



David & Zoey



Welcome to our home

Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord"

We are so excited to share a bit about ourselves with you!

We are David and Zoey. We live on David's family farm near a small town in Northwest Iowa. David is a third-generation farmer and has lived in our home his whole life. We are looking forward to raising our children here. David has helped Zoey build up her own "mini farm" since she moved to Northwest Iowa in 2021.

We met through mutual acquaintances. After receiving each other's contact information, we talked every night. A couple weeks later, Zoey drove four and a half hours to meet David in person for the first time in his hometown. We clicked. When an apartment two miles away from the farm became available in February 2021, David helped Zoey move to Northwest Iowa. We were married in August 2022.

David farms full-time and is expanding the farm as opportunities become available. He is always looking to build a solid future for our family. David enjoys working on the farm and handles stress with ease. Zoey found a job at a retail farm store after moving and is where she is still currently employed. She enjoys her job but is very much looking forward to being home full-time to raise children and help David with the farm.

David feeds cattle, puts up new fencing when needed, cares for the animals, plants and harvests, and does whatever else needs done on the farm. He is very self-sufficient, fixing most problems on his own. Since David works at home, it will allow him the freedom to help and be hands on with the baby.

Zoey's job duties include opening the store one day a week and closing one day a week. She oversees employees, helping ensure they stay on task. She also helps customers when they have questions while shopping. When the baby comes, she will be staying home full time!



David got his degree in Agronomy from Iowa State University. He did agronomy internships during his summer breaks in college. After working in an unfulfilling job after graduation, he proceeded to grow his career at home operating the family farm, allowing him to follow his dreams of being a farmer!

Zoey graduated from high school in 2010 and worked full time after. A few years later, she did a year of college before Covid hit. At this time, she is not taking any college coursework, but that doesn't mean she won't in the future. She is happy where she is career-wise and feels fulfilled with the path God has put her on!

Our cozy little town doesn't have a school, but our school district is only 15 minutes away. We have a few options to choose from when the baby becomes school age. At this time, we are hopeful he/she will be attending a Christian School nearby. When the time comes, we will be doing our proper research and school visits to ensure your little one the best education we can provide!

We feel there are so many benefits of living near a small town in rural Iowa. Neighbors are friendly and always willing to help each other. It is a tight knit community that looks out for each other. In times of need and celebration, the community rallies together for one another. Every year, our town does a celebration. There are fireworks, the firemen contest, train rides for the kids, helicopter rides, a parade with lots of candy, lunches and suppers in the park, and so much more! The whole community comes together for this celebration, along with surrounding towns!



Our marriage is what we would describe as an easy marriage. We have a lot in common, but we also have our individual hobbies. We talk about our days with each other. We talk about our thoughts and goals as a couple and as individuals. One of our greatest strengths is that we support each other, even if we are at odds about the topic. We have great respect for one another in our roles of the household, discussing things as they arise before making a final decision.

One of our biggest goals together is to raise a family. This is something we thoroughly discussed before getting married. We are looking forward to sharing our adventures with little feet!

While we will never push the idea or responsibility of taking over the farm as an adult, we do think growing up on the farm will have so many benefits. We feel it will teach a child responsibility, affection, kindness, knowledge on how to care for others, and attention to detail. There are also opportunities to learn some welding and mechanical skills, along with math and reading. They will learn great communication skills as well. We will teach them daily responsibilities for everyday life. They will also learn time management as they grow, learning to have fun as a kid, but that schoolwork is also a priority. Whatever route they decide to take as they grow up, they will have our full support as parents, and they will never feel as if they aren't making the right choice!

Parenting is a strong act between love and structure. We feel by setting boundaries and teaching our children what boundaries are, they will grow with confidence about themselves and that they will someday be able to raise a healthy, loving family of their own!

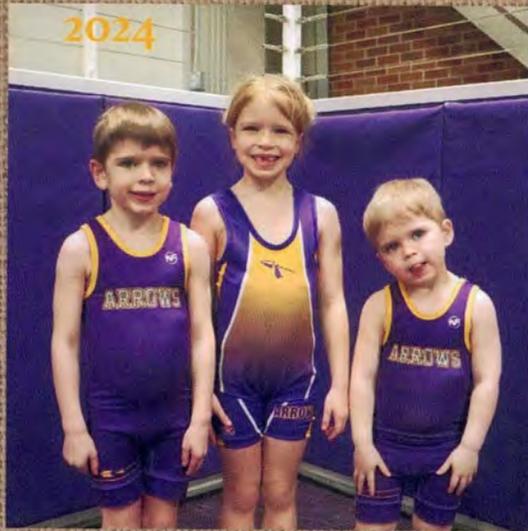
We make no promises to be the perfect parents, and we make no promises to raise a perfect child. We will simply do our best, as you feel you are doing your best for your baby! We will teach them to lean on God on their good days and lean on Him even harder on their bad days, to have faith in what their future holds, and to see the glory they get to live in each morning when they rise.

While challenges will arise with a newborn, and even as they grow, we feel our marriage will continue to flourish! We have vowed for better and for worse; with that being said, we will handle these new challenges together. Our hopes are that lessons will be learned from mistakes made, and that life goes on.

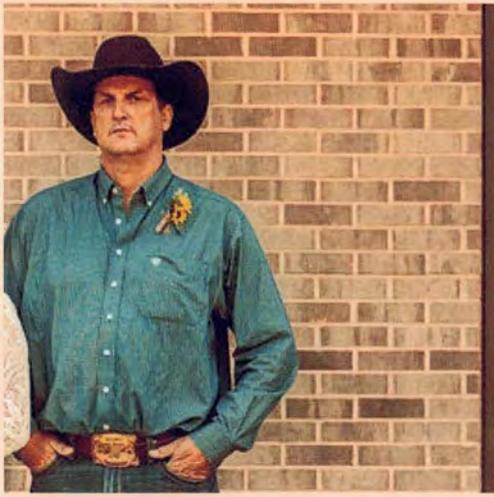
Mark 10:9, "Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate"



Baby snuggles.



We absolutely love spending time with our nieces and nephews! This gives us some insight into what being parents might look like.



Ben (Zoey's dad)

Enjoys hunting, riding horses,
spending time with his grandkids



Bridget (Zoey's Mom)

Enjoys gardening,
scrapbooking, loves spending
time with her grandkids

Jeremy (Bridget's husband)

Enjoys the outdoors, riding
four-wheeler, cutting trees,
and building



Zeb (Zoey's brother)

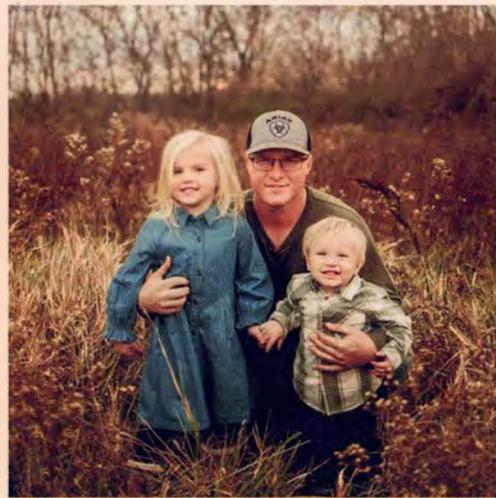
Enjoys hunting, fishing, riding
horses, and taking his kids to
youth rodeos

Sabrina (Zeb's wife)

Enjoys riding horses, fishing,
going to youth rodeos with the
family

Their kids: Georgia, Joella,
Stetson & Rawland

Zoey comes from a larger family. She has four siblings who are all younger than her. Her parents showed affection in the home and were loving parents. Zoey's mom was usually the one doing more of the running, such as taking kids to school activities. We all had chores growing up including feeding and watering animals, laundry, dishes, and keeping our bedrooms tidy. On Sundays, we went to church with our mom, or otherwise with our grandparents. On Saturdays, our dad would take us hunting. During the summer months, we all participated in youth rodeos.



Zabe (Zoey's brother- also a twin)

Enjoys riding four wheelers with his family, hunting, fishing, grilling

Grace (Zabe's wife)

Enjoys watching Walker play outside, playing slow pitch softball, riding the motorcycle with Zabe

Their kid: Walker

Zane (Zoey's brother- the other twin)

Enjoys walks with his kids and their dog, hunting, going to fairs, rodeos, riding horses

His kids: Sydney & Lane

Zadie (Zoey's sister)

Enjoys riding horses, attending and participating in rodeos, crafting, spending time with her animals, camping

Lance (Zadie's husband)

Enjoys farming, fishing, bowling, golf

Since moving, Zoey now lives four and a half hours from her siblings and her dad. She lives about nine hours from her mom. They keep in contact through messaging and phone calls. Zoey and her siblings travel back and forth several times a year to visit each other. Zoey's mom is able to meet in the middle to visit, usually around holidays, but sometimes comes to visit northwest Iowa. Usually once or twice a year, Zoey goes down to visit her mom for a weekend visit.

She and her siblings are very close, communicating daily in a group chat. Her relationship with her dad is neutral. They usually get together for lunch or supper when Zoey travels to southern Iowa. Zoey's relationship with her mother includes very regular phone calls.

David is the youngest of three children. He has two older sisters, Rachel and Katherine. His parents, Larry and Marcia, are amazing parents. They raised him in a loving and faith-based home full of support and guidance, but also rules and discipline.

Discipline was done out of love and according to the situation. There was never a lot of money growing up, but there was always food on the table, clothing to wear, and a nice house to live in.

David's parents prioritized family time, including his dad opening with prayer before supper. A family vacation was taken every year to create wonderful memories! His parents put a high value on all education. Church was the cornerstone of growing up in the Van Oort household.

Church was attended twice on Sundays along with Sunday school and catechism. Responsibilities were another key part of growing up in the Van Oort household. Everyone was expected to pull their weight around the home. Some chores included vacuuming, dusting, and cleaning bathrooms. David's dad led by example, doing any dishes each night after supper.



Larry (David's dad)
Enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, reading, traveling
Marcia (David's mom)
Enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, sewing, crafting, traveling





Rachel (David's sister)
Enjoys reading, going on trips
with her friends, fishing, going
on family vacation



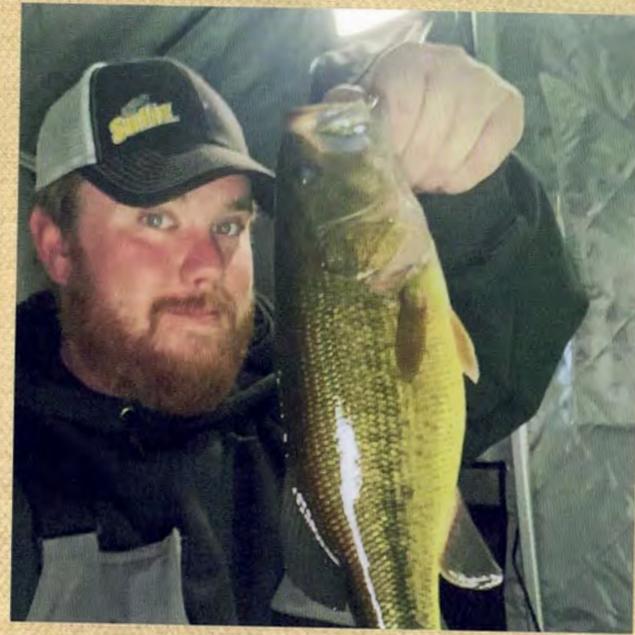
Katherine (David's sister)
Enjoys crafting, going to the lake,
going to town festivals, gardening
Nate (Katherine's husband)
Enjoys fishing, golfing, being a
wrestling coach
Their kids: Parker, Henry,
Freddy, Mina

David's parents live a little over a mile away from us. He sees his dad almost daily, as he helps regularly on the farm. He sees his mom about once a week, with the occasional lunch get together after church on Sunday. He has a great relationship with both parents, and they continue to go on family vacations together. Rachel lives about an hour away, but usually visits about once a month, along with the occasional phone call to catch up. Katherine, Nate, and their family usually make it down to Northwest Iowa about every other month to visit. David and Nate talk regularly so they can discuss fishing, life, and catch up on what the nieces and nephews have been up to.



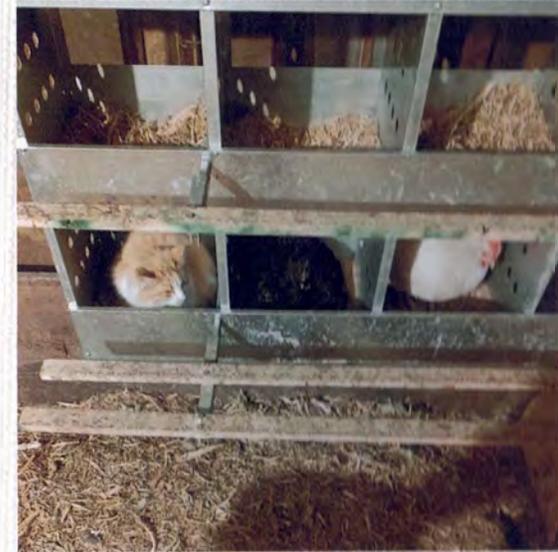
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*A few of the things we enjoy:
Family vacation, fishing,
gardening, our animals*





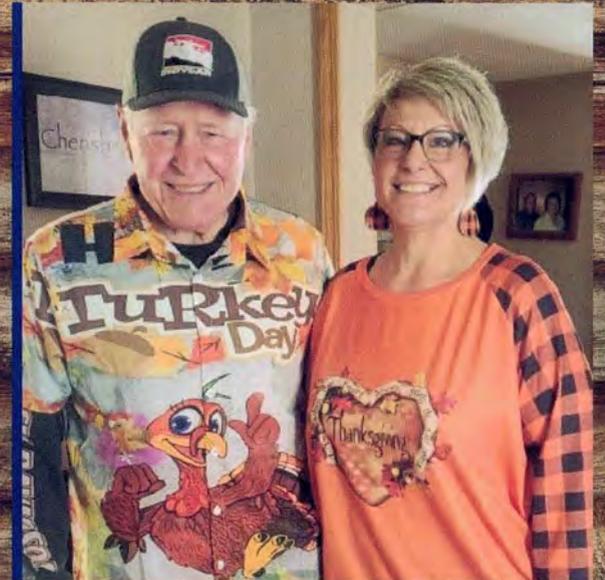
Our horses: Flash, Dash, and Rudy the pony. The cat in with the chickens is Oswald. He's the most loveable!



**THIS IS OUR
Happy Place**



family





*Psalm 139:14, "You are
Beautiful
For you are Fearfully
And Wonderfully
made..."*





COKE AND MUTTSY

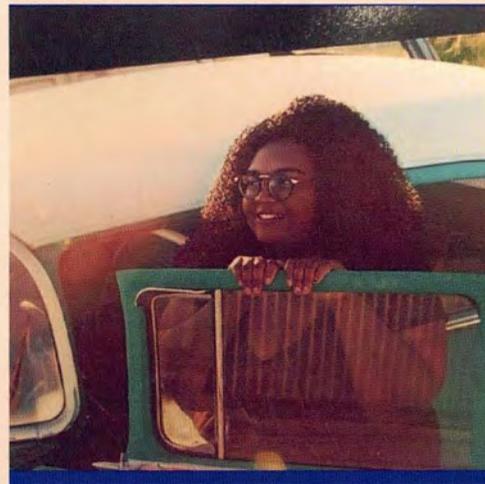
Coke and Muttsy are our best friends!
They are inside with us in the evenings but
spend their days outside with us as long as
the weather is nice out. If these two could
talk, they would tell you they are the
hardest workers on the farm!



While Coke and Muttsy love children and will be more than thrilled to have a little best friend to cause mischief with, our families will be even happier about having a new baby around!

We have been very open with our families about adopting. Everyone has been supportive with lots of prayers and kind words.

There are adopted family members on Zoey's side of the family including: her niece Joella (adopted by Zeb), a first cousin, an aunt, and an uncle.



MY HUSBAND



MY WIFE

THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT ZOEY IS THE WIFE THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN FOR ME AND THAT SHE WILL BE A GREAT MOM! SHE IS A KIND, CONSIDERATE PERSON WITH A HUGE HEART. SHE KEEPS MY LIFE INTERESTING! SHE WILL ALWAYS PUT OUR CHILD'S NEEDS BEFORE HER OWN. SHE TRULY HAS A SERVING PERSONALITY EVEN WHEN SHE CAN BE SPIRITED. SHE GOES OUT OF HER WAY TO HELP CARE FOR OUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS WHEN THEY VISIT. SHE TAKES CARE OF THE INSIDE OF OUR HOME, EVEN AFTER A LONG DAY AT WORK. SHE IS ALWAYS UP FOR A PROJECT FROM GARDENING, TO RAISING FARM ANIMALS, TO DECORATING OUR HOME. SHE ENJOYS READING A GOOD BOOK, RIDING HORSE, FISHING, WALKING AND CARING FOR HER ANIMALS ON THE FARM. SHE IS MY LOVING WIFE AND BEST FRIEND, AND I'M EXCITED TO TAKE ON THIS NEW ADVENTURE WITH HER!

DAVID IS A DEVOTED HUSBAND. HE CARES AND LISTENS WHEN I TALK TO HIM. HE HELPS ME WITH MY PROJECTS AND IS SUPPORTIVE OF MY GOALS. DAVID HAS A VERY LAID-BACK PERSONALITY AND DOESN'T ALLOW THINGS TO RUIN HIS DAY. HE WORKS HARD AT WHAT HE DOES.

I WOULDN'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO WALK THROUGH THIS LIFE WITH, AND I THANK GOD FOR HIM EVERY DAY!

I KNOW DAVID IS GOING TO BE A WONDERFUL DAD! HE IS ALWAYS TAKING OUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS ON TRACTOR RIDES OR HELPING THEM PET ONE OF THE ANIMALS. HE'S USUALLY THE "COOL UNCLE" EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE ALWAYS TRYING SO HARD!

THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO HIM IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW HIM!

Sleeping Arrangements

The baby will sleep in our room in a bed side sleeper until they are old enough to be in a crib. The baby will have their own nursery with all of the baby goodies! When they are old enough to move into their bedroom, their bedroom is right across the hall from the master bedroom, so they will never be far away.



Our Health

Good health is important to us! We complete regular physicals with our doctors.

We are not picky eaters and enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables. David also raises our beef. We know the exact quality of meat we are getting for our freezers.

There is no smoking in our home. We prefer a bonfire and grill out with friends over going out.

Our jobs keep us active regularly. On nice days, Zoey enjoys walks with the dogs. We like to do small hikes while traveling.



Nate and Katherine asked us to be Mina's sponsors for her baptism!

God continues to do so many things in our lives. He has brought us to adoption through lots of struggles. Sometimes there are questions, wondering why we can't have a child of our own right now. We trust in His journey for us, and we believe He certainly knows what He's doing. We know He has brought us closer as a couple through our multiple failed fertility attempts and has pointed us to a need we can fulfill, to be there for others through adoption.

We are both active members of our church. David is on the ushering committee. Zoey is on nursery committee and teaches Sunday school to preschoolers. We are greeters for Sunday mornings at the front doors. We make sure to support and attend church fundraisers and activities.

We have a very supportive church family. There are several families within our church who have adopted children, so we have no doubt a child will be accepted with arms wide open by our church family.

Psalm 127:3, "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him"



Information Sharing

We would like to honor your role in our child's life! We will share with them the love and strength demonstrated by you to make the choice of adoption. We are happy to share monthly letters and pictures if you wish, with the possibility of future visits.

Dear Birthparent,

We admire your bravery in this journey. While we know there are so many emotions involved, we value your selfless choice in choosing adoption.

We would like to get to know you more and answer any questions you may have. We continue to pray for strength and comfort for you.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

David and Zoey

1 Corinthians 16:14, "Let all that you do, be done in Love"



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