

LORIN & MATTHEW





# Hello

We are so grateful that you are taking the opportunity to look through our profile book.

Just as we know this is an exciting time for us, we know you are going through an entirely different set of emotions. Please know we will always respect the connection you have with your baby.

Our hope is that this book will help you see into our lives a little closer and to help you make the best decision for your baby and you.



*Lorin and Matthew*



# Our Story

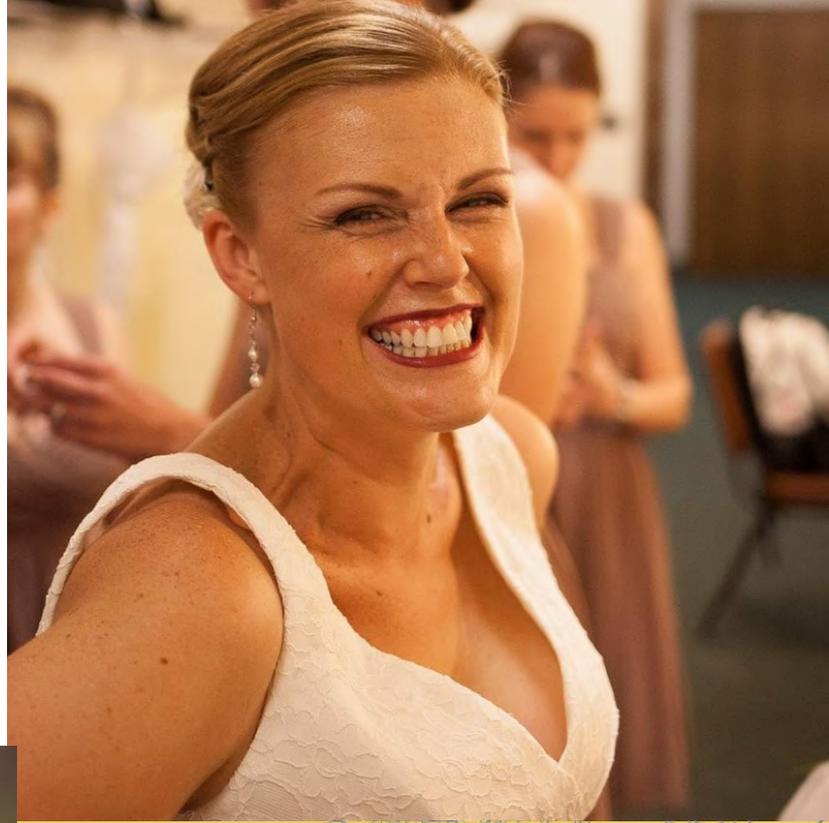
We met about 13 years ago when Matt became roommates with a good friend of Lorin. After several years of friendship, we started dating. We have now been married over 7 years.

Since then we have purchased our home, adopted a pair of kittens and are now looking to add a child into our lives. We are unable to have children of our own and have chosen adoption as the path to expand our family.

We are overjoyed at the possibility of having a child to raise and both of our families are excited to be adding to the family.



- I am very close with both of our families and enjoy spending time with them when ever we can.
- Crafting, reading, and gardening are all things I enjoy. Spending time outdoors and learning new things are important to me.
- I treasure our many good friends and especially the time we spend babysitting.
- The time spent traveling around Wisconsin and the world with Matt are some of my favorite memories.
- I graduated from the University of Wisconsin and have spent my career focused in customer service, most recently in the healthcare field. Making people smile makes me happy.



"Lorin has allowed me to continue to be myself while also helping to expand my interests. She is always willing to help our families and our friends and creates a friendly atmosphere for all. She enjoys babysitting and creating activities for our friend's and neighbor's children. She is always patient and understanding with others."

*-Matthew*









- I appreciate being able to spend time with Lorin, our friends, and our families.
- Cross stitching is something I enjoy, an activity introduced to me by Lorin.
- I like outdoor activities such as bicycle riding, hiking, camping, and playing team sports.
- Learning about other cultures and their foods fascinates me.
- I went to college for a biomedical engineering degree and currently work for a medical device manufacturer.



"Matt is the most generous person I have ever known. He gives freely of his time and talents. When a new challenge confronts him, he takes it as an opportunity to learn new skills. I think he will make an amazing father because of his devoted nature, his immense patience, and his belief in always doing what's right."

*-Lorin*



# Our Home

We live in a four bedroom home on a beautiful half acre with lots of room to run around. Every year we grow raspberries, blackberries, herbs, and flowers. Having the space to host gatherings of friends and family is something we treasure.

We live in a small community and are friends with many of the neighbors. We have three parks in town with lots of walking trails and an excellent elementary school just up the road. While we enjoy our quiet neighborhood, we also appreciate being near a larger city with plenty to do.





*Nani* ↗

Nani is our little princess. She enjoys lots of petting, napping in the sun, and playing fetch.

Munja is our adventurer. She likes watching birds, snuggling and playing in water.

*Munja* ↘

Our  
Cats





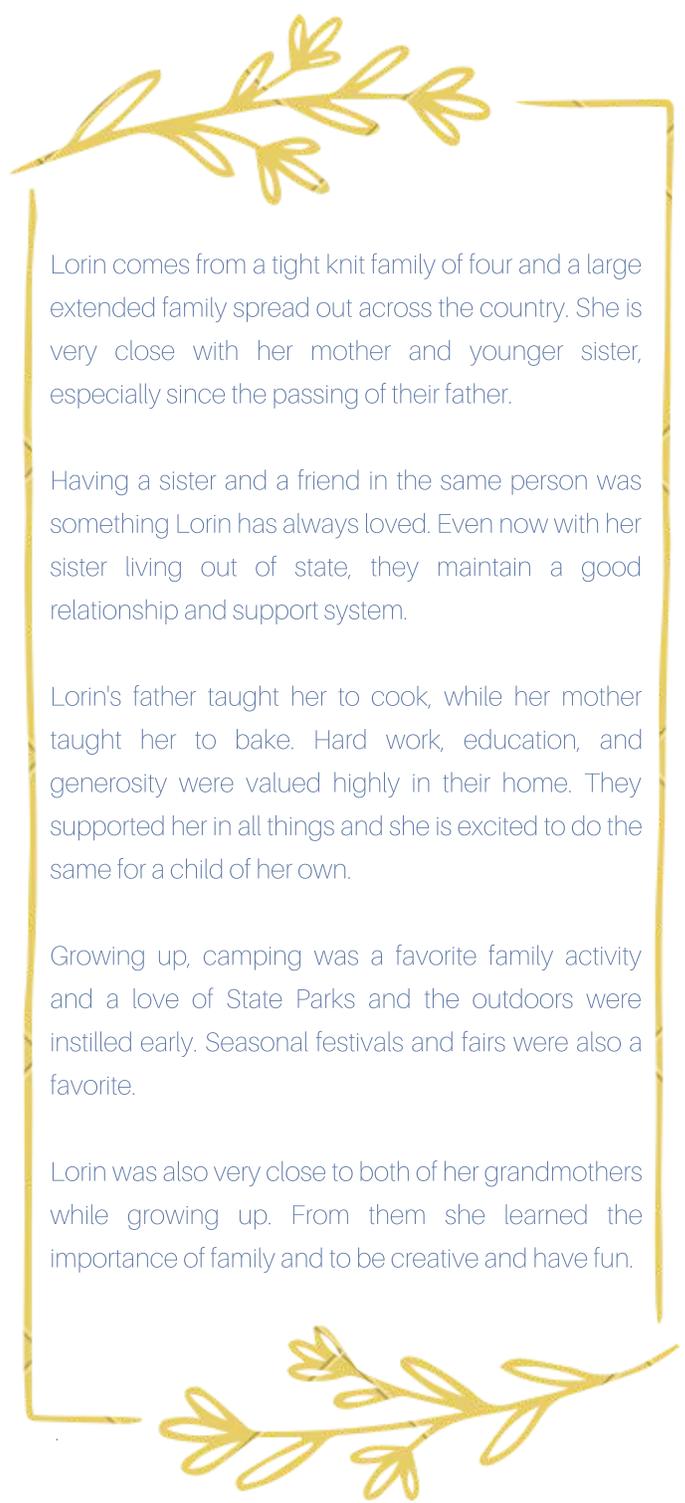
Lorin and her Mom



Lorin's Sister



Lorin's Parents



Lorin comes from a tight knit family of four and a large extended family spread out across the country. She is very close with her mother and younger sister, especially since the passing of their father.

Having a sister and a friend in the same person was something Lorin has always loved. Even now with her sister living out of state, they maintain a good relationship and support system.

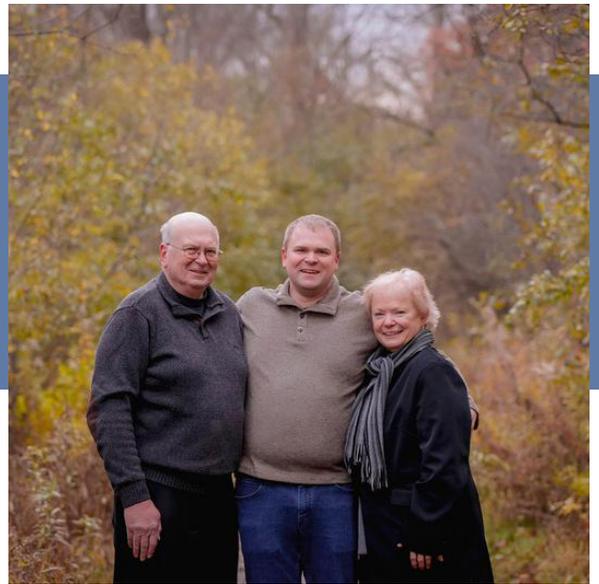
Lorin's father taught her to cook, while her mother taught her to bake. Hard work, education, and generosity were valued highly in their home. They supported her in all things and she is excited to do the same for a child of her own.

Growing up, camping was a favorite family activity and a love of State Parks and the outdoors were instilled early. Seasonal festivals and fairs were also a favorite.

Lorin was also very close to both of her grandmothers while growing up. From them she learned the importance of family and to be creative and have fun.

Lorin's  
Family

# Matthew's Family



Matthew with his Parents

Matthew's family is also a tight knit family of four. His family lives in Illinois, about two hours away. We are fortunate to see them often throughout the year.

Our greatest cheerleaders are Matthew's parents. Their love and support extend to the whole family. They are the go to babysitters, the willing caregivers, and the glue that holds the family together.

Matthew and his older brother have always been close. They like to spend time playing games and trying new foods. When the boys were young the family spent time hiking, camping, and volunteering. Matthew's sister-in-law and Lorin get along particularly well and can spend whole nights chatting away.

Holidays are a special time for everyone. Easter is spent hunting eggs in Matthew's parents' back yard. Fourth of July is always out on their deck. Thanksgiving and Christmas rotate through the Aunts and Uncles. In between the holidays there are birthdays and the annual cousins' trip to the Wisconsin state fair.



Matthew's Brother and Sister-in-Law



Cousins at the State Fair



Lorin's Aunts and Uncles



Picnic with Matthew's family



Orr Family Christmas



Lorin and her Sister



Lorin With Aunt and Mom



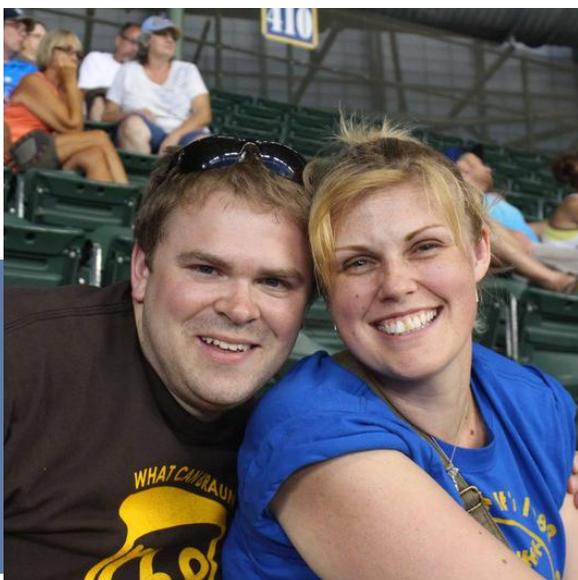
State Fair with Matthew's Cousins



Camping Together



The Kickball Team



Enjoying a Baseball Game



We like to keep active whether it's sunny or snowy. Our spring, summers, and fall are filled with gardening, baseball games and picnics with friends. Matthew plays kickball and volleyball, while Lorin watches the team's children and even the occasional dog.

Camping has become a large part of our lives. We are fortunate to be able to go several times a year. Sometimes we're alone, but often times with friends and their children. Every year we camp at a river tubing site with friends and Lorin and her mother often go on their own as well.

In winter we spend more time indoors with friends and working on home projects and crafts. Lorin enjoys crocheting, cross stitching, and wood burning,. Matthew likes to take care of projects around the house. We enjoy hosting friends for dinner and movie nights whenever we can. The local public museum and planetarium are also favorites of ours.



*Hobbies*

# Adventures



Pompeii, Italy

Over the years we have been blessed with many adventures. Traveling to Hawaii was a life long dream of Lorin's and it was a joy to make the trip with family. While staying on Maui, Lorin discovered her love of the ocean.

We went to the Bahamas for Matthew's first cruise. Along with a group of friends, we spent time in Little Havana and Miami before shipping out to Nassau. It was our first trip there together and hopefully not out last.

Together we explored the ruins of Pompeii and took a tour of Venice. We also spent the evening in a castle while attending a friend's wedding in Italy.

We love to go on road trips in Wisconsin and Illinois, especially for our anniversary. We've been to cheese factories, vineyards, Japanese gardens, museums, and even an outdoor theater to see Shakespeare performed.

Meeting new people and seeing new places is something we think will benefit any child in our family. Expanding their exposure to other cultures is a positive way to teach them to respect and understand other people.



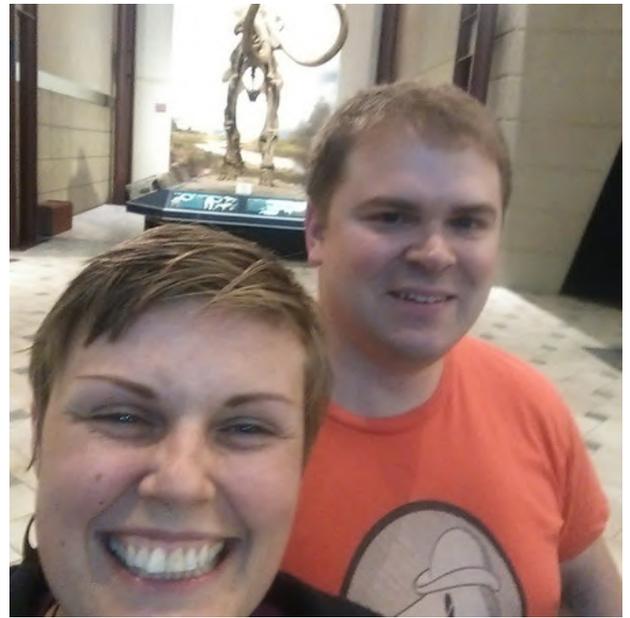
Cruise Leaving Miami



Japanese Gardens, IL



Luau in Hawaii



Sleepover at the Museum



Planting Seeds with Friends



Camping with Lorin's Mom



Anniversary in Prarie Du Sac, WI



Orr's in Chicago



Lorin with her Goddaughter



Volleyball Team on Halloween



Dinner on the Cruise Ship



Camping with Friends



Lorin and Friend



Celebrating with Friends



Camping with Friends



Friendsgiving



Nassau With Friends



Hiking with a Friend's Child

# Our Friends



We are fortunate to have a wonderful and diverse group of friends. Together we have built decks, dismantled fences, and cleaned out flooded basements.

Friendsgiving and New Years Eve are spent with them every year and there's always another birthday around the corner to celebrate.

We love to take trips as a group, whether it be a cruise, a ski trip, or a day trip to a local orchard.





# The Future

We are incredibly excited to be adding to our family. We have always pictured ourselves as parents and are thrilled at the opportunity to raise a child.

While there are many opportunities for children as they grow, we hope to give ours the chance to experience the world. We want them to get to know and value other people and places as we do. To teach them them courage, generosity, kindness and to treat others with dignity and respect.

Education, whether through a university or trade school, is important to us. We will encourage our child to find what makes them happy through clubs, sports, reading and music.



# Our Thanks

Thank you for considering our family. We want you to know that we are ready to give a child a loving home filled with laughter and joy. Our hearts go out to you in this difficult time. Please know that we want the best for you and your child, whether it is with our family or another.

*Lorin and Matthew*



