



Nick & Lauren

We're Nick and Lauren! Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile book and get to know us.

We're both 27 years old, and we have a long history together. We first met when we were 12 years old, fell in love and started dating when we were 16, got married when we were 21, and have now been married for 6 years.

Last year, we adopted our daughter, Eden. She was born in September, so we just celebrated her first birthday. She has been the absolute joy of our lives. We love every single moment with her, and we are so excited to watch her become a big sister. We have always wanted a big family, and we are so thankful to have our family grow.

They say it takes a village, and we have a lot of people in our lives who will love on our kids. Our friend group is full of babies and toddlers who are excited to have a new friend. We also live in a multi-ethnic neighborhood and go to a multi-ethnic church where a child of any ethnic background will feel at home. Both of us have family that are local, and they all prioritize spending time with our kids.

Adoption isn't new to our family. Lauren has an adopted brother, Isaiah. We also have two adopted nieces from Liberia, and an adopted nephew as well. We have several close friends who have adopted, and others who plan to in the future. We're also open to staying in contact with our child's birth family.

We hope that as you look through our photos, you're able to see the love we have for our family and the room we have to love another little one.

Sincerely,

Nick & Lauren



Our newborn photos with Eden



Us at Junior Prom



Celebrating Eden coming home



Our first photo taken together on a field trip in 7th grade

About Us:

We love outdoor activities like rock climbing, playing frisbee, going on hikes, and swimming at the lake. At home, we like to take Scout on walks around the neighborhood, have game nights with friends, and grill on our back patio. We love having fun and spend a lot of our time together laughing. Play dates have become a regular routine, and they usually consist of disney music and lots of dancing.

We have a huge family and like to visit with them often. Between the two of us, we have 10 siblings, so our children will have lots of cousins to grow up with. A lot of our family lives within driving distance, so we always spend the holidays with them. We go on family vacations to the beach and the mountains to go skiing.

Lauren is a Loan Officer for Guaranteed Rate and also takes care of Eden full time. Nick runs a startup tech company that he started with his brother-in-law. We both work from home and set our own hours so we can prioritize spending time with our family. As a family, we value things like our Christian faith, having good morals, being charitable to others, and having a good education.



On the left, Nick is holding Isaiah at his birthday party.

Below, Nick is with Eden when she was two weeks old

Meet Nick (by Lauren)

Nick is the kindest and funniest man I know. It would be impossible to spend more than 15 minutes around him and not find yourself laughing at one of his jokes. He's the guy who will immediately make everyone feel comfortable and welcome. He loves Jesus, and he tries to engage with everyone around him in a meaningful way. He works hard and takes care of us so well. Not only does he excel at his job, but he always works around the house and in the yard. He is sincere in everything that he does, and he makes everything that we do fun. Being a dad is his favorite thing in the world, and he loves Eden so well.





Lauren meeting her niece Jordan for the first time
(and spending time with Luke and Ava too!)



Lauren and Eden when she was two
weeks old

Meet Lauren (by Nick)

Lauren loves family more than anything. She enjoys spending quality time people, visiting our family, and spending time with Eden. Lauren is known to be a uniquely compassionate person. She speaks sweet words to others, loves welcoming guests into our home, and always knows what to say when someone feels sad. Lauren is also fun and silly. She loves singing and dancing, finding new activities to try, and laughing together. She is the best wife and the best mom.



Meet Eden

Eden is a bundle of joy. She is always smiling and makes friends everywhere she goes. She is obsessed with food and is constantly trying new things. She loves music and dancing, and she makes every thing that we do more fun. She is the best, and will be the best big sister!



All of us enjoying a boat ride on the lake!



Eden hugging Scout!

Meet Scout

We got Scout three years ago as a puppy. He was tiny when we got him, but he now weighs 100lbs (even though he acts like he weighs 20lbs). He loves to cuddle and play, and he loves to run around in the backyard, especially with Eden. They are the best of friends. Eden is constantly following him around, and they have a lot of fun together.

Nick's Family

Nick has one brother, Taylor, and his parents (Grandma and Grandpa). Taylor is a short drive away whenever we want to get together. His parents currently live in Louisiana, but they visit often. We love to spend time together and play games as a family. Nick's is extremely funny, so we often laugh together until our bellies hurt.



Celebrating Eden's first birthday!



Celebrating Christmas with a trip to Branson!



Celebrating Lauren's brother getting married!



Lauren's mom and step-dad taking Eden apple picking!



Lauren's dad, step-mom, and brother on a cruise!

Lauren's Family

Lauren has a very large extended family. She has 3 full siblings, 5 step siblings and 1 adopted half brother. So that makes her 1 out of 10 kids! Most of her family lives in Georgia and we make it a priority to visit with them often. We also love to host her family at our house, and we usually don't go more than a month without a visitor. Lauren's family loves having fun, so we're always doing something like playing a game, throwing the frisbee, or going for a boat ride!



Enjoying a weekend at the lake with Lauren's brothers, Isaiah Kevin, and Kevin's wife Rachel!



Our Home

We try to make our home feel warm and welcoming. We enjoy spending time outside landscaping and tending to our garden.

We love hosting friends and family. We have a lot of friends that live in the neighborhood and have kids, so we have a lot of play dates!

We live in a diverse and close-knit neighborhood. When you go for a walk, you can always expect a wave and greeting from neighbors on their front porches.

Our neighborhood has sidewalks, and there's a park, playground, nature preserve, and a good school walking distance from our home.

Top photo is of our house.



Bottom photo is having friends over for dinner in our backyard!

Our Friends



Having friends from college over for dinner!



Out to dinner with our neighbors, Trey and Erin!



Rock climbing with one of our friends from high school, Dylan!

Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We hope this book helped you catch a little glimpse into our lives!



Eden's 1st birthday!



All dressed up for Halloween!