

Sharonda & Samario



dear expectant mama

WE'RE SO HAPPY TO "MEET" YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile book. We realize this process is a difficult one, but your grace, sacrifice and courage has not and will not go unnoticed. We are hopeful our story will help you get to know us better individually and as a couple and give you a glimpse into our life as possible parents.

Although we do not currently have children, we feel strongly that God has prepared us for this time and season to welcome children into our lives and family. We believe we are ready to fill our lives and our home with the love and laughter of children while making sure their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are met as they grow and mature.





fun facts

SHARONDA LIKES TO READ AND TRAVEL

SHE SUPPORTS KIWANIS (A CIVIC ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO IMPACTING CHILDREN'S LIVES), HER COLLEGIATE ALMA MATER (FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY), AND OUR CHURCH.

SHE WORKS AS AN ATTORNEY MANAGING THE EMPLOYMENT LAW DIVISION OF A GLOBAL HOSPITALITY COMPANY.

about sharonda

WRITTEN BY SAMARIO

"She is fun and adventurous. She's open to exploring new things (especially traveling to new places) and experiences. She is a great planner, where I am the go-with-the-flow person. She is also a great problem solver which is why I think she is great at her job as an employment law attorney. Sharonda also notices the little things and does them before I even think of it.

Sharonda is very supportive and giving. She cares about others and often thinks of them first. She is a true believer in giving her time, talent, and treasure.

Sharonda also has a wonderful personality -- she has never met a stranger and most people who meet her take an immediate liking to her. When she first met my family and friends while we were dating, she fit in like she had known them for years. She's very close to her family and friends - often making sure she communicates with her parents, sisters, nephew, and close friends at least once a week. "



**“I believe she
will be a
great mother
to our
children!”**

SAMARIO





fun facts

SAMARIO WORKS IN FOOD SAFETY AS A FOOD INSPECTOR FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SAMARIO LOVES SCIENCE - WHETHER IT IS THROUGH AGRICULTURE OR COOKING.

HE ENJOYS GRILLING AND BAKING IN HIS FREE TIME.

about samario

WRITTEN BY SHARONDA

Samario is the love of my life and a great partner. He is always supportive of my ideas and he is my rock. His laid-back attitude is quite refreshing as he often reminds me not to worry about the things I cannot control. He has such a warm and loving spirit. He is compassionate and will often do what he can to help others. In fact, he makes sure to always keep my love language - acts of service - in mind.

It is not unusual for Samario to cook dinner after I have had a long day at work or take my car to get serviced and washed when I have not had time to do so. I believe he finds joy in being around his family and friends and making sure they are happy - especially when he sees others enjoying the brisket or ribs he has grilled or eating a slice of cake he baked.

Although he can be shy, he is an undercover comedian - he is quick-witted and can often make me laugh even when I don't want to.



“Samarior is my perfect match and I am so grateful and blessed to have him as not only my husband, but also my best friend.”

SHARONDA







about us **TOGETHER** ♥

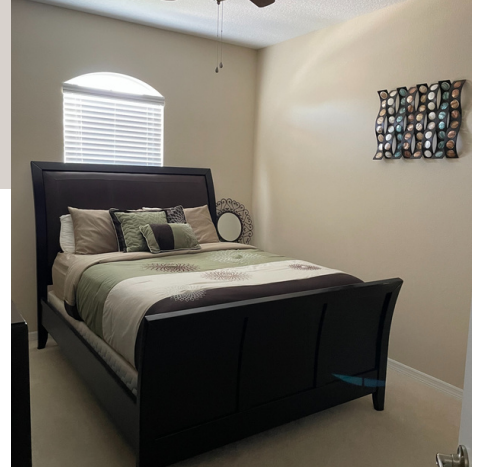
Samario and I “met” in January 2018 when we were both members of a private group on Facebook for single graduates of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). I lived in Florida, and he lived in Texas. We messaged and talked on the phone every day until we officially met for a whirlwind weekend date in New Orleans (which officially became “our city”) in March 2018 when we visited the Whitney Plantation, enjoyed massages and excellent seafood and Cajun/Creole food, and listened to live music on Frenchmen’s Street. We had a great time, and we’ve been together ever since. Although we lived in different states, we traveled often to see each other. In December 2019, we went back to New Orleans to celebrate Samario's birthday. During that trip, he proposed on his birthday! I was shocked because although we had looked at engagement rings and discussed marriage, I had no idea he planned to propose on that trip.

We got married during the COVID pandemic on January 16, 2021, in Destin, Florida. Before our wedding, we were still living separately (me in Florida, and Samario in Texas). After our wedding, I lived in Texas with Samario for one year until his job was transferred to Florida in January 2022. Our first test as a married couple was six weeks after our wedding during the Texas Winter Storm of 2021 where we were in a 40-degree apartment with no electricity for 36 hours. We got through it by leaning on each other and finding ways to laugh instead of cry, and that is when I knew we could make it through anything! After Samario transferred to a facility in Florida, we officially made our home in Ocoee, Florida (a suburb of Orlando).



Home is truly
where the heart is.

home sweet florida



We live in a 4 bedroom home in an up and coming suburb of **Orlando**.

Our home is in a gated community that includes a pool and basketball court. The community is family and pet-friendly, and you can often see neighbors riding their bikes, walking their dogs, or playing with the children in their backyards or the neighborhood pool. I purchased this home 13 years ago, and after getting married in 2021, Samario relocated from Texas and we made my home, our home. Although we enjoy traveling to new places, we also look forward to those weekends at home as well - where we can relax and binge-watch the latest shows on Netflix or Disney+, visit with friends, and attend church. You can easily find Samario baking in the kitchen and me reading a book on the sofa. Autumn is such a wonderful time of year for us because we love HBCU college football. On any given Saturday, from August to December, you can always find a college football game on TV in our home - assuming we are not attending the games of our collegiate alma maters (FAMU and Alcorn State).



Why we want to **ADOPT**

We got married later in life and had some fertility struggles which did not allow us to have a biological child. However, we believe that obstacle does not overtake our desire to be parents. We have plenty of love to share and give to our future child(ren) - and our large families (Samario has approximately 30 first cousins!) do too! Our family and friends are incredibly supportive and looking forward to another little one to love!



our family & friends

We both have large families, and we remain very close to them. Samario's family lives in Mississippi and Louisiana, and we make an effort to visit them at least twice a year. My family lives in north Florida so we tend to see them more often. When spending time with our families, we often eat good seafood or barbecue, talk, laugh, and play games. My family has become his family, and his family has become my family. Samario and I also have lifelong friends that we remain connected to and consider family. We are truly blessed for these authentic and genuine connections.

our traditions

We love spending time with our extended families - whether it's at a family reunion with Samario's family in Mississippi or Louisiana, or spending Christmas in north Florida with my family. Every year we host our annual New Year's dinner at our home with our local family and friends. We also regularly attend church, and love our church family! In addition, we are avid supporters and fans of our respective HBCU alma maters so, in the fall, you can often find us at their football games or cheering them on from home. We can't wait to share those experiences with a little one! Our motto is faith, family, and college football.





thank
you

Sharonda
AND
Samarior

