

Amy & Wiley



A GLIMPSE INTO OUR LIFE

SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us.

We can only imagine what this journey has been like for you. Trying to figure out the best life for your child must be emotionally overwhelming. The time, thought, and energy you have put into this decision has not come easy. We deeply admire your bravery.

Our life together has been filled with so much love and we want to invite you into our hearts so that we can share this love with you and your child. As you move forward in getting to know us through this little book, our desire is that you experience more and more peace as you turn each page.



OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION

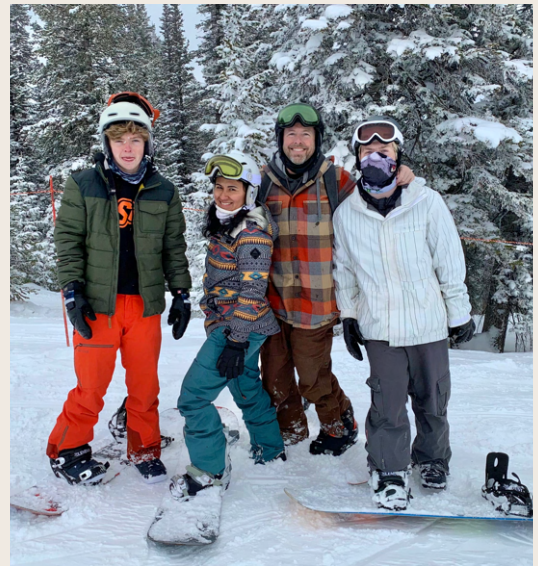
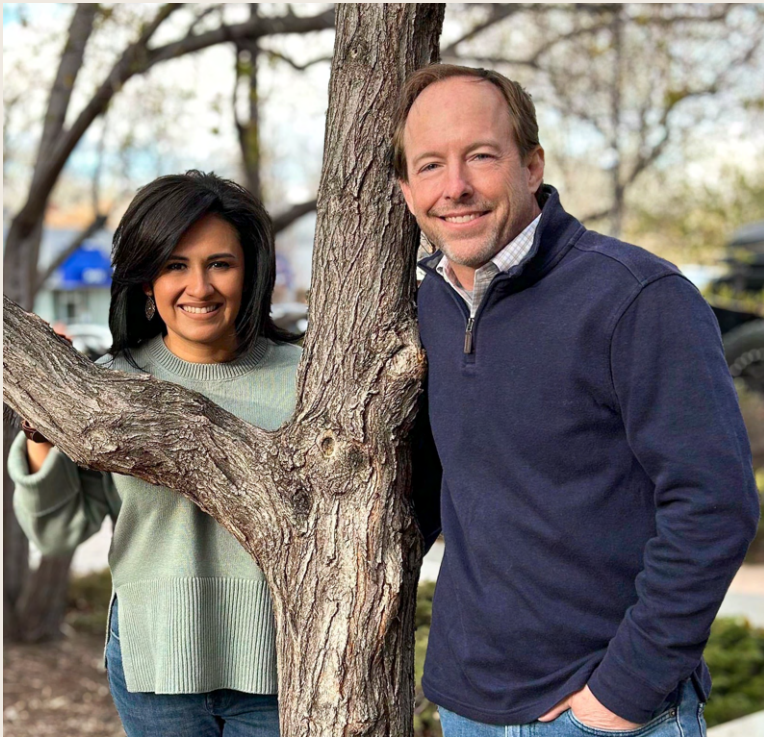


We became a blended family the day we were married. Wiley had two boys, Baylor and Bryson, from his previous marriage. We felt it was important to focus our time and efforts creating a family bond. The boys needed to feel our love and support. It was a pivotal and special time. About 5 years later the time was right to add to our family. We were very excited!

Unfortunately, we learned that IVF would be our only option to conceive. This news was difficult to receive and we took time to process what this journey would be like for us. Our hearts grew curious about adoption and we spent time praying and reflecting on what would be the right path for our family. Several

months later, God's vision for our family became clear. With profound faith, we decided to forgo IVF and move forward with adoption. God reminded us that families are built on love. This is how our family was built to begin with, and we wouldn't change this for anything.

Baylor and Bryson are young adults now attending college at Oklahoma State University. When we shared our plans to adopt, they were both pleasantly surprised. They are embracing this addition to our family with a great deal of gratitude. And although they do not live with us, they are looking forward to having a new brother or sister to love and support. It's amazing to see them live their lives with such open hearts.



The journey to get to where we are now was hard, but we believe it's what needed to happen so that we could see God's plan. It is a dream of ours to have and raise a child of our own together. What a blessing it will be to fulfill this dream by opening our hearts, home, and resources to a birth family and their child in such a beautiful way.

“Watching the child that God blesses us with grow and experience milestones is going to bring an incredible amount of joy into our home.”

OUR STORY

We met in July 2012 at dinner with mutual friends. That evening marked the beginning of our fun and love-filled journey to husband and wife. In January 2016 we were married in a Catholic Church with our friends and family present. We have been blessed with eight wonderful years of marriage. God has been the foundation on which we continuously build our relationship. Our faith in Him drives our commitment to each other.

A few years after we were married, one of our jobs offered an open position in a neighboring state. In March 2018 we left the great plains of Oklahoma for the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. We were fortunate to land in one of the most charming cities north of Denver, just a short drive East of the mountains. It was not easy leaving our family, but like always, we carried them with us in our hearts.



What we love the most about our marriage is we make each other laugh a lot!



“Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”

— Ferris Bueller's Day Off



MY HUSBAND, WILEY



“Wiley is a man of God, a natural protector, and a loving husband.”

— Amy

What I admire most about Wiley is his sense of calm. He brings peace to situations that otherwise could be stressful. Friends and family seek him out for advice as he is someone they can count on.

When his two boys were younger, no matter what phase in life they were in, he knew how to adjust his expectations. He has always been very wise and observant with them in that way. His interactions with our nieces and nephews is adorable! He likes to ask them questions that spark new thoughts and ideas.

Wiley makes me laugh all the time! Even if he's not trying to, his sense of humor always shines through. There is never a dull moment with him.



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My greatest wish is for my children to feel and know that they are deeply loved and supported by me, always.



MY WIFE, AMY



“My favorite quality about Amy is her kind soul.
She wants nothing but the best for others.”

— *Wiley*

Amy has a very attractive personality. She is very funny, and she makes me laugh all the time. But more than anything, Amy is an extremely kind and empathetic person. These characteristics have allowed her to have a strong bond with her family, more than most other family bonds I have seen.

I know Amy will be a mother who is loving, kind, and generous with her time and herself. Because of her wonderful qualities, it came naturally to her to love my boys unconditionally. She is also very close to her niece and nephew. It is obvious they adore their fun Aunt Amy!



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My greatest wish for my children is for them to experience the highest level of happiness every day.



MORE ABOUT AMY

I am a second-generation immigrant, born and raised in a small town in Southwest Oklahoma. My parents came to the United States from Mexico in the late 1970's. Together they pursued and achieved the American dream. They are the key that opened doors to endless opportunities that I would not have otherwise experienced. I make a conscious effort to never take their sacrifices for granted.

My upbringing was a combination of the traditional Hispanic culture and the American way. Depending on the social gathering, I would either speak Spanish or English. As a family we attended many carnes asadas and bailes celebrating bautismos, quinceañeras, graduaciones, and bodas. I have danced a lot of cumbias in my life! We visited our family often in Acuña, Coahuila and León, Guanajuato. These visits allowed me to develop close relationships with my abuelos, tías, tíos, and primos still living in Mexico.

After college, I started my career in the non-profit industry and then moved on to my current occupation of medical sales with a focus on eye doctors. I strongly believe that what I do is important to the overall health of patients. I work for a company that allows for a great deal of flexibility and encourages a work-life balance.



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My friends would describe me as persistent, empathic, and a great listener.



MORE ABOUT WILEY

I was born in North Carolina, as my dad was a Captain in the Army and was stationed at Fort Bragg. Both my parents were from Oklahoma so we moved back to be closer to family and friends. The majority of my upbringing was spent with my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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“My friends would say that I am dependable, funny, and always up for the next adventure.”

Optimism and resiliency are qualities that I inherited from my dad and grandfathers. My mom taught me the importance of cherishing relationships. And I have a great sense of humor. But I like to take credit for that one!

Since graduating from college, I have been in medical sales. I really enjoy bringing medical value to doctors and their patients. My job is very flexible and gives me time to spend with friends and family and enjoy my hobbies.

My two sons attend college at Oklahoma State University and visit us a couple of times a year. It has brought me so much joy watching them grow into young, accomplished adults. My greatest wish for them is that they successfully make their way through this world and that they know they can always count on me.





ENJOYING LIFE TOGETHER

We believe life is an adventure, which is why Colorado has been such a good fit for us. Since moving here, the mountains have become our playground. Skiing and snowboarding, hiking with our dogs, or spending a long weekend in our mountain cabin are a few of our favorite pastimes.

Our health matters a great deal to us, and we have both found exercise routines we enjoy. When it's time to relax, catching up on a good series or watching a movie is top of the list for us. We get excited about fall because that means NFL and college football. Friends and family are priceless to both of us,



and we do our best to spend as much quality time with them as possible.

Ozzy and Kai are our beautiful, loving German Shepherds. They have filled our lives with so much joy. Playing frisbee and snuggles are their favorite!

We enjoy weekend date nights at home. Going out to dinner is nice but we would rather cook at home while listening to our favorite genres of music.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Wiley's Family



Wiley's family includes his mother and her husband, father (deceased), and his 2 adult sons. He has 2 brothers and 2 sisters, and along with their spouses, they have 7 daughters and 3 sons.

When we shared the news that we chose adoption to expand our family, many tears of joy were shed on both sides. Our families believe that family is not just formed by blood, but by love. Everyone considers it a privilege and a responsibility given to us by God to welcome a baby with an open heart through adoption!

Amy's Family



Amy's family includes her parents, sister, and her husband along with their son and daughter.

Both of our families are loving, encouraging, and supportive. We know we can always count on one another, in good times and in bad. Although dynamics differ, the bond is strong. Quality time is mutually valued. We enjoy learning each other's opinions or insights on various topics, reminiscing, or watching the big game on TV. When we are together there is always a ton of laughter!



OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in a two-story, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath house with gorgeous views of the Rocky Mountains. Our neighborhood has multiple parks and is surrounded by walking trails. Kids are often running around, riding bikes, and playing in the parks. On Halloween, the sidewalks are bustling with trick-or-treaters! Front yards are the home to many snowmen as the winter brings a lot of snow. Many houses, including ours, are decorated for Halloween, fall, and Christmas. It takes us a few days to put up our Christmas decorations!

One of the things we love the most about our neighborhood is the short five-minute drive to the Catholic church we attend weekly. There are always social and educational events being hosted for adults and youth groups alike, along with many volunteer opportunities. The school district has a reputation of being among the best in the state.



The adorable city we live in comes with a small-town feel. There are always family-friendly events happening like outdoor concerts, weekend markets, and holiday parades. Downtown is made up of local restaurants, cafes, bakeries, bookstores, and boutiques. There is a creek that runs through the middle of town where you will see families spending the summer days splashing around and floating on tubes.

We are members of the local country club. The activities hosted there are heavily centered around kids, such as magic shows, swim parties, arts and crafts, and holiday parties. Youth sporting leagues like golf, tennis and swimming are also available.

“We adore where we live in Colorado and the surrounding community.”

OUR FAMILY VALUES

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LOVE GOD - THERE IS NOTHING MORE POWERFUL OR FULFILLING THAN A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. WE VALUE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WE ATTEND AND THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY CENTERED ON FAITH.

2

TOGETHERNESS - CHERISH THE ONES YOU LOVE. THIS FEELING OF CLOSENESS IS A GIFT.

3

JUST HAVE FUN WITH IT - LIFE CAN BE HARD. DO YOUR BEST TO LAUGH THROUGH IT AND ENJOY THE RIDE.



THANK YOU

Thank you for considering us as adoptive parents. We hope this book was able to give you insight into our lives and the type of life we want to provide for your child.

If you choose us, we want to relieve you of any worries you may have about your child's future. It will be a priority to honor your wishes and the level of contact you want to have with your child.

Please know that we have an incredible amount of love and respect for you. Creating an adoption plan for your child shows a great level of courage. You are the perfect example of true love. We will make sure your child always knows this about you.

There are so many unknowns you are experiencing. Whatever you decide, we will pray for God to watch over you and your child as you move forward in your journey.





“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.”

— *Romans 8:28*