

our story

**STEPHANIE
& KEVIN**



At Garden of the Gods in Colorado

you are amazing

OUR LETTER TO YOU

You are amazing. Thank you for considering us at this moment in **your journey**. Regardless of the path you decide you will remain in our thoughts. We understand that when one door closes another one opens. We are ecstatic for the opportunity to expand our family through adoption. We hope in these pages you see the **love we have for each other**, our families, our friends, and the love we can give our future child. From the time we decided to grow our family through adoption, we have been **thinking about you** and your journey, as you are going through some major changes in your life that will affect all of us. Our wish for you is that you have a **strong support system** who you can rely on and honor your decision for this pregnancy, whatever that might be.

Much Love,

stephanie and kevin



At Stephanie's best friend's wedding

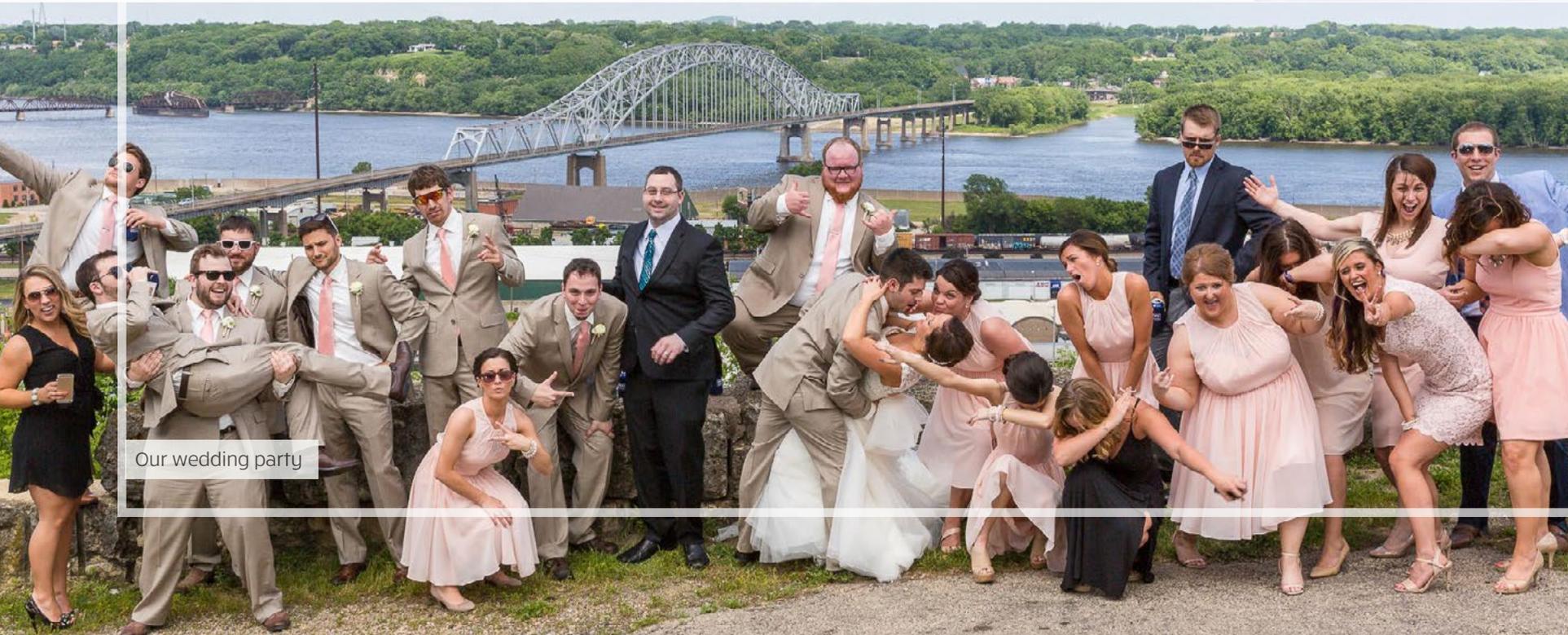
this is us

OUR STORY

- » How we met: At the local supper club where Kevin bartended
- » First date: Irish dance show, dinner, and walk through the park
- » Engagement: Dinner for two on a beach in Antigua
- » Wedding: I Dos at Steph's childhood church and reception at the Alumni Center of Kevin's college



With family-friends



Our wedding party

Our wedding day was filled with laughs, good food, great music, fantastic people, and most importantly an **undeniable love** for each other. We wanted to expand our family a couple years ago. We began trying to build are family shortly after we were married but were faced with the inability to conceive. We are hopeful that through adoption we can grow our family to three or four or maybe even five someday!

Kevin

IN STEPH'S WORDS



Kevin's parents, sisters, and brother-in-law



Friends from high school

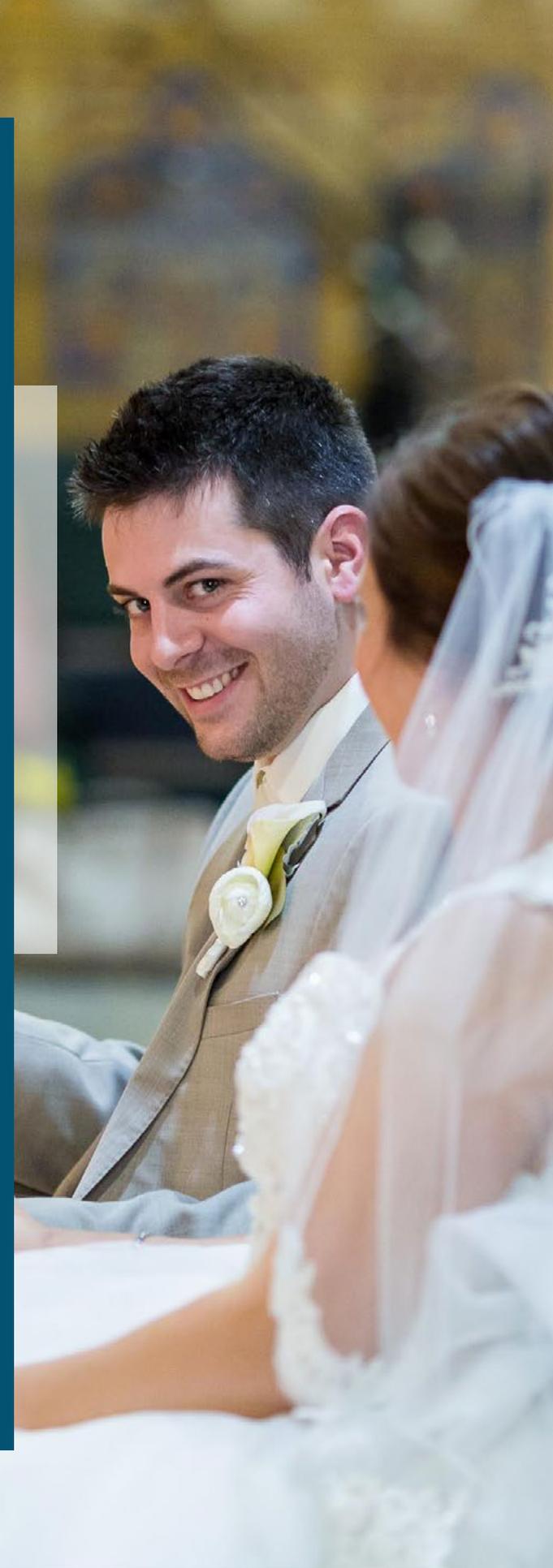
When I first met Kevin he was fun, handsome, and something new. From the moment I met him, I loved everything he stood for. He is hardworking, **a good friend**, great son, has goals, and **has faith in God**. My favorite thing about Kevin is his ability to genuinely connect to people. He is a great judge of character. He isn't afraid to put new ideas out there. Kevin will be a fantastic father because of his ability to connect. His connection with our friends' children makes me so happy. He is able to read kids and knows what they need. He has a college degree in elementary education which won't hurt either!

5 things that make Kevin happy

1. Spending time with co-workers
2. College basketball
3. Hosting social gatherings for friends and family
4. Seeing his ideas come to fruition
5. Weekly food planning, prepping, and cooking

Favorite things

- » **Food:** Steak
- » **Band:** The Eagles
- » **TV Show:** Boy Meets World
- » **Disney Character:** Aladdin



stephanie

IN KEVIN'S WORDS



Stephanie's parents and brother



Stephanie's wedding shower

When I met Steph she was a lot different from any of the other women I had dated in the past. She was independent, kind, **hard-working**, a ton of fun, and undramatic. She was a breath of fresh air. Quality time is important to Stephanie, which also benefits me since I get to do more things with her. She loves me for me and never makes me feel like I have to be someone I'm not. Steph will be a great mother because she genuinely cares about other people. She is adamant about showing up for things and believes in seeing her commitments to the end. I know she will care about our children, their interests, and will support them by attending their functions. She will be committed to being the best mother that she can be.

Fun facts about Stephanie

- » Has been a bridesmaid six times
- » Knows how to Irish Dance
- » Has had the same best friend since fifth grade
- » Has traveled to 18 different countries

Favorite things

- » **Food:** chips
- » **Drink:** Dr. Pepper
- » **TV network:** Bravo
- » **Actress:** Rachel McAdams



play hard

WHAT WE DO FOR FUN

Kevin

I love to go for drives. I love to cook. I love to lounge on Sunday mornings and watch sports documentaries on ESPN. My happy place is around a bonfire with my closest friends or at Kinnick Stadium (home of Iowa Hawkeyes football).



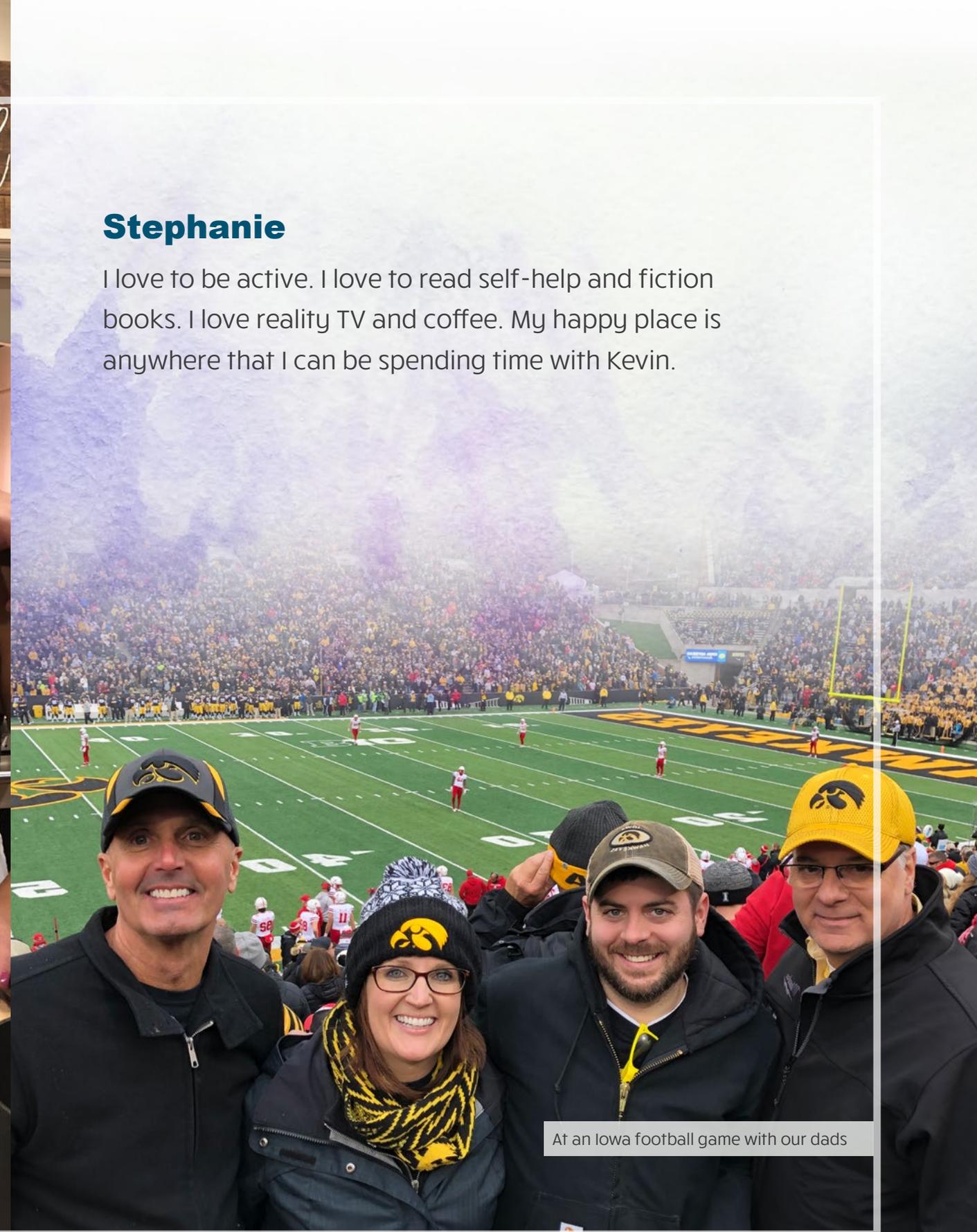
Vacation in Germany



Making salsa in our kitchen

Stephanie

I love to be active. I love to read self-help and fiction books. I love reality TV and coffee. My happy place is anywhere that I can be spending time with Kevin.



At an Iowa football game with our dads

work hard

OUR CAREERS

Kevin

I work as an Account Executive for an Insurance agency. My work **encourages a family first atmosphere** and sponsors many activities throughout the year. I have been working here since 2015. I am proud of where I work and the relationships I have developed.

Stephanie

I work as a Staff Accountant and Safety Manager of my family's construction/manufacturing businesses. One day, these businesses will be owned by the next generation, which includes me. I am passionate about all aspects of being involved in the **family businesses**.



On our honeymoon in the Canary Islands

we are blessed

OUR LIFE

We are family oriented, we believe that if you say you are going to do something that you carry through and do it. There is not much we don't like doing. Grocery shopping weekly is one of our favorite things to do. We enjoy dining out, going to concerts, traveling, spending time with friends, watching sports, **cooking together**, having bon fires, hosting friends and family at our house, and ultimately just spending time together.



With Kevin's family at a basketball game

Traditions

- » Weekly meal prep on Sundays
- » Thanksgivings in Florida
- » Christmas Eve with both families
- » Hosting our annual Hawkeye football party

Religion

We try to attend church as often as possible and are always continuing to work on making religion and our faith one of our top priorities. We have talked through the importance of having a **faith life** and teaching our children about faith. Faith has gotten us through some of the toughest times.

Hobbies/Interests

- » Iowa Hawkeye football games
- » Iowa Hawkeyes, Chicago Cubs, and Chicago Bears
- » Live Music
- » Gardening
- » Cooking
- » Traveling



4th of July with Steph's dad and brother

our home

WHERE WE LIVE

We are thrilled to have landed in the neighborhood that we live in. Our neighborhood is located in a very **safe area** where people are always outside walking or riding bikes, kids are playing, parents are grilling, and neighbors getting together. We're excited that our neighborhood recently built a playground for the community to enjoy and our future children to play at. This is definitely a place we can see ourselves living for a long time to come.



loved ones

OUR FAMILIES

Kevin

- » I am the oldest of three
- » My parents and baby sister live in the same town as us
- » My middle sister lives in Texas with her husband and dog, Looper

Stephanie

- » I have one older brother
- » My parents and brother live in the same town as us



Friends and family at our annual Hawkeye party

OUR FRIENDS

We love to entertain and **bring people together**—whether it be hosting a dinner or our annual Hawkeye football party. We are deeply rooted into all of our friendships. We know that you get out what you put into a relationship and we are blessed to have such amazing families and friends.



With Steph's brother and brother-in-law at Niagara Falls

our promise TO YOU

- » We promise to support you and your decision
- » We promise our love for this child to be pure and grow deep
- » We promise this child will be raised to uphold our family core values: integrity and kindness
- » We promise to establish strong roots for this child to help them develop into strong, independent, caring members of society



At a friend's wedding in Staten Island, NY

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Vacation in Germany



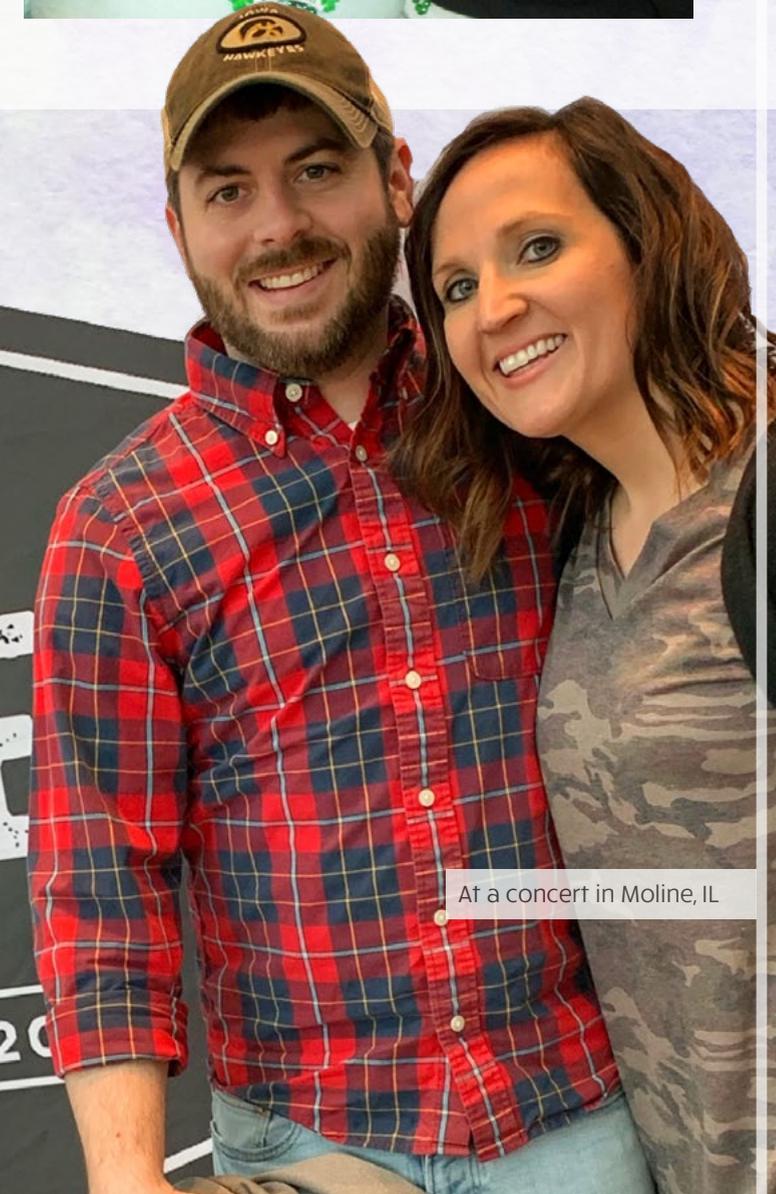
In Las Vegas with friends



Stephanie's high school friend



On the Mississippi River with family-friends



At a concert in Moline, IL

