

THE WAGNERS

DAVID & BETSY





David made our puppet/
puppeteer costume for a
Halloween party



We love being playful
together – even on a work
trip to Mexico



Motorcycle
ride with
friends up to
Evergreen, CO



The fur-babies, Iggy & Jake, holding a place
for their new little human



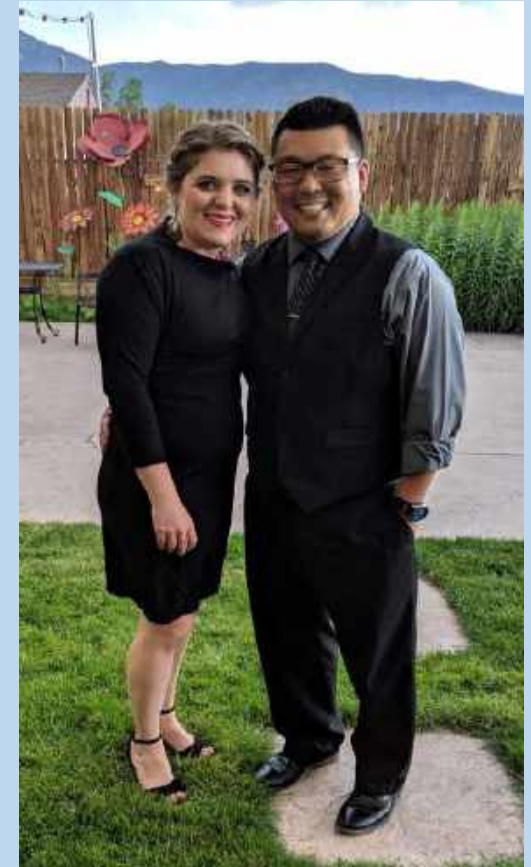
Anniversary get-away to Glen Eyrie Castle, Colorado Spring

Sometimes the hardest thing and the right thing are the same.

– The Fray

My (David's) birth parents had to make the same decision as you are right now, and I can't imagine what that must be like. I was adopted as an infant and will be forever grateful for them making a decision that hard. While I don't know them, I do know they were selfless, loving, strong and wanted what was best for me. I hope someday to meet them, thank them, and introduce my wife and future children to them.

Both of us have always wanted to adopt, seeing it as our first choice in building a family. Even before I (Betsy) was diagnosed with infertility at 22, I was passionate about caring for women in crisis pregnancy situations and interested in adoption. When we started dating, our mutual interest in adoption was something we talked about on date number one, and have continued to pray about and pursue since we got married.



All cleaned up for a friend's wedding! ❤️



We are David and Betsy Wagner from the suburbs of Denver, Colorado.

We live with our two dogs, Iggy (an 11 year old Snorkie, aka. Schnauzer-Yorkie) and Jake (a 4 year old Westie-Mix), in a diverse Mayberry-type neighborhood with the most incredible people as our neighbors. We are humbled and honored to tell you a little about who we are.

Whether or not it's us, we pray you find the right adoptive parents for your baby (or babies), and feel both peace and connection in the process.



We take bowling very seriously in this house ;)

Christmas at David's parents'

Having a great time laughing together at the race-track... or anywhere we might find ourselves!



About Us

Just like couples from the old times, we met online in 2018. We eloped 8 months later and have thoroughly enjoyed the adventure of life together every day since! Our faith in Jesus has helped bring us closer every day and is what will help us grow our family like we have our love.

David knew almost immediately that Betsy was the one. Betsy took a little convincing but also knew David felt like “home” pretty quickly. The official proposal came the day David picked up the ring he had designed himself from the jeweler, and came with a book he’d made with all the things he loved about Betsy (from serious to silly). We eloped in May 2019 and then held a celebratory BBQ in our backyard for family and friends later that summer. Marriage for us has been fun, peaceful, enjoyable, comfortable, and filled with laughter.

Together, we enjoy playing games like darts and chess, cruising on David’s motorcycle, spending time with our neighbors and friends, walking, and hiking with our dogs (Iggy & Jake), spending time with our parents and siblings, and just being together. Two of the things we love about “us,” and our marriage, is that we are playful together and we are a team, consistently working toward the good of each other. We love each other deeply, but we also really enjoy each other and look forward to sharing that love and fun with a child or children someday.





About David

I'm David and I like long walks on the beach and... Enough of that. Who am I really? I am a son to two amazing parents that adopted me as an infant. I am a brother to three wonderful siblings. I am a husband of a magnificent woman that is the love of my life. I am creative. Woodworking, design and art have been in my blood since I was a child. I remember building rubber band guns for the neighborhood kids. Their parents were not pleased. I have since moved to bigger projects like building furniture and motorcycles. Creativity has even led me to start my own design business.

If I'm not playing a sport, I will take second best and enjoy watching football and soccer. I'm blessed to be in a neighborhood of like-minded people. Often you will find the block having a BBQ or the guys helping another neighbor work on a car or house project. The neighbors say we need somebody cute and cuddly in our house. We agree and want to expand our family with that chubby smiling baby face.



Age: 40

Faith: Christian

Ethnicity: Korean

Occupation: Landscape Design

Education: BA in Graphic Design from the University of Northern Colorado

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO



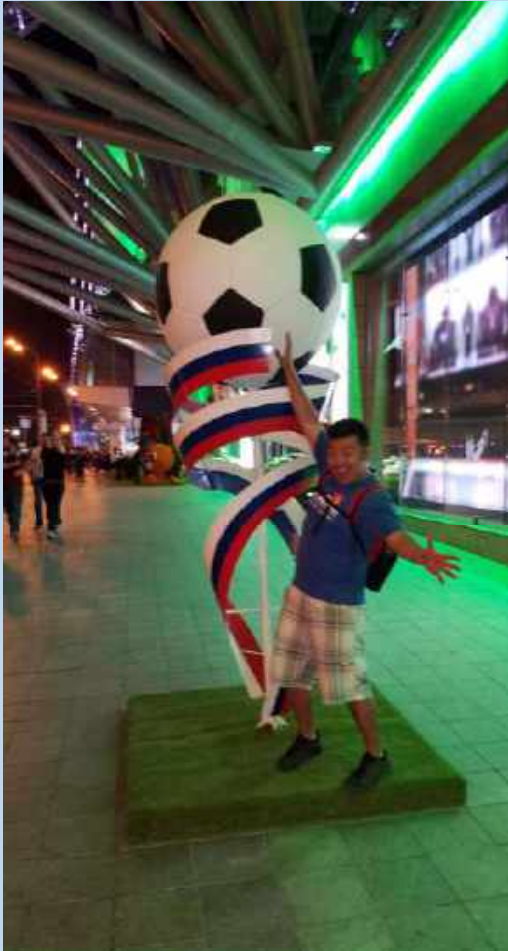
David in his happy-place

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Children's Book: How to Eat Fried Worms

Favorite Movie: Resident Evil

Favorite TV Show: Bob's Burgers



David's Best Adventure

Going to the World Cup in Russia with my brother Jeff in 2018. It's been a dream of mine since I was a kid to attend a World Cup.

Betsy's Favorite Things About David

I love that David has a tough skin and a tender heart. I love that he is a defender of justice and will fight for the underdog, that he's protective and purposeful; playful and passionate. He makes me laugh and reminds me to enjoy life every day. I love that he encourages me to risk and pursue adventure in my life – he is my greatest champion and encourager!



David and his brother, Jeff, at the World Cup in Moscow



“Uncle” David with our friends’ kiddos



David
with
his dad,
Don





About Betsy

I grew up in the MidWest, mostly in the Twin Cities of Minnesota. One sister, with her family, still live there. But, with my parents and one sister now also in Colorado, this has very much become “home.” I am grateful to have my parents nearby, as I have a deep appreciation and respect for who they are as individuals, as a couple, and as parents. I’m delighted our future children will get to have them so close.

Throughout my 20s I lived in France, Ukraine, Iowa, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Arkansas and I treasure the things I got to learn, and the people I got to meet, in each place. I love to travel and to discover the history and culture of different people and places. While each is unique, there is so much that can bring us together as humans, and I think that’s beautiful.



When the Minnesota girl is losing at Uno, she has to wear the Wisconsin cheese head



Betsy doing a video interview about her book



Growing up I loved to read, play with Legos, listen to the adults talk, and roller skate in the cul-de-sac. I loved school and everything that went with it. As an adult, I still pretty much enjoy all the same things, although I've added crocheting and cooking to the list, too. I value hospitality and love having friends and family over for dinner or drinks on the patio.

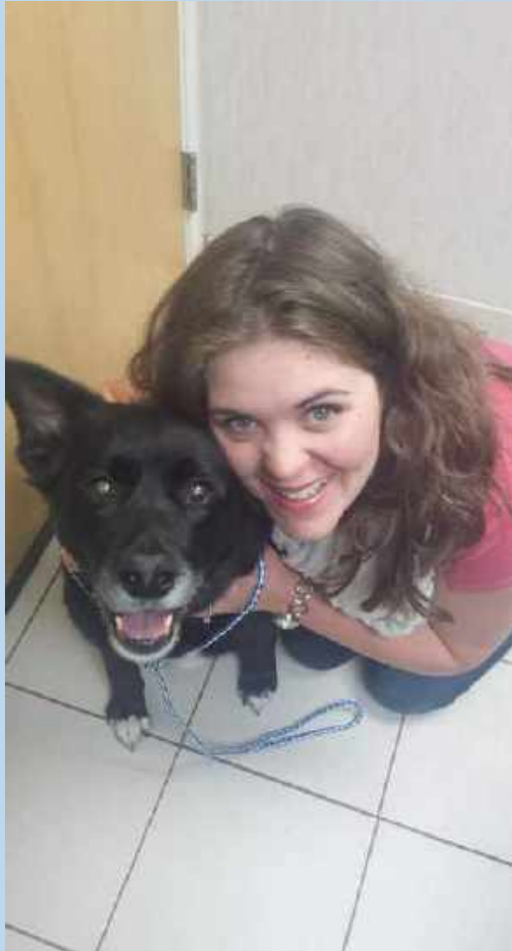
I've been a mental health counselor for over 15 years, a professor of counseling for over 10, and a speaker/consultant/writer for about as long. No matter the context or role, I love helping people discover new ways to grow into the person they're made to be. I see the journey of parenthood as a continuation of this calling: to help nurture the growth and development of a child into the fullness of who they are meant to be.

David's Favorite Thing About Betsy

What do I like about this girl I married? From the beginning of our relationship, she has been the most supportive person in my life. You know those team building exercises where you fall backwards, and people are supposed to catch you? I don't even questions that she is there if I fall. If she is not catching me she is pushing me to be the best man, husband and father I can be. The only times she is not rooting for me is playing cornhole when it's wives vs husbands.



Betsy speaking at a women's retreat



Sasha: our fur-baby with wings

Age: 42

Faith: Christian

Ethnicity: Danish, English, & German

Occupation: Mental Health Counselor & Consultant

Education: PhD in Counselor Education & Supervision - University of Arkansas;
MA in Community Counseling - Denver Seminary;
BA in Interpersonal Communication
University of Northern Iowa

Hometown: Eagan, MN

Favorite Food: Tacos

Favorite Children's Book: Mister Willowby's Christmas Tree

Favorite Movie: Good Will Hunting

Favorite TV Show: Criminal Minds

Best Adventure: Living in Kyiv, Ukraine after grad school



Betsy's dear friends, Amy & Vivi – we love laughing!



Each of us in our elements



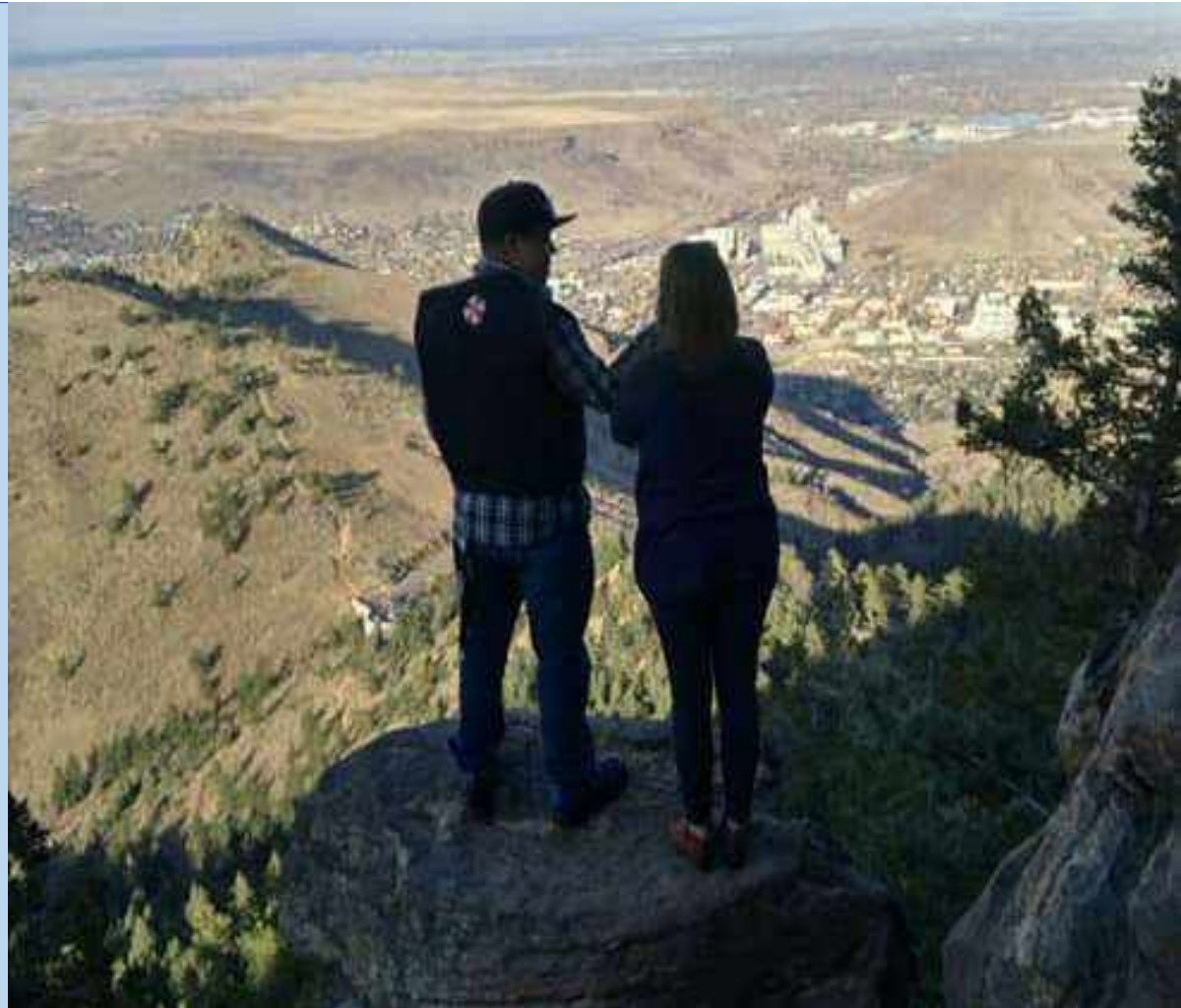
Wagner Siblings (& niece)



A cold soccer game with heart-warming friends

Things We Believe

- It takes a community to raise a child and we are surrounded by people that will support us and want the best for our family.
- Parenting is selfless. We have seen many friends and family raise their children and know that sacrifices need to be made for the best interest of a child, but the growth it produces makes everything worth it.
- Acts of love need to be complimented with words of affirmation.
- Parenting is a team effort. We will make sure we are on the same page and work together to ensure that we stay strong as a family.
- We don't have all the answers. When we are faced with experiences we have never seen, we will draw on the wisdom and guidance of those who love us and our children.



Enjoying the view together on a motorcycle ride



Hopes & Dreams for Our Children:

- Above all, we hope that they daily know, feel, and experience the truth that they are loved immensely and unconditionally by us, and by Jesus Christ. We pray that they see and experience the love of Jesus through us, and our community, and choose to follow him too.
- We hope that they feel the freedom to explore, grow, and develop into who *they* are meant to be, apart from any expectations that others might have for them.
- We highly value education in all forms and hope to cultivate a love of learning and curiosity in their life. Whether our future child(ren) is nerdy (like Betsy) and is made for the traditional classroom, or experiential (like David) and made to work with their hands, we are committed to fostering opportunities for our future child(ren) to explore, learn, and develop the knowledge and skills he or she needs to be the person God created them to be.

Parenting Plan

Connection with Birth Parents: We are not alone and you are not an outsider. We are committed to whatever level of openness (or closedness) you desire. No matter the level of connection you choose, we promise to always speak of you with respect, gratitude, admiration, and love. We believe that the more positive, loving, supportive influences in a child's life, the better! While we have been and continue to be praying that God will make us the parents our future child(ren) needs, we know that we cannot be everything for him or her, and welcome those who can speak truth, love, faith, and heritage into their sense of self.

Day Care: With each of us having jobs that allow us to make our own schedules and work from home, we do not anticipate much, if any, formal childcare. We both have a strong passion to be as present and involved in the day-to-day life of parenting, and are grateful to have jobs that can facilitate that presence.

Discipline: We think discipline should be age and developmentally appropriate and tailored to the personality and needs of the child. Where one child may just need to know that their choice made you sad, another may need a time out, or to lose privileges for a time to get the point across. We are committed to learning who our child is, and what guidance *they* need in order to grow into the person God made them to be.



This is the spot we eloped: the convergence of two rivers in Glenwood Spring, CO



More about David, by Betsy

David works as hard as he plays, and I love the intensity and passion he brings to everything he does. He puts his whole self into everything he does, whether it's starting a business, a pick-up game of basketball with the neighborhood guys, or caring for the people close to him. He is consistent in character, in actions, and in convictions. He is passionate without being reactive, and is steady and thoughtful in his responses.

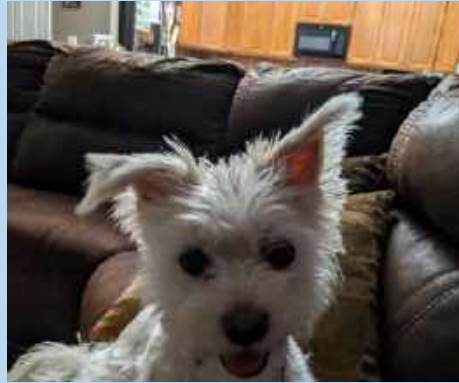


More about Betsy, by David

Are we still talking about my wife? Great, but is there a word limit? I could go on forever.

From day one Betsy has never ceased to amaze me. She is the most accomplished person I know, but also down to earth. If you are around her you feel loved, supported and cared for. She will say she isn't that fun, but when she is around you will find nothing but smiles and laughter along with deep and thoughtful conversation. I could not be happier with her in my life. She is such a blessing; an angel without wings.





The Dogs: Iggy & Jake

Iggy is a wise, thoughtful, old-soul. Jake is the happiest, bounciest, most joyful dog on the planet!
Together they are an inseparable team.



The Rodriguezes – Friends who are like family



The Bigger Bunch – Friends who paintball together always got your back!



Betsy’s Uncle Phil, Aunt Jenn, and three (of the five) cousins



Travis, Sandy, & Dawson -
The best neighbors,
EVER!

Friends

&

Family

The Wagner men at Lambeau Field



Our wedding celebration (2019) with family

Family



Betsy's family at her sister & brother-in-law's (Tasha & Roy) wedding reception.



Betsy's Parents: Gary & Hanna



David's Parents: Don & June



With Betsy's niece & nephew

David with his niece



We are eager and ready to welcome one child, or twins, into our family and our home. And, we thank you for taking the time to learn a little about our story and our life.

We look forward to the opportunity to talk with you further and answer any questions you might have about us, our family, and our life.

We are in awe of your strength and courage, and pray that you may have peace as you make decisions for your baby.

Blessings,
David & Betsy

