

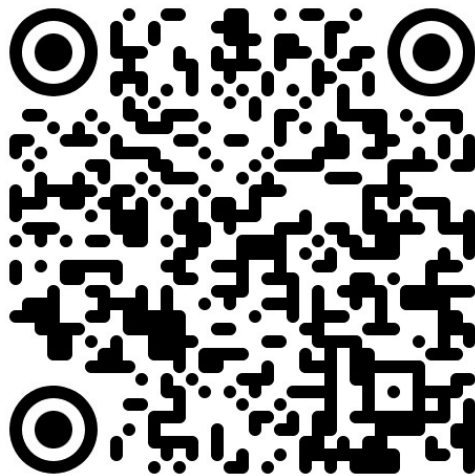
Daryl & Gina



hello!

We would like to thank you so much for taking the time to look at our information. This book shares pieces of our lives, our story, and the love we're ready to give as parents.

To get to know us a little better, you can also **scan the QR code** below to **watch our profile video!**



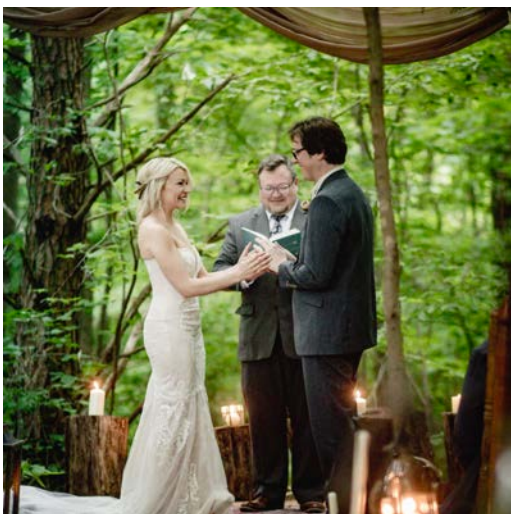
With love and respect,
Gina & Daryl



Our Story

Our story began all the way back in the 1970s, when Daryl's dad used to give Gina's mom a ride to high school. Years later, history repeated itself when we ended up attending that same high school together. Daryl was voted king of his senior class, and the following year, Gina was crowned queen of hers.

After graduation, life took us down different paths. Sixteen years passed, until one fateful day in late 2016, when Gina, living in Colorado at the time, received a message from Daryl on Facebook. That simple message changed everything. He invited her to visit him in Nashville for New Year's Eve. When we reunited, it was like fireworks. The connection was instant and undeniable. We began a long-distance relationship, and one year later, Gina moved to Nashville. In 2019, we were married.





Together, we began trying to grow our family, a dream we've both held close to our hearts. After years of trying to conceive and exploring different options, we felt a deep sense of peace in choosing adoption. We believe wholeheartedly that God has led us here, to the path of adoption, and we couldn't be more excited and hopeful for what's to come. We've thoughtfully prepared for this next chapter: Gina plans to stay home full-time, and Daryl has transitioned from a travel heavy career into one that allows him to be more present and grounded at home. Our days are rooted in love, mutual support, and the deep hope of growing our family.



MEET

Gina

Written by Daryl

Gina has the biggest heart of any person I have ever met. She is so kind, caring and generous with her time, heart and passion for all living things. She puts all other people and creatures before herself to make sure they have what they need and are taken care of. Her generosity and passion for the happiness of others is a true blessing from God that shines through everyday.

Along with her love of life, she is a very fun person to be around. She loves a good adventure, maybe a hike at the local state park or just a camping adventure on our property. Every adventure is enjoyed to the fullest. She also loves board games, I mean who doesn't, but she gets fired up over a good board game.

Gina is the heart of our family, our caregiver, our consoler and our passion. She is going to raise very strong willed, smart children that has a deep respect for what God has given us. They will grow up knowing their mother is their biggest supporter and teacher of life.



fun facts

- Gina loves photography.
- She has ran a half marathon
- Her favorite band is Hanson, "Mmm-bop" 🎵
- She LOVES chocolate, especially Toblerones
- She loves all animals
- Gina is an only child.



MEET *Daryl*

Written by Gina

Daryl is unfailing in his devotion to his family. It is his number one priority to make sure we are taken care of. He is focused, driven, kind, & loving. He is my perfect partner.

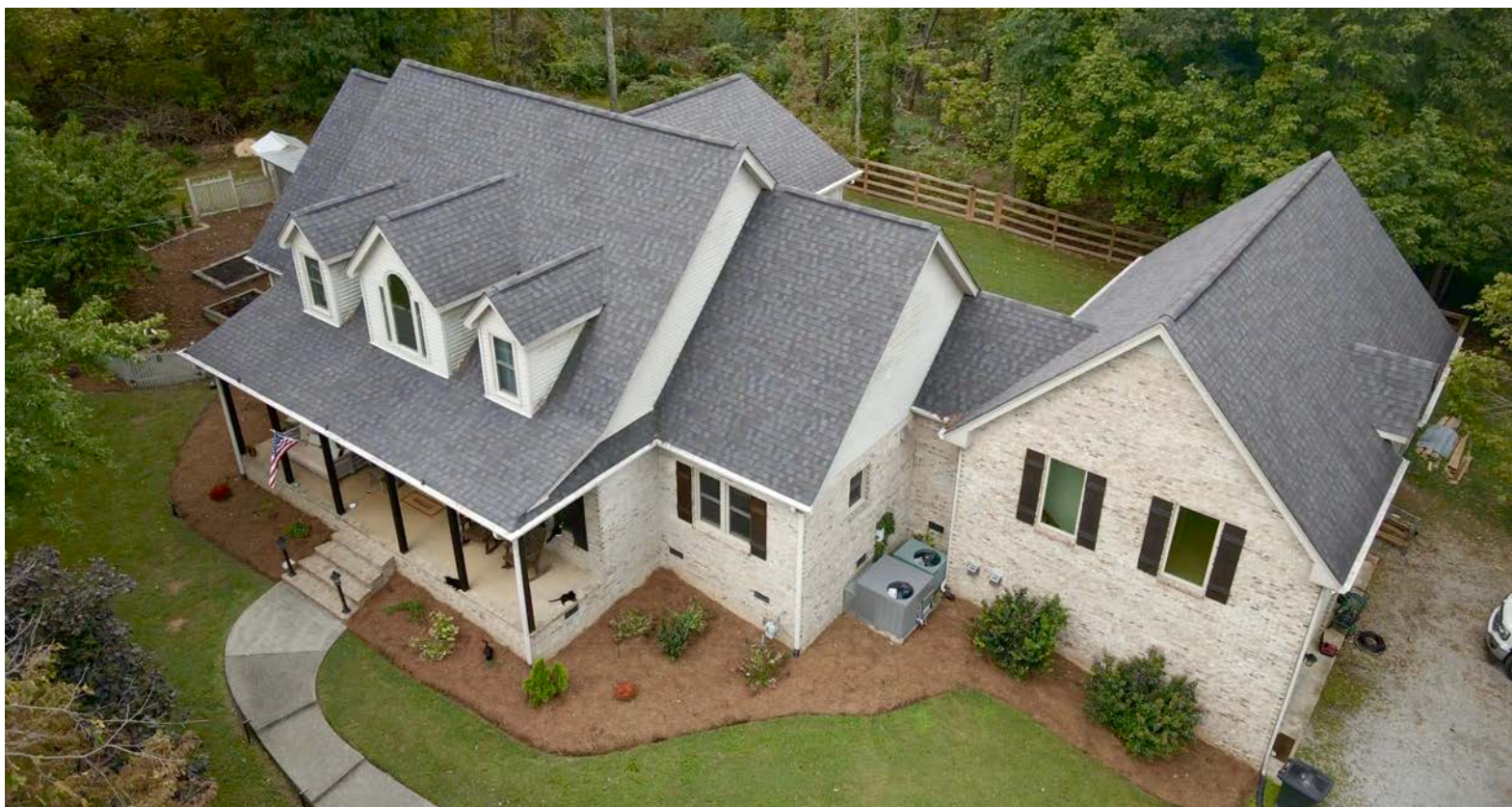
He helps me believe in myself and makes me feel there is nothing I can't do. He will do the same for our child. Daryl is the chef of the family, we are blessed daily with his passion and ability to throw together healthy, delicious masterpieces, whether a breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Although breakfasts are his specialty! Watching Daryl with our animals and how he shows his care and love for them gets me so excited to see him with our child. He is gentle, fun and creative. He has dreamt of being a father for years now. To see his excitement about our adoption has been so wonderful to witness. He also is extremely handy! If he doesn't know how to fix or build something he will figure it out. He amazes me everyday!

fun facts

- Has been to 5 of the 7 continents, every US State and over 150 countries
- His favorite ice cream is Ben & Jerry's "Phish Food"
- He is a rule follower, if it says "Do Not Enter" he won't enter, even if it doesn't make sense.
- LOVES peanut butter
- Spent over 20 years in the music industry producing some of the largest concerts in the world





OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

We live on a 15.5 acre hobby farm outside of a major city in Tennessee. We have country living but easy access to every possible thing we could want as we are a 30 minute drive from one of the most vibrant and culturally diverse cities in the state. We have very like minded neighbors who are also some of our best friends which makes our country living very safe, relaxing and fun. There is a large state park within 5 miles, major rivers for outdoor adventures within an hour and a fresh spring fed creek on our property along with hiking trails for daily adventures. The outdoors are an important aspect of our lives and we can not wait to share our adventures with our child. Our property has chickens, dogs, cats, deer, rabbits, possum, raccoons, so many different types of birds and a pretty good population of annually returning hummingbirds.

Nursery



Hiking Trails

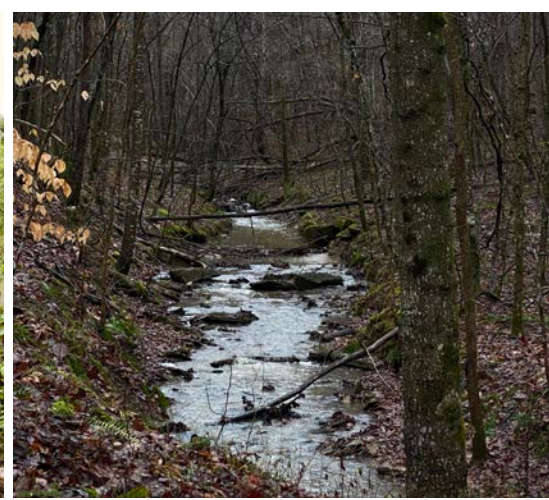


Camping at Home



Garden & Chickens





The closest town to us is a charming little community of about 2,000 people, with a Mexican restaurant and a family pizza place we love. Just 20 minutes away is a larger town with a great downtown, where we shop, enjoy homemade ice cream from a family-run parlor, and look forward to visiting a new park and splash pad with our child. There is also so many wonderful town events!

Our heart has went into our home and to get the gift of raising a child here would be every thing we could ever ask for. We picture our days being filled with a lot of outdoor learning and adventure. Cooking and baking using things we have grown ourselves, having family movie nights with popcorn & candy and game nights with lots of fun and laughs.





Animals

We have a big heart for animals in need. We take care of our neighborhood feral cat community, spay/neuter and find them homes.

We have chickens that provide us with fresh eggs daily.

We have 5 dogs. Sage, we adopted from the humane society, Jorde showed up in our back yard and we decided to keep her after finding she didn't have a home. Lucia was sleeping on our neighbors porch as a stray, we took her in and shortly after discovered she was pregnant! She had 2 babies. That is how we ended up with 5 dogs.

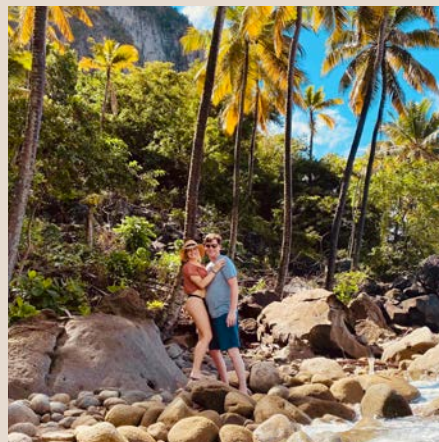




Our Adventures



We love going on adventures both big and small. We picture that being a very large part of being parents. Creating adventures, whether that be a hike on our property's trails, planing a trip close to home or a big adventure across oceans. We believe there is SO much to see and experience in this world and would love nothing more than to share that with our child.



Traditions

- **Holidays:**

- **Christmas** - We pick out a real tree every year, we bake Christmas cookies and decorate them. We also have Gina's family's North Pole Christmas village we put up along with hanging stockings on the fire place.
- **Easter** - We home cook a large comfort food meal to include southern comfort food staples and also some of our northern "hotdish" classics
- **Independence Day/Labor Day/Memorial Day:** We do like to grill, camp, relax and enjoy the outdoors.



- **Birthdays:**

- It's cake time! Daryl's mom always baked a homemade cake, and Gina's parents always had a cake for her as well. Birthdays are ALWAYS celebrated with cake, balloons, streamers, gifts and fun!



- **Family Reunions:**

- Both of our families have yearly or every couple year family reunions. We are SO excited to hop in the car with our little one and make the trip back to MN to see our extended families.



- **Lake Trips:**

- When we make it to the lake, we must stop and get icecream on the way home. This not only a tradition but it is a mandatory thing to do.





What People Say About Us

- “The connection we witness between Daryl & Gina is rare. They communicate so well with each other, problem solve by bouncing ideas off each other. The love and affection they share is beautiful.”
- “Gina is the most caring, loving, attentive and spiritually centered women I know. Love exudes from her being and anyone she meets can feel it instantly. I believe her calling in life is to be a mother”
- “Daryl is ambitious, hard working, sensitive man with good moral values. He is a great problem solver. He is a generous person who likes to help out his friends and is considerate of others feelings”
- Daryl and Gina’s marriage is such a beautiful marriage. They are so kind and considerate to one another, in every situation and in every decision. We would say their greatest strength is their support and love for one another. They are definitely each other’s biggest cheerleaders.
- “As a child of adoption and being a birth mother in an open adoption myself, it is my honor to give Daryl and Gina a glowing recommendation for any birth parents that are considering them for their child”



Thank you



We want to thank you so much for taking the time to look into us and our life. Our heart is with you and your sweet little one.

We are fully committed to this journey. We are prepared to honor your child's full identity, including their birth family and story. We believe adoption is not a one-time event, but a lifelong relationship, built on openness and unconditional love. We will always speak of you with love and respect. Your child will grow up knowing that they came into our lives because of your courage and love.

We promise to raise a child with love, laughter, and encouragement. We will nurture their dreams, celebrate their unique story, and create a home where our number one priority is that they always feel safe, seen, and deeply cherished.

Thank you for taking the time to read our story. No matter where your journey leads, we are sending you love, peace, and strength.

With all our hearts,

Gina & Darryl