



Marty & Anna

Millie too!



ANNUAL TRIP TO THE LOCAL ORCHARD FOR APPLE PICKING AND DOUGHNUTS

Hello!

WE ARE
MARTY & ANNA

and we are so incredibly excited to meet you!

WE have a beautiful daughter named Amelia and we have a little dog named Sasha. Thank you for taking the time to get a small glimpse into our family, and we can't wait to hopefully learn more about you!

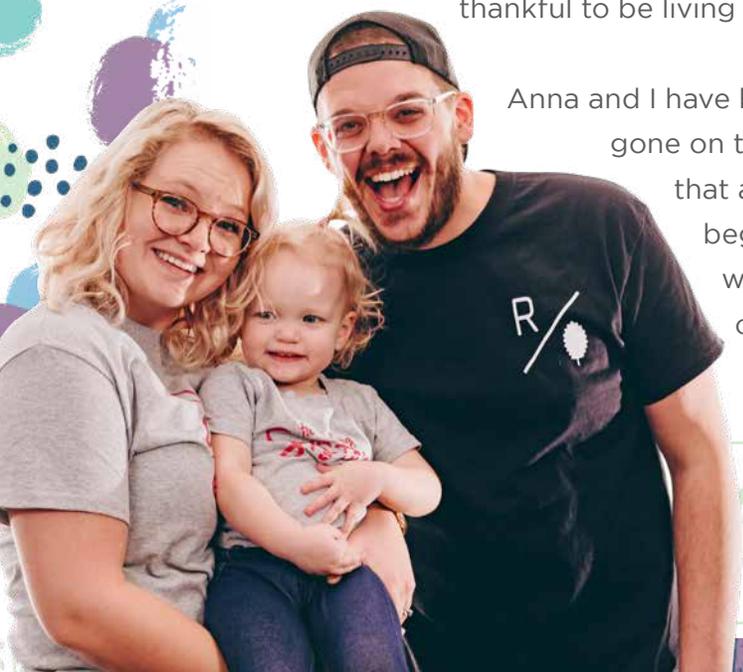


A WALK THROUGH THE WOODS

WE MET WHILE WE WERE IN COLLEGE AND
were *MARRIED three years after that.*

We then moved to the western suburbs of Chicago and had our daughter Amelia, who goes by Millie. We are thankful to be living near family and we love the area that we live in!

Anna and I have both been impacted personally by those who have gone on their own adoption journeys, and have individually felt that adoption would be a part of our life story. So when we began to talk about getting married, this was something we both discussed and said we would prayerfully consider moving forward. **We believe we are in the perfect season to welcome another child to our family.**



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO HEAR MORE ABOUT WHO WE ARE & CONSIDERING US TO BE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY.



SPRINGTIME IS OUR FAVORITE!

ALL ABOUT US

WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER *for six years* AND MARRIED *for nearly four.* by Marty

When we met, Anna was studying to be a teacher and I was studying to be a pastor, which led to a lot of opportunities for us to work with children and students while we attended school together. *This, in addition to our love for the outdoors, Mexican cuisine and our faith, led to us getting married.* Ever since then, there have been many road trips and adventures (*many to find the greatest putt-putt courses!*), but our greatest joy has been the journey of having our daughter Millie. **Millie is the most empathetic person you'll ever meet.** She is drawn to children who may not be included, she cries when other people get hurt and is always the first to give hugs.

Our Love Story Timeline

1. 2014 WHEN WE FIRST STARTED DATING
2. THE PROPOSAL - MAY 2016
3. OUR BEAUTIFUL WEDDING DAY - 9.18.2016



OUR PASSION & hobbies

Our family loves being outside! Whether we are hiking or going to the beach, we are always looking for ways we can be together and be outside. **This past year we decided to travel to all 50 states and visiting each states largest zoo over the next several years.**

MEET Anna

nicknames:
ANNA, BANANA, ORANGE PEEL, PEEL

grillin'
and
chillin'

JEAN JACKETS
ALWAYS!

MY FAVORITE PART OF LOCAL FARMER'S
MARKETS ARE THE FRESH CUT FLOWERS

ANNA'S Favorites

- ▶ **ACTOR** || Chris Pratt (*but the Parks & Rec Chris Pratt*)
- ▶ **ATHLETE** || Shawn Johnson
- ▶ **CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT** || Coffee
- ▶ **DESSERT** || Chocolate Chip Cookies
- ▶ **HOBBY** || Crafting
- ▶ **CHILDHOOD ACTIVITY** || Horseback Riding
- ▶ **PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD** || The Zoo
- ▶ **TV SHOW** || The Office
- ▶ **CHILDREN'S BOOK** || Go, Dogs, Go: PD Eastman
- ▶ **HOLIDAY** || Christmas
- ▶ **KID'S MOVIE** || The Little Rascals
- ▶ **SPORTS TEAM** || Cubs



MILLIE & I
GOING
FOR A
RIDE WHILE
CAMPING

▶ ANNA'S kind heart & bright personality ◀

MAKE IT HARD NOT TO BE AROUND HER.

Anna is the absolute best mom. She is always creating amazing experiences for Millie and is extremely intentional about making special traditions for our family. **This has led to trips to the zoo, decorating Christmas cookies and our Fourth of July family camping trip.**

by Anna I love being a mom. I deeply cherish every moment I have as a mom, from the late nights to the big belly laughs. Everyday holds a new adventure.

I have the incredible opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom and lead our daughter and future children through life. I get to be with them in the good times and the bad times. As a mom, I am committed to standing with our children through all of life's circumstances and being their biggest cheerleader.



SUMMER DAYS

MEET Marty

nicknames:
MARTIN, MARTY, MART



ANNUAL FAMILY VACATION TO MEXICO

MILLIE & I HAVE A SPECIAL, SILLY RELATIONSHIP



NAPTIME FOR MILLIE MEANS PLAYTIME FOR US



WEEKLY TRIP TO THE LIBRARY

MILLIE & I ON OUR ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CAMPING TRIP



About Marty by Anna

» MARTY IS A GREAT MAN, husband, & FATHER. «

He is devoted to spending quality time with our family. He takes Millie and I on surprise adventures which usually includes a new restaurant and a fun family activity. Marty takes every moment with intention and humility.

by Marty I personally am thankful for the many hours of building with blocks, going for walks and our regular Saturday donut runs. These have been the sweetest and most treasured moments that we will always hold close to our hearts. Being a parent has been the greatest gift and I can't wait for the journey to continue, and for our family to grow.

MARTY'S Favorites

- » ACTOR || Millie Bobby Brown
- » ATHLETE || Michael Jordan
- » CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT || Q-Tips
- » DESSERT || Death by Chocolate
- » HOBBY || Playing guitar
- » CHILDHOOD ACTIVITY || Camping
- » PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD || The Zoo
- » TV SHOW || Survivor
- » CHILDREN'S BOOK || Calvin and Hobbes: Bill Watterson
- » HOLIDAY || 4th of July
- » KID'S MOVIE || Mighty Ducks
- » SPORTS TEAM || Cubs

FUTURE BIG Sister

Some of her favorite activities include going for walks, visiting the zoo, looking at birds and playing the drums. Her favorite movies are Frozen and Moana and her favorite band is "Cage the Elephant." She is an extremely caring child and she loves being around other children. We are intentional to set up play dates and give her lots of time with other kids her

OUR DAUGHTER *Millie* IS TWO YEARS OLD AND IS full of life & spunk.

age at church and in our area. We have begun recently talking to her about the hopeful possibility of being a big sister soon and she is elated. She often takes her baby toys and wraps them in her blanket and puts them in the crib. **She will be an incredible older sister who is already ready to take her new best friend on tons of adventures.**

MILLIE MAKING BUNNY FRIENDS IN THE BACKYARD



MILLIE LOVES PLAYING IN THE DIRT



OUR Home & COMMUNITY



home is
WHERE THE
heart is

Our Values and

FAITH

We are both active participants in our faith

and we plan on raising your child in the same tradition. We believe that the importance of putting others first, loving your neighbor and caring for one's mental, spiritual, and emotional health are extremely important traits we try to teach Millie and hope to pass on to your child as well.

WE moved to the Western suburbs of Chicago nearly three years ago and we are so thankful for our neighborhood and community.

We live only a few blocks away from the local elementary school and our neighborhood has several parks and a beautiful lake nearby. We love

that downtown Chicago is only 40 minutes away, so we have access to all the museums, restaurants and sites of Chicago, while enjoying the pace and space that the suburbs have to offer. Another incredible advantage is that we have a lot of family that lives in the area. **We have an incredible school district and neighborhood that we are thankful we get to be a part of!**



OUR FAVORITE SPOT AT OUR HOUSE, THE BACKYARD



OUR SIBLINGS

MEET OUR Family

FAMILY IS SO IMPORTANT TO US AND WE LOVE THAT THEY PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN OUR LIVES!

It's always an adventure to gather with Anna's side of the family and see

all 5 of Millie's cousins, that are all under the age of 6, play together. **All 3 of her siblings, their spouses, and kids go on vacation every winter and camp together every July.** Whether it's riding horses or dirt bikes, eating ice-cream or fishing, there's always adventure waiting when we are together.

On Marty's side of the family, siblings and their spouses get together almost weekly for dinner, games, and time in the pool. **Everyone lives within an hour from each other, so we are frequently meeting up to try new restaurants, grab coffee and check out all that Illinois has to offer.** One of his families favorite past times is frisbee golfing together. Each year we compete in the annual Family Olympic Games, where each member and their spouse compete in a variety of yard games.

One of the obstacles our family had to overcome was the loss of Anna's father. We found out that his cancer had returned while we were on our honeymoon. We know that his legacy lives on through his children and we are so thankful for the precious time we got to have with him.



MILLIE OUT TO BREAKFAST WITH HER COUSINS



FAMILY TIME WITH ANNA'S SISTER, BROTHER-IN-LAW, & KIDS



OUR PARENTS



TWO PEAS IN A POD

OUR DOG

Everyone loves our dog **Sasha!** She is a little chihuahua, pug mix. We adopted Sasha shortly after we got married. A few days after we brought her home, we realized that she was deaf. While many would see this as an obstacle, we embrace her desire to always want to cuddle and be near us. Our family wouldn't be complete without little Sasha.



PICNIC IN THE BACKYARD



MILLIE & HER COUSIN PRETENDING TO RIDE A GO-CART ON OUR ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CAMPING TRIP

IT'S A Wrap!

Thank you so much for
taking the time to learn
more about us!

& possibly envision what your child's life might look like as a member of our family. We hope that this might be the beginning of our journey, not only with your little one, but also with you. **We are committed to being a family that loves, listens, respects one another and has tons of fun.**

MUCH LOVE, *Marty, Anna and Millie*

