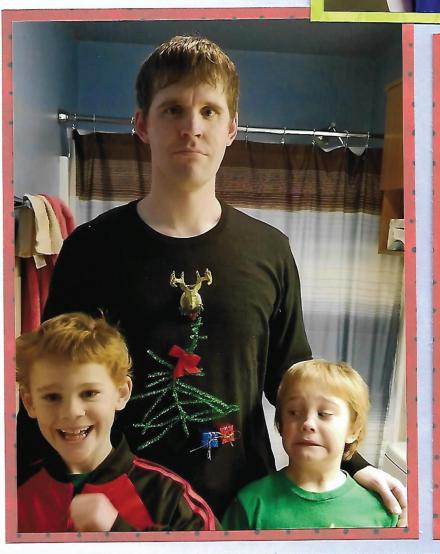


Nathan plays on the church softball team. Kai and Layton enjoy watching dad play.

Nathan

#### Hunting

Nathan enjoys hunting both pheasants and deer.
Usually he goes with family. A couple of times he has brought the boys out with him to teach them some of the rules of hunting.



Nathan is a good sport when the boys make him an ugly Christmas sweater. Kai did most of the work so he was proud and Layton was giving his worried/disgusted face. Nathan enjoys sharing some of the things he enjoys, which also includes going to a Twins game.





Jen has always had a great love of animals, and so do the boys. They love going to the zoo or petting farms so we can see the animals up close.

> Jen enjoys making shirts for the boys to wear, using her cricut. DOG-A-CORN was Kai's book battle team.



Once you get to know Jennifer you find out she goes by many names, Jen, Jenny, Jennifer, mom, and teacher. Jen's family calls her Jenny, Nathan's family calls her Jen and at work Jennifer or teacher.



Jen loves taking pictures of her kids and then scrapbooking the pictures. She enjoys scrapbooking on-line and on paper. She uses the digital to tell the story and the paper for seeing how much the kids change month to month. Twice a year she goes on a scrapbooking retreat with her friend to try to catch up and talk.

The boys will ask Nathan and Jen to read them their scrapbooks and they love to

#### What Jen loves doing

\*Playing games, reading books, and coloring with her boys.

\*Reading books, by Nicholas Sparks, Dean Koontz, and Mitch Albom.

\*Creating scrapbooks about the boys and their cousins.

\*Knitting baby blankets or scarves.

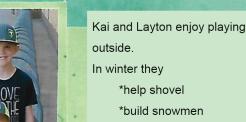
\*Taking care of her boys.

Jen loves working with kids and loves it even more when she can help them learn. Jen is currently working part-time as an Education Assistant for the School District.



Kai and Layton enjoy doing so many different things.
They are always busy with one thing or another. There are also many times they would love to just sit and read, especially if they have homework to do.





\*drink hot chocolate
In summer they

\*go to the park

\*go sledding

- \*play in the backyard
- \*camp
- \*attend bible camp
- \*take Presley on walks
- \*go to Twins games



We go camping at least twice a year. Father's day weekend is camping with Nathan's family. Grandma has a camper we stay in, Nathan's brother and sister usually come also with their families. We usually take one week to camp ourselves. Jen likes to read and go on walks while camping. On the other hand the boys like to be active. The boys and Nathan enjoy going on bike rides, fishing and swimming in the lake.



Kai and Layton enjoy all actives outside. During the summer months they both enjoy baseball, fishing, skating, going on walks, and playing in the backyard with the play set. Kai has started to show an interest in music. He is learning to play the String Bass and Piano. Kai's passion is reading, he could read all day. Layton enjoys sports, flag football, Karate, and baseball. He is also taking Piano lessons. Layton is working on earning his black belt. Jen and Nathan are very proud of both boys and encourage them in all they do.



Kai and Layton are 20 months apart and they love to play together either inside or outside. They also fight like any brothers, but miss each other when they are not together.



## Presley

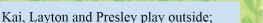
In 2017 we decided to add another member to our family, Presley. He was around 8 weeks old when we got him.

We all love Presley

- \*snuggling
- \*taking walks
- \*playing in the backyard
- \*eating popcorn

Kai and Layton love outside, luckily there is a park and the elementary school right across the street from the house.

Kai cooking popcorn with Presley.



Layton snuggling with Presley

- \*with bubbles
- \*in the swimming pool
- \*running around
- \*playing fetch



Extended Family

We love visiting Grandma and Grandpa's farm to help with the work or just play with the animals and big machines.

During spring the farm is super fun with the baby chicks and calves.

We always visit both sides of the family for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Nathan's family is much closer, while Jen's family is a little farther away, but we still drive to visit them several times a year.

Jen has one sister, Melissa, and her family lives in the same town as her parents, so visiting both is easier. The boys love visiting Grandma and Grandpa and playing in their big back yard.

The boys also enjoy playing inside. We have a counter height kitchen table which the boys use for a lot of things; homework, art projects, experiments, and playing games. As a family we use the table to eat breakfast, lunch and

dinner together when we are home.