

Hoping to adopt!

Justin, Rachael, Brock & Bryton

Hey Mama,

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this letter. We know that you are probably overwhelmed with many things right now, so thank you for taking the time to look at our family. We admire your strength and courage to make it to this point! We are Justin, Rachael, Brock and Bryton. We live a high-speed life filled with sports, fun, and family adventures! Justin and Rach both grew up in the Huntsville Alabama area, and still live there to this day. We are surrounded by a large family network that fellowships together very often. On any given day you will find us camping, fishing, at the ballpark, herding cats, or playing fetch with the dogs. It is always an adventure with our family, but we will have it no other way! We hope the very best for you and your child as you make this important decision!



With Love,

Justin,  
Rachael,  
Brock  
&  
Bryton

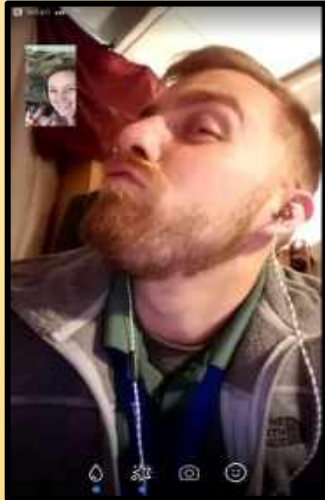


# About Us

It's a classic armadillo love story. While Justin was deployed overseas, Rachael found a picture of him holding up an armadillo he had shot, and it was love at first sight! She sent him the first message, asking if he had "gone shining for that 'dillo?" Justin was instantly drawn to her, like how RC Cola is attracted to a Moon Pie. Both Rachael and Justin were born and raised in Huntsville, and they both had strong Christian families. It was an Armadillo Match made in Heaven!



*Justin's best friend's Scottish wedding during R&R*



*Video chat laughs*

They video chatted for the first six months while Justin was overseas. Once he got to fly home for R&R, Rachael met him at the airport for the first time in person. He went back overseas for another three months, then returned home to be closer to Rachael. Less than a year later, they were engaged! The deal was sealed on May 11, 2019 with (you guessed it) a genuine Armadillo Wedding Cake. They have been happily married for close to four years, and though Justin loves Brock and Bryton as his own, they both look forward to sharing a child together.

# A Little About *Justin...*

In case you haven't figured it out yet, I am the goofier one in the relationship. I never miss the opportunity to crack a cringe dad joke, and I love getting out of the house with the kids finding new ways to have fun!

After serving nine years in our armed forces and almost two years in combative countries abroad, I grew an even deeper appreciation for time spent with family and loved ones. Today, I work for the Department of Defense as a logistics contractor. On any given afternoon you can find me bringing the family along for fishing, hiking, exploring, or sometimes even riding a motorcycle.



## And a Little About Rachael...

Hi, my name is Rachael. I am the nerdy one of the relationship. I love to read and cook from scratch! I am known in the family as "the baby whisperer" because I have the magic touch to calm a fussy baby. I was a high school Math then Robotics teacher and English Language Learner site coordinator for 12 years. Now, I work as an engineer on the NASA Space Launch System preparing the Artemis rocket to travel to the moon and beyond. I am a former college athlete who completed all four years of my Bachelors of Science on an athletic scholarship. When I am not at the ball field with our kiddos, I enjoy designing flower arrangements, decorating cakes, and decorating for Halloween and Christmas.

Favorite Author: Lauren Kate

Favorite Sport: Softball

Favorite Color: Purple

Fun Fact: My grandmother was a member of the local Cherokee Tribe

Favorite Food: Collard Greens



*Called over to soothe my fussy niece after coaching Bryton's baseball game*



*Justin took this picture during our travels to the Bahamas*



*Auntie Ayay(Rachael) fixed Charlotte's hair for her recital*

# Bryton

Birthday: October 2013

Age: 9



First concert at an outdoor amphitheater

# Brock

Birthday: November 2006

Age: 16



Bryton is a sweet, social butterfly who is usually looking forward to catching the next fish. He loves playing "House" with his little cousins, but is definitely cool enough to shoot hoops with the big kids. He is very excited to become a big brother!

## Favorites

Color: Indigo

Food: Egg Roll Bowl

Icecream: Coffee Bean

Hobby: Fishing

Sport: Baseball

Movie: Transformers

Book: Dog Man



## Favorites

Color: Green

Food: Buffalo Wings

Icecream: Mint Choc. Chip

Hobby: Playing chess

Sport: Baseball

Movie: Terminator 2

Book: Red Pyramid

Brock is the oldest of the cousins. With that, he plays the role of nurturing protector, driven to serve those around him. During family gatherings, you will find Brock entertaining his baby cousins, doing silly dances, or tossing a ball in the yard with his granddad, Poppy.

Our parenting style is loving and fun, but also accountable. We believe in guiding our children to be the best people they can be in every way. Life is what you make of it, and we believe it is important that our children understand that. We set limits, enforce rules and explain why we have them, and give consequences (but while still taking our children's feelings into consideration). We support working hard when it's time to work, and playing hard as a reward!

## **Our Parenting Style**



# Our Home



*Fire pit by the fishing hole in our backyard*



*Yard ready for Halloween*



*Our home on wheels and permanent residence*



*Large family room to entertain*



*Nursery with all the basics, ready for baby*



*Great grandparents with Bryton waiting for our neighborhood fireworks show*



*Decorating for Christmas is a family past time*





## *Our Community*



Our local park offers youth sports, walking trails, picnic areas, playgrounds and community activities. Rachael coaches youth baseball at our local park.

Our extended family worships together at our church. Brock and Bryton attended our church's Mother's Day Out(half day) until public school age. We plan to continue that tradition with a new addition.





Our Adventures

# Meet our Pets



*Hammock snuggles in the backyard*



*Our boys ready for bed*



*Bird watching from the kitchen window*



*Polly*



*Rocky catching snowflakes for the first time*

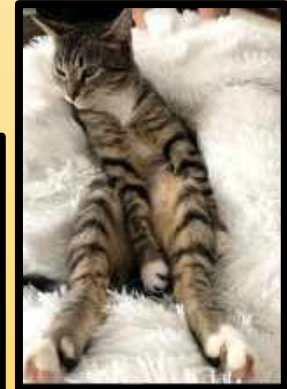


*Rocky and Bryton explore together*

We have a big loveable yellow lab named Rambo who LOVES children! By his side comes young Rocky, our Aussiedoodle fur-blur puppy that keeps Rambo young. We also have our three cats, Polly (the matriarch), Clary (the "middle child"), and Snow (the instigator).



*Lord Commander Jon Snow  
(aka Snow)*



*Clary*

# *Family Ties*

We have very large extended families, many of whom live right here in Huntsville! We are deeply rooted in our families and love celebrating together with them all the time. This strong bond stretches outside of Alabama between Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, and Texas. Some of those who live right here in town include both sets of grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and three great grandparents. One uncle is the fire chief and an EMT in our community. Our family has a large cow farm in south Mississippi and we also have cows on local property near our home. We enjoy extended family trips to our timeshare in the Orlando, Florida area. From Gulf Coast beaches to Patrick Space Force Base beaches to Cozumel beaches, our families enjoy time together.



# Extended Family

