

kel + kayla



# Our love story

We began our love story as high school sweethearts. Kayla and Kel found each other very young and over the years kept coming back to it. No matter where life took them, together was where they wanted to be. When Kayla graduated from University of Georgia as a teacher and Kel started his career running the family sign shop, the timing was just right to finally start the life they'd always dreamed of.

We began our adventure together as a married couple, built a home on some land, and hoped for babies. We couldn't wait to create a loving home filled with so much joy.



# ♡ why adoption?



Our journey began in 2013 when we started trying to get pregnant. We struggled with infertility for almost 5 years. After a long, tough season, we found out we were having twins. We are so thankful for the family we have but can't have anymore children biologically and still have so much love to give. Adoption is on our hearts and we are hoping it becomes a part of our story. As we prepare our hearts and minds for what is to come, we hope that you would consider our family for your own adoption journey. We would be honored if you chose us to be part of your family. Your baby will grow up knowing who you are and being part of your life too, if you wish.

# how we fill our days

Our days are a good balance of structure and spontaneous fun. We love to cuddle and be at home but are always ready for an adventure. Kayla is the planner and dreamer and Kel is go with the flow which makes for a great balance in life. Our days consist of waking up for breakfast together and then Kel heads to work. Kayla stays home with the twins a few days a week while the other days are filled with tennis, trips to the farm, field trips in the city, or any place to make learning exciting.

Kel makes it back home for dinner as a family then we have a few hours for games, movies, sports, and just spending time together. The twins head to bed and then we get time just for us. On the weekends, we like to sleep in and have breakfast at home then will head out to the farmers market, hit a new playground, or the girls favorite- arcade day with dad. As long as we're together we are having a good time. Sundays are our favorite day to relax. We go out to lunch, watch football, play outside, and reset for a new week.



Hi, I'm Kayla



I grew up loved. My parents are the most loving people I know. I have an older sister and tons of family that all live close by. We grew up living next door to our grandparents and cousins and I remember spending so much time playing together as a tight knit family with dinners and traditions we still keep to this day. I think their love and loyalty has carried with me because I prioritize family above everything.

I thrive around people and can't go anywhere without making a new friend. My personality led me to teaching elementary school for 6 years at the beginning of our marriage. We started trying for kids right away, a dream that took almost 5 years. Those years shaped me and looking back I wouldn't have it any other way. I learned that good things are worth waiting for and fighting for. It taught me to appreciate perfect timing and to always look for a silver lining in every season.

When we finally got pregnant I knew I wanted to spend as much time with the twins as I could. I started a children's store I could run from home. This allows me to spend the days with the girls and also pour into my creativity & design during the free time.



Days are full of kitchen dance parties, play dates with friends, and then staying up too late cuddling with a movie snack. We are soaking up all life has to give us and I think I'll look back at these times as the best days ever. It's a simple life but it's teaching my girls the most important things like loving others and how to be a light in this world. I am so thankful to be a mom.



# what kel loves about kayla

Kayla loves whole heartedly. She has always been the very definition of unconditional love. She's quick-witted and always making everyone laugh. She has lots of friends and is always caring for all their kids because she is so nurturing. After work I love coming home because even though she's had a long day with the girls she is a soft place for me to land. She's the memory maker and makes sure we are exploring all life has to offer. Seeing her with the girls is my favorite of all- they have the best life because she truly believes they are her biggest gift and lives that out. Her passion and optimism for trying to grow our family is admiring and I'm excited for our forever together.



## simple joys

- patio dinners
- play dates
- being "auntie" to her friends kids
- sweet tea



Hi, I'm Kel



My childhood was filled with long days out on the baseball field. My parents always poured into my dreams and never missed a game. I lived on 20 acres with my older sister and parents with my grandparents as neighbors. I knew if I wanted to go hang with my buddies I'd have to get all the grass cut first. I have always lived out the motto- work hard, play harder.

I am actually living out a simple yet fulfilling life running the family sign shop and coming home to my girls. I am a creature of habit and enjoy my routine but the flexibility of owning my own business allows me to drop work when needed at home or for a last minute beach or mountain trip.

I am a hard worker but when the work is done I like to recharge on our property either sitting out by the fire or exploring our creek.

I truly find joy in making my family happy. I love to wake up early and watch the twins come down the stairs each morning for a cuddle with dad. I am living out my dream and so thankful God has given me more than I could have asked or prayed for.



# what Kayla loves about Kel

Kel loves his family and always puts us first. Even after a long day of work when the kids ask to go get ice cream or play outside he is always ready. He includes the girls in all his projects and they are learning to be well rounded humans because of him. He is self-less and always doing things for others. He makes me feel safe always and I never feel worried when he is around. He is everyone's favorite and I'm so lucky to be loved by him.



## simple joys

- college football
- hangouts by the fire pit
- movie nights



# the twins



Jules is the first-born twin. She just turned 7 and is a self proclaimed daddy's girl. She purposefully wakes up earlier than her sister for extra one on one time with dad. She loves her family the most - if asked what she wants to do she'll always say go play with the cousins. She takes on the role of big sis well and is always looking out for June. She has the best sense of humor and won't stop until she gets a laugh. She is the "sporty" one in the family with lots of self confidence. She's a fast learner. She takes tennis lessons, plays basketball and softball. I tell her each night she is so special to us.



June is our free spirit. She loves being the star of the show. Her favorite thing is to create "shows" to perform songs and dance routines for our friends & family. She's deeply curious and asks lots of questions. She's very empathetic and the first to comfort someone who is upset. She loves to sleep and would live in her pajamas if she could. She gives the longest hugs and is quick to make new friends. She has an obsession with stuffed animals and can never have enough. She loves playing mom and would give anything to be a big sister. She is known for becoming everyone's favorite.



# our home and neighborhood



We love where we live. We built a house on five acres so there is plenty of room to play outside and explore. We also are only a mile from our small downtown area. This makes it easy to go to the weekly farmers market or holiday events in town like fireworks or parades, etc. We are an hour from a major city so weekend visits to the zoo, museum, or new restaurants are always fun.



Our house consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and 2 big porches. We have lots of land with a tire swing, playground, and fire pit- perfect for outdoor movies on the projector or making s'mores. We hope our home is warm and welcoming. We love having friends over to watch a game or have dinner while the kids play. We have a new puppy Cowboy that loves to run around and greet all our guests. The girls love pulling out sidewalk chalk, throwing the football, riding their scooters, jumping on the trampoline, or walking in the creek with their boots on. We really enjoy where we live and are thankful to have a happy home.

# Family traditions

We always have big family get togethers for each holiday. Both of our extended families live close so that makes it easy to spend time with everyone we love.

Some of our favorite traditions are yearly beach trips with the cousins. We can't leave without pulling out the flashlights and catching ghost crabs on the beach. It's a competition to catch more crabs than the year before. We also fill the pool with glow sticks for a night swim- dance party style!



When it comes to the holidays we love hosting our friends and family for fun parties at our house- Easter egg hunts, making gingerbread houses, Halloween costume parties- you name it. Any reason to get the kids together to create memories is what it's all about.

We hope the girls will remember a childhood where our home was an open door to everyone and that no matter what season there is always room to celebrate the good!





## Kayla's family



My family consists of my parents and one older sister.

We are only 3 years apart so we are very close and all our kids love playing together. She is married with 4 kids (2 girls, 2 boys). They are actually building a house down the street which we are looking forward to. I really enjoy getting to be an aunt. We see my side of the family a couple times a month. I love that we are close and have a very healthy family dynamic. My dad was actually adopted as a teen and seeing the love poured into him shaped his life for the better. His adoption story has taught me that there are many ways to build a family and so much beauty can come from that. My family has been so supportive in our adoption journey and would love to add another member to our family.

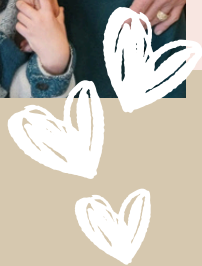


*Kel's  
family*



My family is small- my mom, dad,  
older sister and me.

Me and my sister are three years apart. She also lives close by and loves spending time with our girls. My family still lives where we grew up on 20 acres along with my dad's sister (my aunt) who we also love! We see them once or twice a month and enjoy swimming in their pool or golf carts around the property. They love being grandparents and would be thrilled to see our family grow.



Thank you for  
getting to know *us*.



No matter where this journey leads you  
we pray you'll feel hope and comfort  
every step of the way.

