

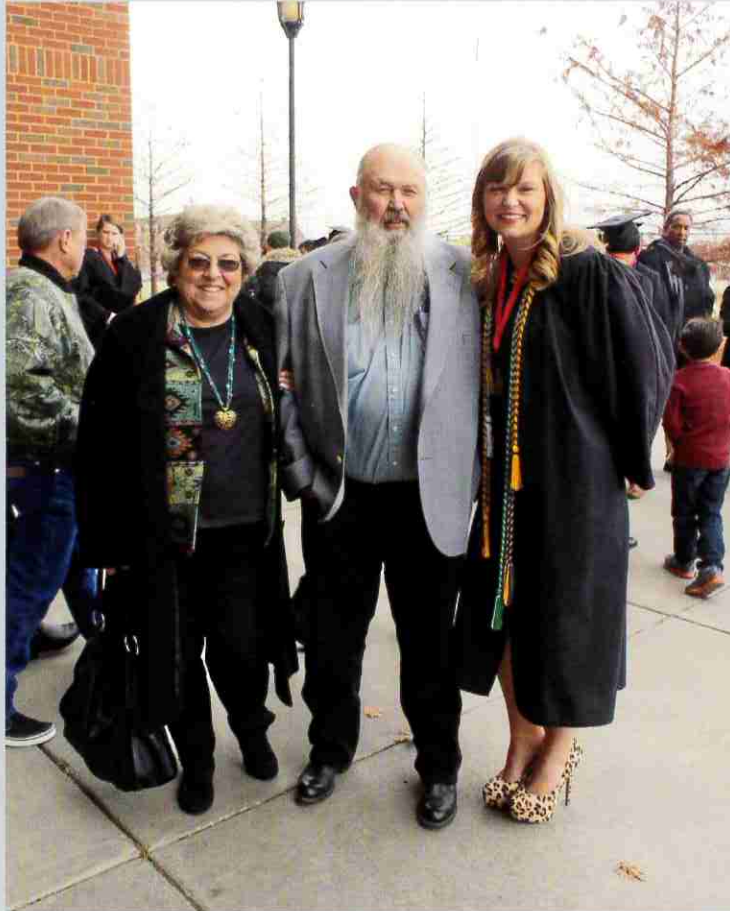
David & Melinda





Hello! We are David and Mel. We are elated at the opportunity to adopt a child to bring them into our loving home and share the unconditional love we are both lucky enough to experience.

# Education



We both put a high value on education and would love to extend those opportunities to our kids in the future as well. We both have undergraduate degrees from Oklahoma State along with David having a masters from Gonzaga. While education is important, we will also be open minded with our children to take whatever path makes them happy in life!



# Parents



Melinda was raised by her mother Brenda and her father EW whom she works along side of at the family business.

David was raised by his mother Susan and step-father Rahn who entered his life at the age of 5. David has a biological dad that he has communicated with in recent years but considers Rahn to be his father since that is who raised him.



# Siblings



We have a lovely group of siblings that are all looking forward to being aunts and uncles. Melinda has a sister, Christie, and a brother, James, that all live in the Tulsa area, each are supportive and active in our life.

David has a sister Isabella who currently goes to college in California. Isabella is a global person but often visits and calls to catch up on life.



# Friends & Family



We are very close to our niece, Jillian and our nephew, Colt. With whom we often travel. We value the strong bonds we have with our friends and family. We believe in strengthening those bonds through traveling, special life events, and the family dinner at our house every Sunday night. We both have lifelong friends that will be a part of our childrens lives.

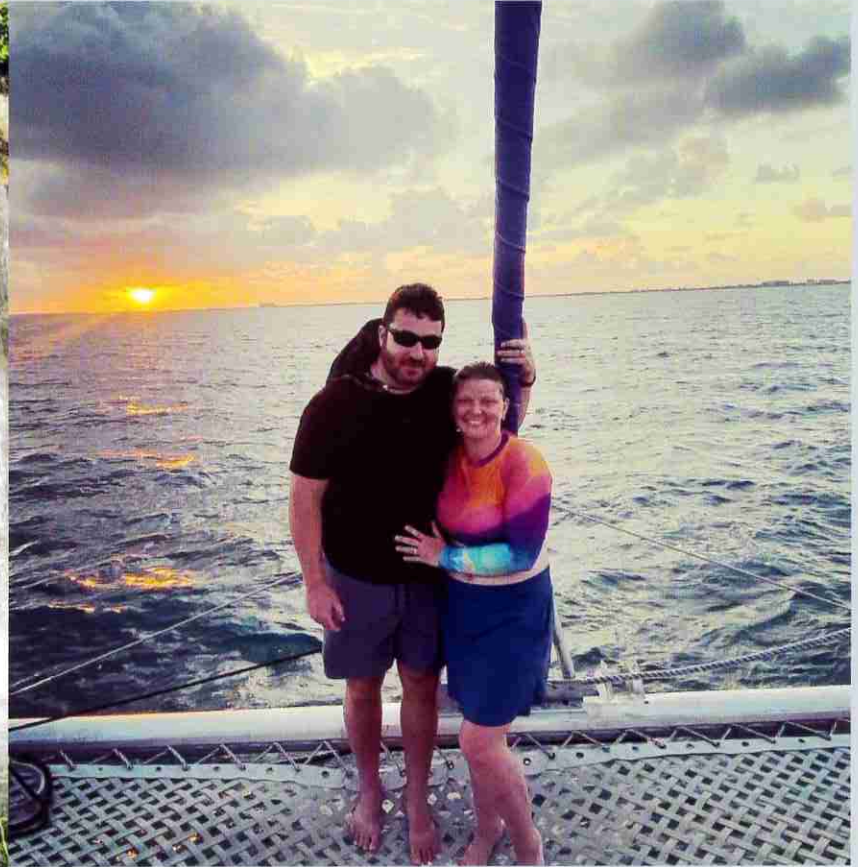
# Dogs





We love dogs! We currently have two lovely dogs Pepper (The Protector) and Tucker (The Snuggler) both love kids and are super friendly. They are active and playful along with being the sweetest pups you could ever meet. They are always excited to have new friends!

# Travel



We enjoy traveling. We both traveled as children and fell in love with it. As a couple, we have had the opportunity to travel nationally and internationally. We view traveling as an opportunity to learn and expand our understanding of the world's people. So we plan to travel with our children through and well beyond their childhood.



# Sports



As children, David played basketball and lacrosse while Mel played tennis and softball. As adults, we love going to football games and are season ticket holders to see our alma mater Oklahoma State. Go Pokes! We attend every Saturday game in the fall in Stillwater but we are also lucky enough to travel to a couple of away games each year.

# Values





Our value system is very important to us. One of the first things we ever bonded on was the desire to adopt children. We both believe in treating everyone with respect, have deep empathy for people in vulnerable situations, and a loyalty to the people that we are fortunate to have as friends and family. We are looking forward to always supporting our children no matter what path they chose to take in life as we put the highest value on unconditional love.





