













About Nikki and Rick

As Rick likes to say, "I found my wife the same way I find everything else. Online!" Rick and Nikki started talking to each other on a dating app in May 2021. By the end of the first week chatting, Rick and Nikki made plans to meet up on their first date at a coffee shop. Rick showed up in a button-up shirt and jeans ready to impress. Nikki showed up in an oversized T-shirt to memorialize fallen soldiers (it was Memorial Day) and jeans. Nikki decided that it was more important to wear a Memorial Day shirt than dress up and if this stranger couldn't understand that, then he wasn't the one for her (though she did feel a little bad when she saw how much effort Rick put into his outfit). She told Rick she didn't dress up but wore the shirt for fallen soldiers because she lost her uncle while he was serving in the military. Rick completely understood and loved that Nikki dressed true to herself. While the conversation was going really well, some actions were not. It was a chilly day and Rick offered to get an extra jacket out of his truck for Nikki but never got it. He also asked Nikki if she wanted another tea on his way back from the restroom, but the tea never came. Some might say those were red flags and others might say he was nervous. Nikki believed it was because he was nervous and since the conversation went so well it wasn't a big deal. Nikki knew that if Rick asked her to go out again that they would one day marry. And marry they did in August 2022 on Nikki's family property in Michigan. Their family and closest friends made the 7-hour trip for the BBQ style picnic wedding. Rick and Nikki know when and how to be serious but spend most of their days being goofy, trying to make each other laugh with silly faces, noises and dances.



Mini Golf!



More Mini Golfi!



Ahh, Gators!!!



Drag Races



Michigan Waters

About Rick

Work: Construction Manager for a major telecommunications and infrastructure company

Hobbies: Motorcycles, Singing, Lego, Puzzles, Cooking, Baking, Fixing things

<u>Favorite food:</u> Korean food, Anything with noodles

<u>Favorite shows:</u> Friends, How I met Your Mother, How it's Made

Favorite Music: Contemporary Christian, Electronic Dance Music, Most music from the 80's/90's, Country

About Nikki

Work: Registered Behavior Technician for children with autism and Acupuncturist specializing in women's health

<u>Hobbies:</u> hiking, roller skating, crocheting, diamond art painting(colored rhinestones meets paint by number)

Favorite food: Rick's tacos and his cheesecake

<u>Favorite shows:</u> Gray's Anatomy, Worst Cooks in America, Love is Blind

<u>Favorite Music</u>: Classic rock from the 60's-80's, Disco, Motown and Country



Cook out at the forest preserve



Being silly while Mini Golfing



Yup, Mini Golfing



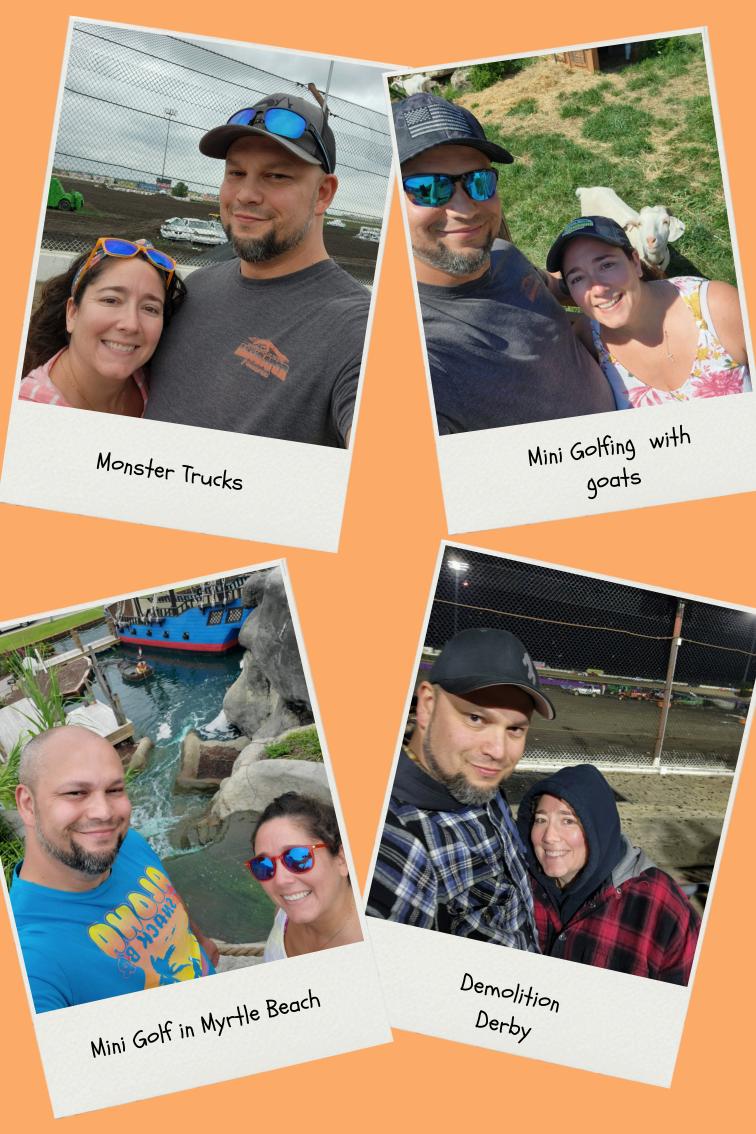
Boating on the Chain of Lakes

Our Adventures

If it's nice outside, you'll probably find Nikki and Rick on a mini golf course. They love mini golf so much they took their honeymoon at the Mini Golf Capitol of the World, Myrtle Beach South Carolina! They also enjoy going to the dirt racetrack for monster trucks, racing, tractor pulls, and demolition derbies. When not on land, they like heading to the water to fish and kayak. Then when Christmas season starts, Nikki and Rick like to go see the Brookfield Zoo Lights and the Morton Arboretum Illumination light walk.

Traditions

Some traditions that Nikki and Rick have are ones that have been passed down from Nikki's family and some are new to their own family together. Nikki's family has property in Michigan and most of the family, if not the entire family, go there for the 4th of July. A newer tradition Nikki and Rick started is going to Myrtle Beach for Thanksgiving.





Christmas!!!



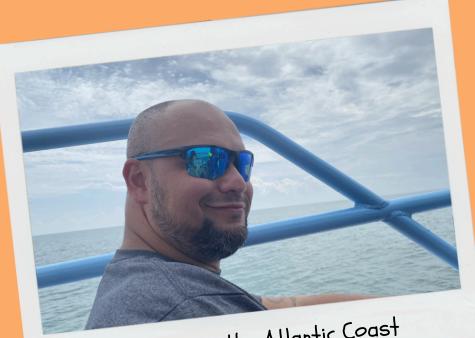
Another Demo Derby



More Mini Golf in Myrtle Beach



Myrtle Beach



Boat ride on the Atlantic Coast



Fishing fun



Nikki being goofy



Rick with his friend's daughter



Nikki with her friend's daughter



Nikki & Rick with her family in Michigan



Rick & his nephew



Nikki and her Goddaughter



Rick's nephew, brother & niece



Mini Golfing with friends



Rick & his riding group



Onesie day at Nikki's work



Nikki & friends at Brookfield Zoo



With friends at Tractor Pull