



Haley + Scott

Hello

First, we want you to know how much we admire your courage in making such an important, selfless decision for your child. We want you to be confident that your child will be raised in a home full of unconditional love, fun, patience, and support. Though we haven't met you yet, we have been thinking of and praying for you and your baby. That you would feel peace and comfort that surpasses your understanding as you move through this process. You both are already deeply loved. We want you to know that we will be committed to cherishing your child and honoring the special bond you share. They will know the difficult choice you made and how much you love them. Thank you for considering us to be a part of this journey.

With our love,

Haley + Scott



How It All Began



We met in our high school youth group at church. We started out as friends through interactions at small group. My parents, knowing I had a crush on Scott, challenged me to ask him to the prom, otherwise they would not pay for my dress... and I did! Our friendship continued from there, with periods of closeness and distance, until our junior year of college, when Scott finally wised up and asked me out on an actual date. We dated from October 2013 to September 2014 when Scott proposed.

We had our wedding at a park lodge outside the city, with all our friends and family in attendance. The day was beautiful and "perfect", even with some surprises (the wrong cake was delivered with a different color than expected!), but we look back on it all with laughs and appreciation. We watch the video each year on our anniversary.

We've been married for over 10 years now. Throughout this time, both of us have changed and grown through the trials we've faced together, sometimes one holding the other up. We've relied on God's love and forgiveness to extend grace to one another through it all. We've grown to be much more wholistically health oriented. We've grown aware of mental and emotional health, leading to Scott's being a therapist and me investigating and learning more about nutrition.

We enjoy watching movies, doing puzzles, being outside as a family, playing board games, and finding good restaurants (we're foodies).





Scott enjoys reading fiction novels, weightlifting, playing the violin, and being out in the sun. He likes spending time with friends and family.

Scott

by Haley

Everyone instantly wants to be around Scott. He is extroverted and genuinely cares about everyone he meets. When I say that everyone loves him, I'm not joking. He is 100% the fun parent who is willing to play whatever imaginative game Zoe comes up with or roughhouse with her if she chooses. Scott's willingness to be the target of a joke reflects his kind heart and sense of humor; he doesn't take himself too seriously, which are qualities that makes others feel safe and at ease. He is the first to apologize and an amazing example of sacrificial service in our home.

Scott likes putting on music and dancing with Zoe, reading with her, playing games, and finding ways to make her laugh. He has some child-like qualities about him when he plays, and I say that in the best way. It makes him relatable to other kids. Scott has volunteered in both middle school & high school ministry settings and has built mentorship relationships with some of those guys that he still has today.

He is a wonderful dad!



Haley enjoys reading, gardening, being outside, taking walks, playing games, crafting, and spending time as a family.





Haley | by Scott

Haley is loving, intelligent, clever, goofy, and fun. She cares about the details of others' lives. She's naturally an introvert, but when you're her friend, she's not hesitant to reach out and see how she can care for you. When first meeting others, she's reserved and quiet. After some time, people see her fun, goofy side and appreciate it. She's also great at joking around with me while we handle parenting and everyday stress.

I was drawn to Haley because of her humor, relaxed nature, and sweetness. Naturally, I also thought she was very cute. The more we had fun, the more comfortable I felt sharing my thoughts and feelings, and she kept giving me patience and grace, showing me the love I wanted in a future wife. If not for her, I couldn't have become the therapist and father I am today. I'm eternally grateful to God for her.

Haley is calm, fun, and insightful when interacting with children. She comes up with creative ideas and solutions for helping them solve problems, regulate emotions, and have fun. She will put on music and dance, sing, and play with our daughter; it's a blast. She plays board games, creates crafts, and finds outdoor activities (her preferred choice) to engage with Zoe and the neighbor kids. Although Haley will have plenty of fun, she also researches and practices ways to ensure healthy discipline and structure for our daughter to learn.

I love seeing Haley in her role as a mom.



Meet Zoe

Zoe is an energetic, fun-loving, extrovert who loves to make friends and play with others. If she sees neighbor kids outside (which is often), she immediately wants to go and play with them. She enjoys reading books, coloring and other crafts, and riding her bike or scooter outside. She talks about wanting to be a big sister often and how excited she is to become one.



Our Happy Home

Our home has 5 bedrooms/3.5 baths, and a fenced-in backyard. The backyard has a small incline that's good for beginning sledders. It also has a large playset with swings, ladders, a tire swing, a hanging bar, a rock wall, and a slide. We like being outside and playing, whether it's in the sprinkler, playing yard games, on the play set, or with other yard toys. Our basement has a large living room space that's primarily a playroom, but also has a TV and a sectional. We enjoy playing and having movie nights down there. There's also an exercise room.

The sunroom upstairs is perfect for playing boardgames together, and we love our kitchen, where Zoe and I often bake and cook together. We appreciate how the space allows different areas for play, living, and resting. We are often together, but we also have separate, calm, quiet times.

We have a lot of kids in our neighborhood, and we live near the end of a cul-de-sac. All the kids are frequently outside, running around to each other's backyards, or out riding in their battery-powered cars, bikes, or scooters. We have an elementary school just a few blocks away in our neighborhood. There is also a park with pickleball courts and a playground we frequently walk to. While not in our neighborhood, my parents have a pool (a 10 min drive) where we spend time in the summer.





In Our Home We:

Love God + love our neighbors as ourselves

Have fun and don't take ourselves too seriously

Fuel our bodies with healthy food and movement

Like a good song-and-dance party, but we don't let dad sing

Get outside as much as possible



About Our Families

We are very close with both sides of our family and see them often, and they truly are our village. My mom and stepdad live about 30 minutes away, and my dad and stepmom live just 10 minutes from us. I have one half-sister who is married and lives about an hour away. Both my maternal and paternal grandmothers are part of our lives, along with two pairs of step-grandparents, so there is certainly no shortage of grandparents on either side. In addition, I have many aunts, uncles, and cousins—almost too many to count.

We are fortunate to live near many of our family members. Scott's mom and stepdad live about ten minutes from us and frequently babysit. His dad and stepmom also live in town. He is the oldest sibling and has one biological sister who is married and lives in Arizona, along with three stepsiblings—two who live nearby and one who lives in Oregon. He also has five cousins, an aunt and uncle, and another aunt who are part of his extended family. His maternal grandfather lives close to us as well, and his maternal grandmother currently lives in Arizona but plans to move back to Iowa in the spring of 2026.

Each year at Christmas, we share several meaningful traditions as a family, including choosing a new ornament for each person to hang on the tree and decorating the house together. We also spend time with extended family through multiple gatherings held throughout the season, making it a special time to connect with loved ones. Our Christmas traditions include attending a Christmas worship service and participating in Advent activities. At Easter, we continue these faith-centered traditions by attending church worship and celebrating the holiday with our extended family. Almost every holiday is spent with family.





The Little Things



Scott

- His favorite movies and books are the *Lord of the Rings* series.
- Socializing with others gives him energy.
- If given the chance to do anything, he would go out and sit in the sun.
- He hates eggplant.
- He can't live without coffee... He's tried many times.
- Favorite ice breaker question: "If you were a shoe, what kind of shoe would you be?"
- He is a pro at playing Barbies.
- Scott likes playing musical instruments (guitar and violin are current favs).
- If choosing between a beach or mountain vacation, he would choose the beach.
- Bless his heart, he tries to cook, but most of the time sticks to doing the dishes.

Haley

- Haley blooms in the fall. She is an "Autumn" color and loves to crunch leaves.
- She is an introvert but gives fun energy with close friends/family.
- She's a great (and health-oriented) cook. YUM!
- Haley will dance and sing to songs you had no idea she knew and everyone laughs.
- She enjoys watching HGTV, Food Network, and Historical fiction shows.
- She enjoys reading historical fiction and fantasy books.
- Haley absolutely loves dark chocolate.
- She's willing to help anyone in navigating ways to improve their health.
- In the warm months, you will find her outside reading a book in the sun or shade.
- If Haley could, she would have a large vegetable and flower garden... and it will happen.

What Others Say

"They are amazing, present, and patient parents – a great mix of goofy and fun." – Rob

"They love the Lord and parent as such with wisdom, patience, compassion, lots of love, structure, and a touch of curiosity and silliness." – Angela

"You're like Barbie and Ken" – Denny

"She's hilarious" – Haley's past co-workers

"I've always been proud to have the title of 'Scottie's little sister.' He is the best big brother in the world to me, and I've been able to watch him become an amazing husband to my beautiful sister-in-law, Haley, and father to my niece, Zoe. Scott and Haley are the most kind, loving, and nurturing people." – Erin

"I may be biased because I'm Scott's mom, and I know Scott and Haley are not perfect parents, but they are really close! Their faith is strong and central to their marriage, but they are not righteous or judgmental of others. Their home is full of light and laughter, good food and fun, and love. If you choose them, your child will be unconditionally and completely loved, accepted and protected not only by Scott, Haley and Zoe, but by all of us." – Bari

"Scott and Haley are some of the kindest people I know. I've seen them grow as a family and raise a wonderful girl. Scott is somewhat of a nerd, but hey, they can't all be perfect. Haley is the ideal mother and a fantastic cook. They are very sweet people and the best people to raise a child." – Austin





Our Plans and Goals are to:

- Grow our family via adoption
- Raise our children to be followers of Christ
- Continue to learn and grow in our careers, but keep family as the priority
- Put each other and our marriage first
- We will consider both public and private school options—for now, we plan to send our children to the public elementary school in our neighborhood.
- Support our children in whatever career they choose, whether that's college, trade school, entrepreneurship, or going straight into the workforce. Encouraging them and giving wisdom as needed.
- Maintain our physical and mental well-being for the whole family



*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but
people will never forget how you made them feel"*

- Maya Angelou



Before You Go



Thank you for taking the time to learn about and consider us as parents for your child. We want you to know that your baby will always be loved, valued, and supported in our home, no matter what. We promise to be loving, attentive, and present parents and to honor the incredible gift you are giving. Your child will always know your love for them as well as your deep courage. We will continue to pray for you and your child during this journey.



