



Donald & Shawonda

Hi there,

We are Donald and Shavonda, and our family is a beautiful blend of two worlds.

Donald grew up surrounded by rich traditions, community, and a vibrant cultural heritage. Shavonda was raised in a warm, supportive family where faith, connection, and hospitality shaped her childhood.

When our lives came together, we built a home that honors both of our stories and creates space for new ones to grow.

Our seven-year-old son is thoughtful, funny, and full of imagination. He talks often about becoming a big brother and is ready to share his heart, his toys, and his endless curiosity.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We hope you feel the love, stability, and openness that define our family.

Donald & Shavonda

Our Story

Our story began during a season when Shavonda was abroad working with an international NGO. We were both active in our church's young adult ministry—showing up for Bible studies, community service projects, and long conversations that slowly grew into friendship.

Over time, that friendship deepened into love, and we built a relationship grounded in faith, purpose, and genuine care for one another.

Donald grew up in a community with a strong sense of culture and a childhood that fostered creativity and resilience. Shavonda grew up in a close-knit and encouraging family where faith, love, and serving others were deeply valued.

As we built our life together, our different backgrounds blended seamlessly into a home filled with joy, connection, and love.



Meet Donald



Don was born and raised abroad, where he developed a deep appreciation for community, family, and the outdoors. He works as an EMS Instructor at a local high school and is passionate about helping others learn and grow. In his free time, Don enjoys gardening and writing poetry. Most days, you can find him tending to his garden, jogging through the neighborhood, or playing soccer and basketball with his son. Above all, he loves spending quality time with his family.

Job

Emergency
Management
Services Instructor

Hobbies

- Gardening
- Running
- Writing Poetry

Favorites

- Hiking
- Being Outdoors
- Watching Sports

Meet Shavonda



Job

Project Manager

Shavonda works remotely as a project manager for an international NGO, where she enjoys supporting impactful work and building connections across cultures and communities. In her free time, Shavonda enjoys cooking, working out at her local gym, shopping, planning the next family vacation, and serving on the PTO at her son's school. Whether she's experimenting with a new dish, finding a unique vintage piece, or organizing a new adventure, she values creativity, balance, and finding joy in everyday moments.

Hobbies

- Cooking
- Making Sourdough Bread
- Crafting

Favorites

- Family Vacations
- The Beach
- Fitness Classes

What I Love About Donald

Written by Shavonda

From the very beginning, I knew Donald was steady, thoughtful, and deeply committed to his family. He has a quiet strength that brings calm and wisdom into our home, along with a gentle sense of humor that always makes us smile. He loves gardening, writing poetry, and sharing stories about his heritage.

As a father, Donald is patient, playful, and incredibly nurturing. I love watching him help our son with schoolwork, build projects together, and have long conversations about how the world works. He is truly present in every moment. He is excited to welcome another child into our family, and I know he will offer the same love, guidance, and steady support.



What I Love About Shavonda

Written by Donald

From the moment I met Shavonda, I was drawn to the way she values connection and communication. She brings a sense of calm and intention to everything she does. She is organized, nurturing, and wonderfully creative, with a natural gift for serving others, planning, and turning everyday moments into something meaningful. She loves our family outings, enjoys cooking, and has a beautiful way of making people feel appreciated in small but thoughtful ways.

As a mother, Shavonda is patient, encouraging, and deeply attentive. I love watching her read with our son, help him explore his interests, and build routines that help him feel secure and confident. She is excited to welcome another child into our family, and I know she will offer that same love, stability, and intentional care.





Our Family





Our Extended Families

Donald's Family

Donald's family lives abroad, and even though we are far apart, we stay closely connected.

We FaceTime often, sharing everyday moments, celebrations, and plenty of laughter across the miles. We also make it a priority to visit in person, which gives us precious time with parents, siblings, and extended family.

Their love, encouragement, and strong sense of family remain an important part of our lives, no matter the distance.





Shavonda's Family

Shavonda's family lives in the same community, and they are a steady, joyful part of our everyday life. We gather at her parents' home once or twice each month for family dinners filled with laughter and good food.

Holidays are especially meaningful, as aunts, uncles, and cousins all come together to celebrate Birthdays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas- any event where we can gather together!



Our Home

Our home is warm, cozy, and filled with love, laughter, and everyday moments that bring us together.

- **Family Neighborhood** — We live in a friendly neighborhood where kids play outside, neighbors wave, and the community looks out for one another.
- **Inside Our Home** — Our living room is the heart of our home—where we read, play, talk, and hang out as a family.
- **Backyard Fun** — Our backyard is where Israel plays soccer and where Donald tends his garden.
- **A Place to Grow** — Our home is a safe, joyful place where a child can grow, explore, and feel deeply loved.



"Family, to us, means creating a place where every heart feels seen, safe, and deeply loved."

Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We are deeply grateful for your courage and the love you are showing in this moment. We believe God walks closely with you as you make decisions for your child, and we are praying that He surrounds you with peace, strength, and clarity.

No matter where your journey leads, we honor you and the beautiful heart behind your choices. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers always!

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