

# Eli & Kyle



# OUR STORY

Hello! We're **Kyle and Eli**. Thank you for taking the time to read our story and learn more about us!

We'll admit – we didn't meet in the most exciting way: we both swiped right on an app, back in 2019, and matched with each other. Our first in-person meeting happened when Eli had car troubles and needed a ride to work. Kyle came to the rescue by volunteering to drive him across town for his work. Once the ice was broken, we were pretty much inseparable. A few months later, during a casual evening, Eli's twin sister asked, "What are you guys?" In perfect sync, we looked at each other and replied, "I guess we're dating," and then chuckled a bit.



A wonderful day in Disney Paris, even though it rained on us.

Early in our relationship, Kyle was deployed to Afghanistan, which meant we had to learn how to support a long-distance relationship. It wasn't always easy, but we made it work. When we were finally reunited, our relationship was stronger than ever. Not long after Kyle returned, we bought our first house and later welcomed our very well-behaved dog, Lucy. After a few wonderful years of living together, we got engaged and married one another in 2023.

As a gay couple, we've always known that having biological children wasn't in the cards for us. Since the beginning, we've talked about adoption as the path we wanted to take.



At Union station looking at the model trains for Christmas.

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We're so grateful and honored that you're taking a moment to consider us on this journey.



Off to the pumpkin patch. I swear Eli got us lost because he was the one with the map.

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# ABOUT ELI

**Hi, I'm Eli! I'm energetic, compassionate, and resilient.** My early life started in foster care before being adopted at 8½ by my adoptive family. That experience really shaped who I am—it taught me the importance of connection, empathy, and the power of second chances.

I've always been a curious person, especially when it comes to math and science. I originally started out studying engineering, but life had other plans. When my adoptive Dad became seriously ill, I came home to help care for him; through that experience, I discovered how much I love caring for others. That's what led me down the path to healthcare. It began with an emphasis in respiratory therapy, but very quickly changed into a desire to make a difference as a bedside nurse.

I'm pretty sure that phone does not even work. But off in Scotland for fun.



If there is one happy place for Eli it's the petting zoo.

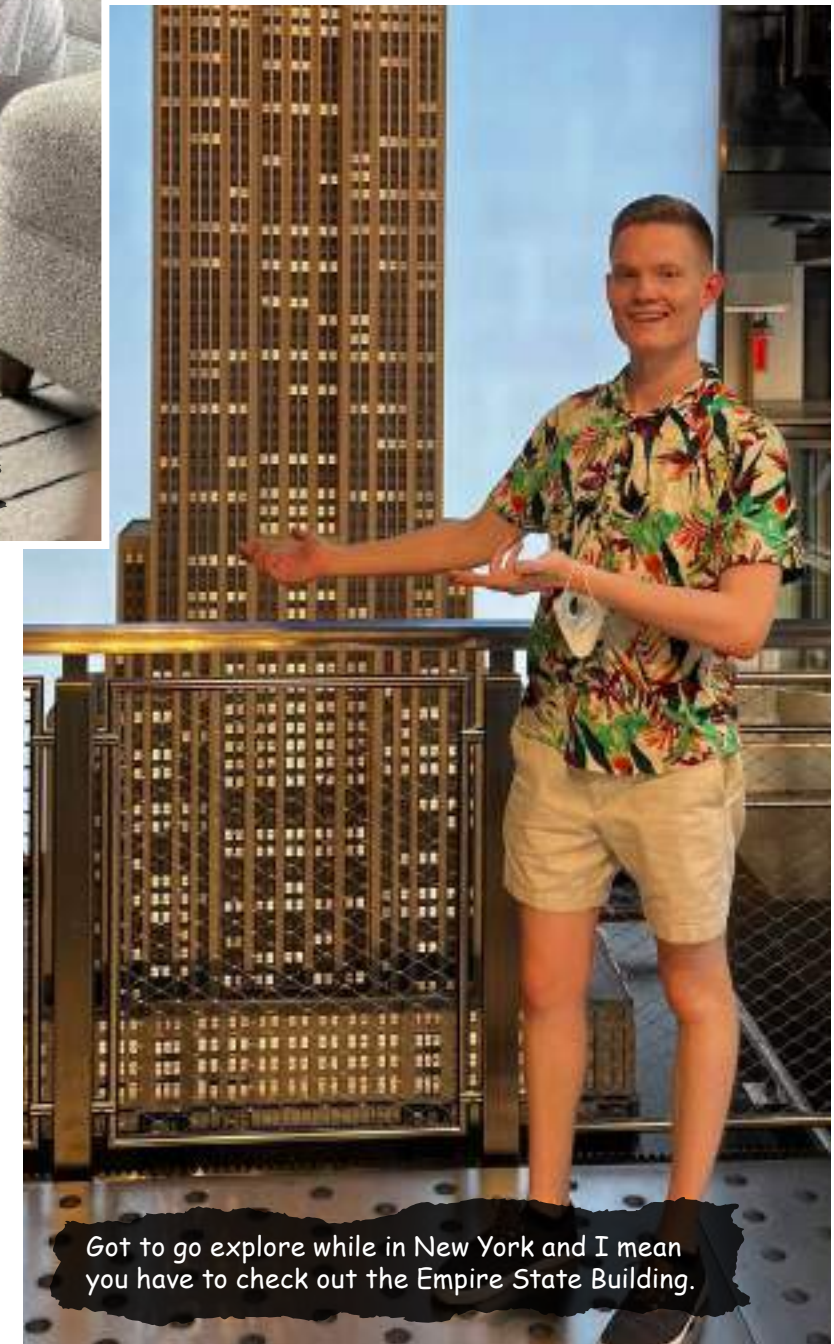


Getting to play with the niece and nephew.

At home, I'm a pretty creative and easygoing guy. I'm on my very own "sourdough journey," I love to crochet, and I take lots of walks with our dog, Lucy. I'm always up for some videogames or watching a Studio Ghibli movie – My Neighbor Totoro is my favorite.

I can't wait to be a parent. I know I'll bring a lot of love, patience, and playfulness into a child's life, just like I hoped as a child that someone would do for me.

I'm working toward becoming a registered nurse, and work in health care as a nursing assistant while in nursing school. I genuinely love what I do – whether it's staying late to check on a patient or holding someone's hand while they get a new IV placed, caring for others brings me joy.



Got to go explore while in New York and I mean you have to check out the Empire State Building.

# ABOUT KYLE

I would say I'm very much a family-oriented person. Growing up, I spent a lot of time with my older sisters and cousins. During almost every holiday, when the whole family got together, we would break out several decks of cards and play games against each other. My immediate family members have always enjoyed having dinner together and going on family vacations as a group.

In high school, I discovered a love for computers after randomly signing up for a programming class. I enjoyed it so much that I decided to pursue this career path in college. I now work in the healthcare technology sector for the government. I also served in the military as a jet mechanic for several years, including two deployments, before finishing my contract.



Enjoying the rain in Scotland.



Off in the Bahamas, If you do the crime you do the time.



Can't say no to some ice cream on a ship.



Sure maybe we forced Lucy to take this photo. But she sure did get a treat after.

At home, I like to unwind through a variety of hobbies – like creating a Christmas stocking for my nephew. I enjoy baking, reading, and playing video games. What I love most is spending time with my nieces and nephews whenever I can. From a very early age, I knew I wanted to be a dad. I can't wait for a little one to join the family and to discover new hobbies with them that we can enjoy together.

# OUR HOME

Over the years, we've built a home filled with love, laughter, and a lot of heart. After living in different parts of the greater Kansas City area – namely a small one-bedroom apartment, followed by a townhouse – we finally settled into our current home in a suburban town. It's a spacious, welcoming house with plenty of room to grow our family and dream big for the future.

Our favorite spot is the renovated dining room, where we gather for meals, talk about our day, and host holiday dinners with friends and family. The space is filled with natural light and warmth; it's where some of our best memories are made. Lucy, our dog, usually curls up under the table with a toy and keeps us company as we converse and play board games together. Many times, she's hoping for one of us to drop some scraps!

We live in a friendly, diverse neighborhood full of young families. People wave when they walk by, and it's not uncommon to get caught in long conversations on the sidewalk with our neighbors. We've enjoyed getting to know them and look forward to a future filled with block parties and trick-or-treating. We also live just a few blocks from the town square, so we very much enjoy all the town-led activities with parades, entertainment, art, and food.



Kyle off to go work in the backyard.



Eli cooking up a very yummy meal.



Eli making a blanket while Lucy helps out.



Game night with some guess who. Who ever loses had to cook dinner.

Our community offers so much – great schools, parks, libraries, and family-friendly events throughout the year. It's the kind of place where kids can thrive and feel safe. We are very lucky to live here and can't wait to share our home and community with a kiddo.

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# OUR FAMILY



Family photo from Kyle's side at Kyle's Sister's reception.

Family has always played an important role in our lives. Between the two of us, we're very lucky to have such a strong sense of family and support nearby, as well as spread out throughout the country.

Eli maintains close relationships with both his adoptive and biological families. His biological family all lives in town, and they often get together for dinners, birthdays, and casual visits. On the flipside, his adoptive family is spread out. Despite this, Eli stays connected through frequent video calls, text threads, and visits whenever possible. Having experienced the foster care system and later adoption, we understand just how special a chosen family can be.

Kyle's family is primarily located within city limits, which means we get to see them for holidays and family outings. His family is always kind and ever-present. Kyle's family has a strong tradition of gathering together to celebrate the small moments in life – like going back to school later-in-life in efforts to better one's self.

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Yes they really are triplets and we are blessed uncles to get all of them: our nieces and nephew.



Look at those little arms going behind his uncles' backs. Spent the day off at a festival with the nephew.

Our families are both excited and fully supportive of our decision to adopt. They've already begun dreaming about the roles they'll play: grandparents planning sleepovers, aunts and uncles talking about holiday traditions and "borrowing" the kiddos for a visit to the zoo, and cousins eager for a new playmate.

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Spending time with Eli's brother and sister in New York.

# HOBBIES, INTERESTS & TRADITIONS

We both love to travel and have made it a point to explore new places together, from cruises and comedy clubs to Bahamas, France, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. Each trip becomes a story we retell, and we dream of future vacations with a little one in tow – just this time with matching family T-shirts!

Closer to home, we love hosting. Thanksgiving and Christmas are especially big in our household, with both sides of the family coming together for food, games, and lots of laughter. Decorating the house is one of our favorite shared rituals – especially in fall, when we go all out with pumpkins, candles, and cozy decorations.



Always love going out and about for the holidays. Got to check out some lights.



Checking out some old castles while out in Ireland.



At the Cliff of Mohr in Ireland, honest so beautiful there.

Most evenings (weather permitting), you'll find us going on walks with our dog, Lucy, catching up on our latest TV shows like America's Got Talent and Survivor, or playing board games like Sequence and Catan. Kyle enjoys reading historical non-fiction, cross-stitching, and watching documentaries, while Eli is often found crocheting, baking sourdough bread, or playing video games. Both of us grew up loving books and movies, and we're excited to introduce a child to bedtime stories, animated films (namely Disney and Studio Ghibli), and maybe even a little friendly Mario Kart competition once they are old enough to play.



Off on an adventure in Mexico.

Together, we value curiosity, creativity, and connection—and our hope is to foster those same qualities in a child. Whether it's making cookies together on a snowy afternoon or building a pillow fort for movie night, we look forward to building meaningful traditions as a family.

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# THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We can only imagine how overwhelming this decision might feel, and we want you to know that we see your strength, courage, and love in even considering adoption. We know this decision isn't easy.

While we can't fully understand your journey, we approach this process with deep respect and open hearts. Adoption has been part of our lives in meaningful ways (especially for Eli) and we believe wholeheartedly in creating a space for openness, honesty, and lifelong connection. This includes both you and the baby.

We will raise a child in a home where they are unconditionally loved, supported, and celebrated. We'll encourage their curiosity, nurture their creativity, and be by their side as they grow into whoever they are meant to be. We'll speak about you with love and gratitude, and we'll make sure they always know the thoughtful and brave choice you made for them.

We are open to a semi-open to fully-open adoption and hope to build a relationship based on mutual trust, communication, and what feels right for everyone involved. Most of all, we want you to know that your story will always be honored in our family. If openness isn't something being requested now, we will leave the door open in case of changes later on in life.

Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts. No matter where this journey leads, we wish you peace and love in the days ahead.

With Love,

*Eli & Kyle*

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