



NICK
& Beth

TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

THE BEST THING WE HAVE IS EACH OTHER.





We are a family who lives simply and loves wholeheartedly. We see time spent together as the greatest investment we can make and truly find joy in being each other's safe place. We value our church, our friends, our life on the farm, and the days we spend together. It's all of this and more we cannot wait to share with another child!

HELLO! IT'S NICE TO "MEET" YOU.

We're Nick and Beth, and this is our son, Brock. First and foremost, thank you for inviting us into this vulnerable space with you. As we write to you from our small, farm town in South Dakota, we're thinking about the big, heavy decision before you. We cannot imagine how difficult this must be, but we are grateful you have taken the time to look at our book and consider our family as you weigh all of your options.

We always dreamed of having a big family, but unfortunately, having children biologically has not been easy for us. In 2018, we were blessed with our son, but the years since have held much heartache. **We love being parents - sharing our hobbies with our son, watching him experience the world, and guiding him as he grows into his own, unique little person - and we would love nothing more than to love another child and give him a sibling to grow up with.** As you turn the pages in our book, we hope it is a glimpse of this life you see: parents who love each other, a little boy who is going to make the best big brother, and a laid-back life on the farm filled with adventure. **We are not perfect, but our love runs deep and our bond is strong.**

We also want you to know that we care for you, as well. As you try to make this decision, we pray you feel supported and surrounded and know that your voice matters. **Just as we will love whatever child comes into our home as if they were always a part of our family, we will always make room for you, too.** We believe family is bigger than we know, and we cannot wait to watch this new understanding unfold.

Thank you again for the chance to say "hello". We are praying for your peace and guidance as you choose what is best for you and this little bundle of joy.

WITH PRAYER, LOVE, AND SUPPORT,

Nick and Beth

A BIT ABOUT US

AND A FEW MILESTONES IN OUR LIFE

We're a close-knit and easy-going family who are constantly striving for connection over perfection. We value time together and live in a way that prioritizes our connection with each other over almost anything else.

Here are a few other things you might want to know:

1. **We value the church and our faith in God.** We believe our faith should drive all aspects of our lives and we hold tightly to our core values as a Christian family.
2. **We're laid-back, "country type" of people** who enjoy simple living and slow days. It's a common phrase in our home that "dirt never hurt" and is the best playground.
3. **We love our small town and can think of nothing better than raising our family on the farm.** Not only are our children learning responsibility at a young age, but there are also endless opportunities for creativity and fun. There is a peacefulness to life on the farm and a free-spiritedness we adore.
4. **We value wildlife and the outdoors** and can often be found engaging in our favorite activities outside - whether that's hunting in a nearby field, fishing in the creek, checking on our livestock, climbing in a pile of dirt, or chasing puppies around the yard.
5. **We don't keep secrets.** We value open communication and take the time to talk with each other about the good and the hard things without judgment or shame.
6. **We value being active together and having fun** but also resting and enjoying a "slow morning".
7. **We believe in raising children who** are respectful, grateful, and kind.

Nov 2014

Sept 2016

Mar 2018

Dec 2018

July 2018

Aug 2020

*We met playing darts
and started dating.*

*We said "I do" after a
short engagement.*

*We had our first
IVF Transfer Day.*

*We gave birth to
our son, Brock.*

*We purchased
our family farm.*

*We built a new home
on our farm land.*



meet Beth

“BETH IS STRONG, CARING, AND FUNNY.”



Who I am. I am a woman of many skills. I bake, cook, can, and perform the typical household chores, but you won't always find me in the kitchen. I'll go out and jump into the skid loader to do some grading around the farm, help with chores, and build wood projects around the house. I dabble in electrical, plumbing, and vehicle maintenance, and I'm not afraid to try something new or even "fail" because that is the only way to learn! I'm sarcastic, goofy, and hardworking. I don't give up easily, and I always look for the positive in life.

What I do. I have an associate's degree in civil engineering & land surveying and work as an engineer tech. It's a fast-paced job that is always changing, and I love the challenge of every job.

What I love. I love taking care of my family, watching my son get excited over the simplest things, and joining my husband on the farm. I also enjoy watching movies (especially Christmas ones!), deer hunting, and playing board games with my family.

“MY WIFE IS EVERYTHING ALL ROLLED UP IN ONE!”

MY WIFE (*in Nick's Words*). “Beth is someone I can always depend on, and I think anyone who knows her would say the same. No matter what I need, she is always willing to help out; whether it's something on the farm, a random project around the house, or just someone to talk to at the end of the day, she is there.

Another thing I love about Beth is her steadfastness and the way she holds true to her values. One of the things I think is important in a marriage is having someone who shares the same morals and beliefs in life as you, and we have that. Being able to have conversations with her about these things is something I am grateful for every day.

But more than anything, I love the kind of mom Beth is to our son. She loves cooking healthy, homemade meals, is always up to play a game or going on adventures, and models for our son the value of hard work. She brings a tender touch to a house made up of boys, and we would truly be lost without her.”

A FEW OF THE THINGS I LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A MOM...

- I love uncovering what my son enjoys and joining him in those things.
- I love seeing his kindness towards others or hearing how respectful he is.
- I love watching him grow and become his own person but still being the safe place he turns to when he's hurting or sad.



meet Nick

“NICK IS QUIET, DEPENDABLE, AND LOYAL.”



Who I am. I am a man of few words, but I give my heart to the people I care about. I'm simple and hardworking, but I also really like to have fun. I love a good karaoke night or a chance to get out on the dance floor, and I'll take every opportunity I can get to tell a dad joke. I'm very outdoorsy and have a passion for live-stock, and I love to share these things with my family.

What I do. I have a bachelor's degree in animal science and make my living as a farmer. I love that I am my own boss and that I get to spend every day working outside with animals.

What I love. I love hunting, fishing, and camping. I also love any time I can spend with my family and playing cards. I enjoy learning new ways to care for animals and growing our family farm into something we can all be proud of.

“MY HUSBAND IS A STRONG AND DEPENDABLE MAN.”

MY HUSBAND (*in Beth's Words*). “Nick is a hardworking, fun-loving man. He wears his heart on his sleeve and is one of the most gentle people you will ever meet. He is quiet, even-tempered, and kind. He is someone people can count on to always help out.

He is also a great father to our son. Their bond is tight and goofy and so fun to watch. They love to tell each other dad jokes, play tricks on one another, and share their favorite hobbies. Nick also encourages our son daily and helps him become a great little man. For example, when Brock is struggling to figure out how to do something, Nick is always nearby with an encouraging word. Rather than just jumping in and doing it for him, Nick reminds Brock that he can do hard things, he just needs to stay calm and think about it. And when Brock does accomplish a hard task, Nick is the first to tell him how proud he is. I love seeing the determined, patient character Nick is passing on to our son, and I cannot wait to see all the new and unique ways he will bond with another child.”

A FEW OF THE THINGS I LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A DAD...

- I love sharing my hobbies with my son, particularly teaching him to hunt.
- I love watching him play sports and find other things he is interested in.
- I love being there to guide him as he takes on new challenges and helping him find ways to succeed in life.



OUR LOVE STORY

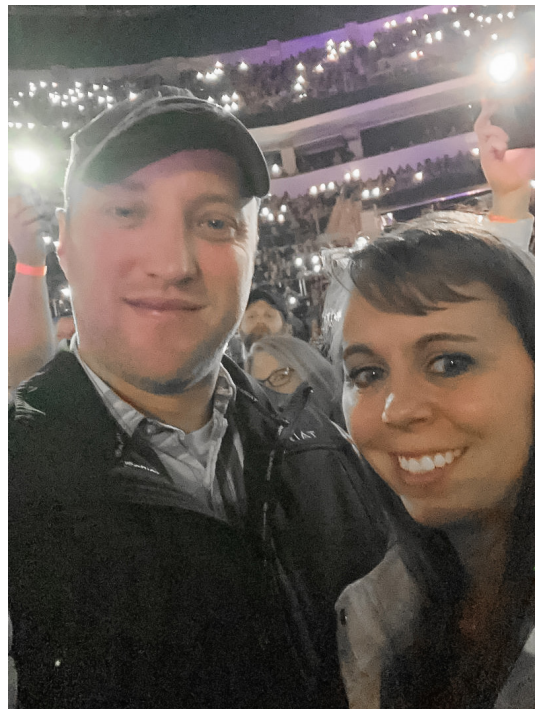


(Told by Beth) We met playing darts in a small town in South Dakota. We joke that he won me over with his bright blue eyes and I won him over with my skills on the dance floor. I didn't mind his moves, either. In fact, it was a moment on the dance floor when we were doing the jitterbug that he flipped me and I knew: this was the person I wanted to spend my life with. Not only did we share similar values, morals, and goals for the future, but I knew Nick was someone I could spend a lifetime having fun with.

Almost two years after we met, Nick proposed with a "Will you marry me?" written in the gravel. Later that year, we said "I do" at a park in our small town. Since that time, we've been building a house, building a family, and building a life together. It hasn't always been easy, but our commitment to each other has always been strong. Through thick and thin, we are each other's person and best friend.

The dream for us is simply growing old together. We can't wait to watch our kid(s) grow up, play sports, and thrive in life. We also hope to watch our farm expand and someday have our child/children take it over. Maybe it sounds cliché, but we don't need much; the greatest thing we could hope for is having each other.

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN YOU.



"GROW OLD WITH ME, THE BEST IS YET TO COME."

our son

“BROCK IS GOOFY, CREATIVE, AND FUN.”



What he loves. Brock loves to dig in the dirt, play with the dogs, help Dad on the farm, and join Mom as she bakes in the kitchen. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, collecting rocks and feathers, and playing farm.

What Mom and Dad have to say about him. Brock is super smart, well-behaved, and a huge helper! Although he's only 4 years old, he's already incredibly mature and responsible. We often find him "cleaning up" - whether that's putting his plate away after dinner or washing toys in the bathroom that got dirty outside. He also has an amazing imagination that never stops. It's not uncommon that we'll go from playing farm to construction work to hunting to building a big tower all in an afternoon with more big ideas planned for tomorrow.

Brock brings us so much life and joy, and he is going to be the best big brother. We can't wait for him to have someone to go on adventures, bike ride, and grow up with.



WHAT BROUGHT OUR FAMILY TO ADOPTION.

As soon as we got married in 2016, we started to dream about having a family. Before we knew it, a year had gone by and, despite having tried to conceive, nothing was happening. We decided to see a doctor and were told that conceiving naturally would be very difficult for us. **We were encouraged to try IVF and were incredibly lucky to have a successful transfer after our first attempt!** We welcomed our son later that year. In the year that followed, we attempted two more transfers, but both were unsuccessful.

We decided to take some time off to build our home and enjoy our little boy. **In that time, our desire to parent another child and to watch Brock grow up with a sibling grew, and we chose to start trying again.** Over the next few years, we faced multiple transfers, the crushing of two embryonic pregnancies, and a miscarriage.

After a scary health crisis with our last pregnancy, we felt the door to biological children closing. Although we have had to allow space for our hearts to grieve, we have also begun to feel hope again. We are humbled to think we might be able to love a child through adoption, and we are ready to commit our lives to them - whatever it looks like.

OUR HOME



We live on a farm outside a small town in South Dakota. We had the privilege of building our home on the farm just a few years back and were able to make it exactly what we wanted! It is simple but warm and one of our favorite places to be. It has a country, lodge-type feel to it and is very roomy with an open concept.

We have often said that we hope our home might be known as the “fun house!” We want it to be a place where others feel welcomed and everyone can feel at peace. One of our favorite things about our home is that all of our extended family can fit in it at one time, and we’ve already started to make memories of loud, laughter-filled gatherings together!

We’re also very grateful for the community we live in. Our town has a population of about 1,300 and has the “small town feel” that we love. We’re just a short drive from two parks, a pool, and the baseball/softball fields. Our town also has a great school system and there always seems to be something going on. In the summer, there is a chislic fest, a rib fest, and a farmers market. Around the holidays, our local businesses also host Easter egg hunts, a trick-or-treat scavenger hunt, and a “hometown Christmas” where families can go on sleigh rides and meet Santa Claus. It’s such a fun, safe community to grow up in, and we look forward to raising our family here.

L I F E O N T H E F A R M



We love playing with our farm animals, jumping in the mud, going on tractor rides, and exploring the different “houses” around the farm!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

AND OUR FAVORITE TRADITIONS

A typical day in our home starts at 7 am with **getting our boy ready for preschool/daycare and feeding the animals**. After our son is in daycare, Beth goes to work in her home office and Nick heads out to work on the farm. In the evening, we all eat a homemade meal together and then have playtime, movie time, or just time to relax.

Weekends are always a bit different, depending on what our family needs. Fridays are always family game nights and one of our favorite times of the week. Saturdays are either a lazy day (especially in the winter) or a day to get things done! Sundays always begin with church and then are reserved for time together as a family.

As a family, we love to camp, hunt, and fish. We also enjoy going to parades, fairs, and the zoo. **But more often than not, our time is spent together around our home** - playing in the dirt, pulling out all of our farm toys, pretending to be construction workers, or gardening in the backyard. **We also raise German Shorthaired Pointers and love taking care of them as a family.** Currently, we have 6 pups ranging from 6 months to 7 years old as well as a sweet farm dog named Mia who is a 5-year-old Austrian Shepherd.

Along with our hobbies, we have a lot of favorite traditions we share throughout the year, such as:

1. **Carving pumpkins for Halloween** and then dressing up to trick-or-treat around town!
2. **Building gingerbread houses** (or gingerbread barns!) in December.
3. **Decorating cookies and watching too many Christmas movies** as the 25th draws nearer.
4. **Driving around to look at Christmas lights** or visiting a nearby city to walk through their large display
5. **Enjoying Christmas morning** as a family or with cousins.
6. **Joining family and friends to light fireworks on the Fourth of July** - yes, Brock has already had a turn "shooting off" his first bottle rocket.
7. **Hosting family** for a big Thanksgiving dinner.
8. **Finding or baking a birthday cake that matches our little man's interests** and then having a party with a few family and friends.





For us, a good life for us does not require a lot of “things” but rather people you know you can count on. It’s a roof over your head, a delicious homecooked meal, and a family that will always be there for you. In the end, we believe that the most important thing we will ever do is love each other, and we cannot wait to share this love with another child.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR TAKING THE TIME TO MEET US.

We know it's not possible to get "everything" from just a few pages in a profile, but we hope the love we have for each other and the love we'd be overjoyed to extend to you is evident. If you do decide to place your child with us, we want you to know that they will be so loved on by Nick and me (Beth), played with and protected by a big brother, and supported by the community that surrounds us. They will also know they are important, that you love them, and that you only ever wanted the best for them.

If given the chance to join you on this journey, we promise to...

1. Love your child unconditionally, making sure they always know that their place in our family is just as real and just as secure as if they were our flesh and blood.
2. Encourage and guide your child throughout his or her life, teaching them to be kind, hardworking, and generous while also finding joy in the simple things that life has to offer.
3. Provide them with resources and opportunities, doing everything in our power to give them what they need to be happy and successful.
4. Speak openly with them about the good and hard, answering any questions as they come along.
5. Surround them with people who care for them and will join us in cheering them on.

We promise, too, that they will always know you - whatever that might look like. They will know they are loved by you and that you sacrificed so much for them. They will have access to you, if you choose, and we will talk about you with respect in our home. You will always hold a special place in the heart of your child, and if that child is also our own, we would be honored to call you family.

WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE,

Nick and Beth

for this child
ADOPTION PROFILE BOOKS

